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### **INDUSTRY LEADER CHALLENGES ABC HOUSTON MEMBERS TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN WORKERS FOR CONSTRUCTION CAREERS**

**HOUSTON (March 18, 2016)** – Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) National Board Chairman David Chapin, president of Wilmar Electric Service in Lincoln, Nebraska, called for the construction industry to recruit and train workers for good construction careers during comments about his vision for ABC in 2016. Speaking to a construction industry audience during an [ABC Greater Houston](#) March membership breakfast, Chapin outlined a plan for the overall association to work together on public policy issues and workforce development on a national and local scale.

“The construction industry will see a 1.6 million worker shortage,” Chapin pointed out. “We need to recruit and train workers for good construction careers.”

[Mobil Steel International, Inc.](#) participated in the breakfast and hosted guests from the political and education fields to hear Chapin’s discussion on public policy and workforce development issues facing the construction industry. Guests of Mobil Steel included Texas State Representative Dennis Paul (District 129), San Jacinto College Chancellor, Dr. Brenda Hellyer, and San Jacinto College Vice President of Continuing & Professional Development, Dr. Sallie Kay Janes. Also attending was U.S. Congressman Pete Olson (Sugar Land), Texas 22<sup>nd</sup> District.

The event was held at the Constellation Field home of the [Sugar Land Skeeters](#) baseball club – a new member of ABC Greater Houston. Manager Gary Gaetti of the Skeeters provided insight into the 2016 baseball club. The former all-star and World Series champion compared building a baseball program to the construction industry, praising the work of ABC and the industry.

Mobil Steel President & CEO Leonard A. Bedell found Chapin’s public policy discussion and remarks about how ABC can work together on political issues on a national and local scale informative. Mobil Steel actively participates in the ABC Greater Houston chapter “good government” programs.

“Mobil Steel and our guests were very encouraged to hear that ABC has strong leadership at a national level,” noted Bedell. “Mobil Steel is committed to supporting candidates and issues that mirror ABC values of free enterprise. As a company, we encourage elected officials to join us at ABC events to learn about the construction industry and the issues we face. I am glad that ABC National is equally committed to working with elected officials on these political issues.

“It was enjoyable to listen to two respected leaders, David Chapin and Gary Gaetti,” said Bedell. “Of course, it is always special to meet a sports legend, like Gaetti, who understands and appreciates our industry.”

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