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## **The Gould Safety and Education Night to be held on May 22nd**

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For the last several years there has been a night dedicated to celebrating the merit shop construction industry's dedication and commitment to safety, professional development education and apprenticeship training. The Gould Construction Institute (GCI), the training arm of Associated Builders and Contractors, will hold its Safety and Education Night on May 22nd at the Montvale Plaza. The event celebrates the successes by Mass. chapter Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC-Mass.) member companies and their employees in the areas of safety and training. Those to be recognized include graduating apprentices, GCI instructors, George Gould Memorial Trust Scholarship recipients National Craft Champions and nationally recognized winners of the Safety Training and Evaluation Program (STEP) award.

Now more than ever, safety and training are playing vital roles in the construction industry. Over the years the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has reported that, on average, open shop contractors suffer fewer casualties stemming from accidents on jobsites. These results reflect the dedication to safety training members show each and every day.

The George Gould Memorial Trust awards scholarships to individuals pursuing a higher education focusing on the construction industry in areas such as engineering, architecture, construction management or related fields. Founded in 1996, over \$250,000 has been awarded to students. George Gould, past chairman of ABC's Mass. chapter, was a supporter of construction training. Gould, who passed away in 1994, rose from an electrical apprentice at Interstate Electrical Services Corp. to company president. The Safety and Education Night is an event, much like the Excellence in Construction Awards, where the best of the industry is showcased and highlighted. The night is also a shining example of how contractors have taken their commitment to safety and training from good to great!

I look forward to seeing you on May 22nd.

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