

## **HOW TO BEST USE YOUR LOCAL ABAA CABS**

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The ABAA has a Certified Air Barrier Specialist (CABS) program. Professionals who pass the Certification exam have demonstrated their extensive air barrier knowledge in all air barrier technologies, transitions, testing protocols, and building codes. Currently, there are roughly 60 people who are preparing to take the exam, and several manufacturers have multiple employees getting ready to register for the exam.

After they pass the exam, it then remains up to you, the Contractor members of ABAA, as to how you wish to best use this free knowledge service.

Like all things in life, you have choices, and utilizing the knowledge of a CABS is entirely up to you, the ABAA Contractor. There is no charge for the CABS services as those that are CABS certified have already paid the price.

.... and yes, an ABAA Contractor can become a CABS by studying, then taking & passing the exam.

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<a href="https://www.airbarrier.">org/cabs/</a>, download the information and the FREE handbook for your use and decision making. Also, take a good look at the FAQs.

## THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOU ARE:

- 1. ABAA Learning Unit Presentations, of which the vast majority are AIA HSW rated and can be given to Architects, Consultant Groups, Design Professionals (think AIA, CSI, and IIBEC Chapters), and General Contractors.
- 2. The learning units can also be used by you. This would allow your team to develop a more thorough base of information on air barriers and details.
- 3. The CABS professionals can also give these ABAA Learning units to the Accredited and Certified ABAA contractors, thereby fulfilling the recertification requirements for education.
- 4. You can also consider bringing in the CABS professional to a favored design firm during the development of the Construction Document phase to answer questions on specifications, details, roof-to-wall transitions, and the appropriateness of specific testing procedures.
- **5.** As IECC Building Codes continue to evolve, your CABS professional can be of great assistance to you as the building codes are part of the examination & CABS knowledge requirements.
- **6.** CABS professionals are always available to respond to your questions.

## **HAVE COMMENTS?**

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