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ABC MEMBERS GET INSURANCE MONEY BACK

The ABC Insurance Trustees have recently announced the implementation of a premium holiday for all firms that have been participating in the Insurance Trust since July 2006. The Insurance Trust acts as a conduit in providing insurance coverages to members pooling all the ABC members together into one large group. With this in mind, any margins generated during a policy year accumulate for the benefit of the ABC Insurance Trust and participants rather than going to an insurance company's bottom line.

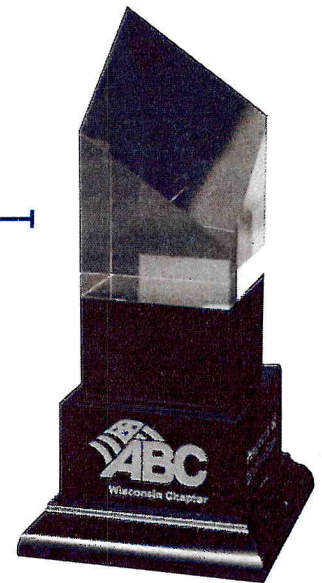
In recent years the ABC Insurance Trust's program coverages through MetLife have experienced positive margins. This includes ABC's group life, short-term disability and dental coverage. The trustees have decided that a portion of the margins should be returned to participants as a premium credit. This credit will be provided to each firm on a quarterly basis throughout 2008 and will approximate one month's premium in total for all MetLife coverages.



Enter Your Favorite Project...or Two!

The 2008 Projects of Distinction program is now open for entries! This year we are really changing the program and you have an even greater chance of winning an award.

This year the ABC of Wisconsin Marketing and Business Development committee reworked this program and have a few new wrinkles to show you. Instead of a winner and maybe a merit in each category, this year we will have a Gold and Silver winner for each category. The exception to this rule will obviously be when there is only one entry in a category. In that case, the judges will have the option of deciding if the entry deserves a gold or silver status.



Another change is the entry deadline. This year you have until October 3, 2008, to enter. This means you have one more month to finish a project in order to enter, or just have the month of September to work on it, instead of August. The judging will be held in October and those that win will be notified immediately that they are a winner. The new twist here, though, is that you will only know that you won, but not which award. The reason for this is to create some excitement at the awards banquet, as opposed to everyone already knowing the outcome. For those of you who have watched programs like the Oscars, or music awards, you know that it is much more exciting to learn you won in front of a crowd. And if you bring your subs, owners, designers and others, it just makes it that much more fun.

The last big change is that the banquet will be held during Convention week in February of 2009. The banquet is not part of the convention, but is an addition to the convention. The banquet is still going to be a formal affair and will have its usual request for business formal attire as opposed to the more casual attire of convention.



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**ABC Projects of Distinction
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Going the Distance



**Benton County Wind Farm, LLC of Indiana
Special Projects**

Submitted by ***CARROLL ELECTRIC***



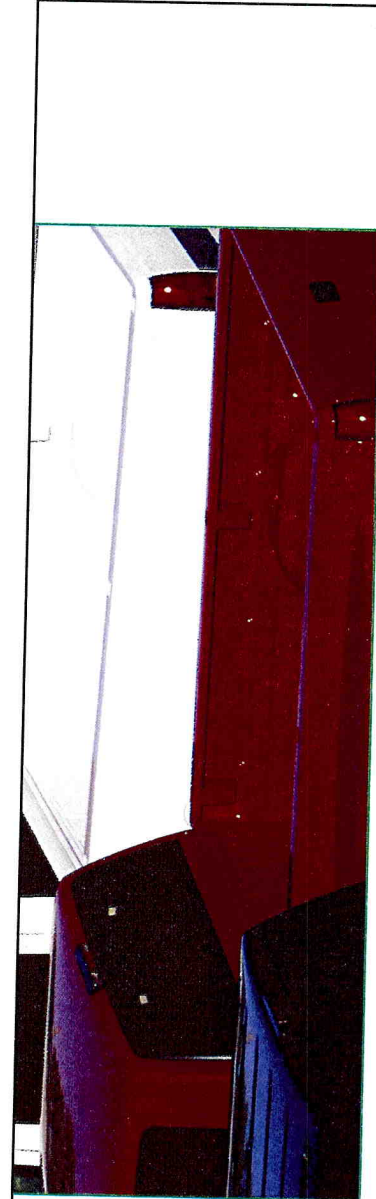
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OWNER:
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Chuck Statton,
Carroll Electric,
A subsidiary of Metropower,
Beloit, WI

ABC members abounded on the Southeastern Container construction project of Beloit, Wis., and ABC member Carroll Electric played a pivotal role in the successful completion of this facility. Carroll Electric bid for each of three project phases and was awarded all three bids, including the design build portion. The job was completed safely and on time despite abhorrent weather conditions, crippling time constraints and growing demands. The Carroll team installed 1,006 light fixtures, 7,500 feet of high voltage conduit, over 350,000 feet of wiring, among many other tasks, to define this project as the feather in Carroll Electric's distinguished cap.

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