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## **The Action News**

### **Concrete Foundations Association Certification Program For Foundation Contractor's**

ABI Corporation is proud to announce that we are now a CFA Certified Foundation Contractor. One of the first in the nation to receive this certification.

Why Should you hire a CFA Certified Foundation Contractor? Here are a few of the many reasons to consider when you hire someone for your next project.

A CFA Certified Contractor knows their business from top to bottom and has proof of their knowledge adhering to established standards of practice including safety, insurance and Professional Alliances.

A CFA Certified Contractor is re-certified on an annual basis and keeps up-to-date with continuing education. What does it entail to become a certified foundation contractor? The program consists of:

- A pre-qualification exam for a company representative(s);
- Continuing education;
- Annual audit reviews of company operations;

The certification program contains:

- Basic knowledge of concrete and foundations;
- Minimum Insurance requirements;
- Continuing Education;
- Safety Program requirements;
- Financial Soundness of the Business Entity;
- Related Certifications or Verifiable Training for Specialty Equipment Experience

Why consider anyone else when ABI has the experience and knowledge to pass this rigorous exam.

## 10 HOUR OSHA TRAINING

We like to stay afloat of the ever changing world of the different agencies that have jurisdiction over the construction industry. We recently learned of this new bill and wanted to pass it on to you. We have 6 employees with the 10-hour certification at this time and will certify more in the future.

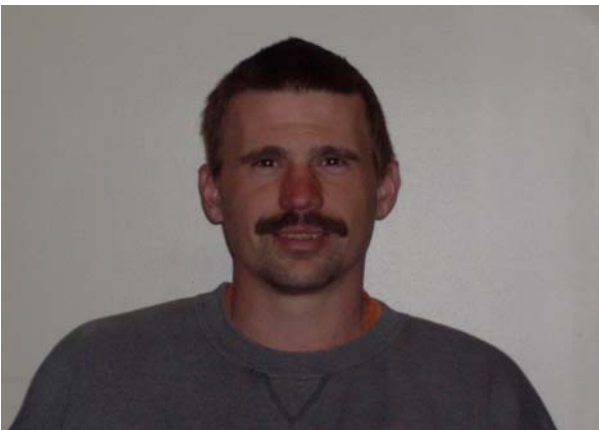
Senate Bill No. 1138 will become effective August 28, 2009. This bill in part states:

2. Any person signing a contract to work on the construction of public works for any public body shall provide a ten-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) construction safety program for their on-site employees which includes a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupation Safety and Health Administration. All employees are required to complete the program prior to beginning work on such construction project.

4. . . . . The contractor to whom the contract is awarded and any subcontractor under such contractor shall require all on-site employees to complete the ten-hour OSHA training program.

Any questions you have can be directed to [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov) or to the locate office 816-483-9531.

## ABI Corporation Employee Introduction



John Dowd  
Wall Foreman

John Dowd has been employed with ABI since March 1998 however he has been in the foundation business since March 1996. He started as a laborer and was quickly promoted to wall foreman.

He has poured many concrete foundations including cutting edge full concrete homes. John is our craftsman when it comes to insulated concrete projects. He has a vast knowledge of poured foundations and is one of our class "E" drivers. He has demonstrated his commitment to safety by having a clean driving record and by conducting safety meetings on various topics. John has a positive attitude and many other qualities that make him an asset to ABI Corporation.