

# Why **ARCHITECTURAL METALS** belongs to **ABC!**

As **proud members** of ABC, we stand by the **merit shop philosophy**. It's this philosophy that guides us in **developing our team, acquiring work**, and delivering results that are not only **safe** and **ethical** but also profitable. We're committed to making a **positive impact** on our communities and the wider **construction industry**. This is why we have **chosen to be part of ABC**, as it mirrors our dedication to these **core values**. Our membership is more than just an affiliation; it's a pledge to **uphold the principles of the Merit Shop movement** at the heart of everything we do.

## Who is **ABC Western Michigan**?

ABC's objective is to **defend and advance the merit shop philosophy** by advocating for **free enterprise** and **open competition**. ABC believes in a marketplace where everyone has a fair chance to succeed **based on their merit**, not affiliations or alliances.

### *Merit:*

A dedication to **providing opportunities** for all. Creating conditions for everyone to compete on a **fair and level** playing field. Every Individual and organization has the **opportunity to succeed based on merit**.

### *Merit Shop Companies*

compete and thrive based on the **quality of their work**, their team's proficiency and **work ethic**, and their **innovative problem-solving skills**. Their success is not linked to political connections or regulatory benefits but to the **inherent value** they bring to their customers.

## What does **ABC** do?

### **CONNECT** the Industry

ABC promotes **collaboration and connection** through **top-tier events, committees, and peer groups**.

### **PROTECT** the Industry

ABC members are committed to delivering work **safely** and being **recognized as a leaders** in the industry.

### **GROW** the Industry

ABC prioritizes **education** and makes significant investments in **upcoming leaders**.

### **DEFEND** the Industry

ABC **defends and advances** the merit shop philosophy.

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**CONNECTING. PROTECTING. GROWING. DEFENDING.**