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ABBRA 2008 Wage Rate Survey Released

WARREN, RI -The 2008 ABBRA Wage Rate survey has just been released. The survey is a powerful tool for employers to remain fair and competitive in the market, and for employees and independent contractors to access whether they are attaining the right compensation for their work.

The wage rate survey allows members to compare the salaries of their employees to others in the same region, and nationwide, across many job types. It contains information about hourly wages, average vacation time, benefits, and pension plans across a range of job categories including general manager, technician, store manager, rigger, dockhand and bookkeeper.

The wage rate survey is a particularly important resource in today's economy, when many employers may be considering whether or not they have to cut jobs or salaries in the future.

The survey was based upon the input of ABBRA members and other members of the marina and boatyard industry who agreed to submit their wage, benefit and skill level information through a questionnaire. The survey thus is an accurate depiction of real salaries and benefits, and helps the industry's workforce to maintain consistency and high standards,

The wage rate survey is available *at no cost* to all ABBRA members who provide data for the survey and \$65 for those members who do not contribute data. The cost of the survey is \$99 to all non-members.

The 2008 Wage Rate Survey is now available. Each member who participated received an electronic version via email. If you did not receive the survey, please email us and let us know, we may need your updated email address. The survey will be available in hard copy as well.

ABBRA is a member organization that represents over 250 boatyards, repairers and associated industries in the United States and abroad. Their mission is to: train and educate management and employee craftsman, promote business professionalism in the marine service industry, share valuable information among members and provide many networking opportunities, promote the best interests of the boatyard industry, cooperate widely with other groups on a strategic basis, and solve common business problems by using the group's buying power as leverage.

For more information, please visit ABBRA's web site at www.abbra.org or call Jessica at 401-247-0318.

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