



AB&I FOUNDRY TOUR, OAKLAND, CA.

MONDAY, March 13, 2017

Time: 9:30 AM SHARP at **AB&I FOUNDRY, 7825 San Leandro St, Oakland, CA 94621**

Leaders: AB&I Staff

Cost: \$10 per person. **This is a non-refundable fee to ensure a place on the tour. No refunds!**

A sandwich lunch will be provided.

Attendance is limited to 30 persons on a first-come, first-served basis Please RSVP to Michelle, mlanderson@aegion.com

- **Safety goggles, ear buds will be provided by AB&I. Hardhats are in limited supply so bring your own!**
- **All attendees MUST wear long pants, long sleeve shirts are recommended and Shorts are not allowed.**
- **Steel toe safety shoes not required. MUST be closed toe...no open toe shoes allowed**
- **Visitors below age 18 will not be permitted on the Tour**

For any questions call Patrick Byrne at 415 726-8754

The NACE San Francisco Bay Area Section has scheduled a tour of AB&I Foundry in Oakland, CA on March 13th, 2017. AB&I Foundry is celebrating its 109th year, now on a 15 acre site around the corner from its inception. An American success story, AB&I started as a small family business and has grown to become one of the most well-respected cast iron soil pipe manufacturers in the country. Founded shortly after the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire by Joseph Boscacci. Joseph was an immigrant of Swiss/Italian descent who brought with him old world skills and artisan craftsmanship. He started working in a San Francisco Foundry making bronze statuary, brass street lamps and ornate iron work all the while working weekends at his own foundry in his backyard on 85th St. in Oakland. Joseph had five sons who grew up in the business with him.

Two of Joseph's sons, Arnold and Eugene started formed Boscacci Brothers Foundry in the 1920's expanded their product line to include cast iron window sash weights and stovetops. During World War II they aided the war effort by developing submarine net weights to protect the Bay and coastline.

Post WWII the brothers realized the opportunity in the incredible housing boom. Boscacci Brothers was rebranded as AB&I, American Brass & Iron. The new direction for them was cast iron soil pipe and fittings. They have survived through plant fires and some extremely tough times in America which saw many Foundry's go out of business. They attribute their success to operating with integrity, producing a quality product and reinvesting in the workforce and facility.

Today AB&I is a leading producer of no-hub, SV hub and Spigot cast iron soil pipe and fittings. In 2006 AB&I became part of the McWane Plumbing Group of companies. AB&I is extremely environmentally conscience, recycling 50,000 gallon of water an hour, recycling scrap metal and running at a high efficiency to reduce energy usage. In addition AB&I believes in giving back to the community, from beautification (wait to you see the perimeter mural) to school aid and helping our First Responders. AB&I has helped law enforcement by

taking in and melting down over 50,000 weapons, and provide the Fire Dept. a facility for confined space rescue training. AB&I is a true Made in America Company. The tour agenda is below:

- 9:30 AM Check In at AB&I Foundry, 7825 San Leandro St, Oakland, CA
- 9:40 AM Introduction and Technical Presentation by Plant Staff
- 10:15 AM Plant Safety Rules and Plant Tour
- 11:15 AM Question & Answer Session
- 11:30 AM Visitor Sandwich Lunch at AB&I Lunchroom (NACE will provide)
- 12:00 Noon Adjourn Tour

REGISTRATION FORM

Please RSVP Michelle Anderson mlanderson@aegion.com immediately!

Name _____

Address (Street/City/Zip) _____

Phone _____ **E-mail** (required) _____

Number in your party _____

Please note: Cost is \$10.00 per person



FOUNDRY TOUR INFORMATION

All of us at AB&I are looking forward to your upcoming visit. In order to make your visit as pleasant as possible, we've listed a few things you should know prior to arriving at the foundry.

DRIVING

If you are arriving by car, please use gate #2 on San Leandro Street. Please pull your vehicle up close to the gate and it will open automatically.

FLYING

If you are arriving by air, your sales representative will coordinate travel and pick up arrangements with you.

SAFETY

For your safety during the plant tour, please wear long pants and closed toed shoes. You will be provided with a hard hat, safety glasses, and a head set.

Your visit will begin with a short presentation and video to acquaint you with AB&I's history, as well as give you a preview of what you will see in the plant. This will be followed by a tour. Foundry tours will take approximately 90 minutes. No photos allowed during the tour.

We hope you will enjoy your visit to AB&I. Please let your sales representative know if you have any questions or special needs.

See you soon!



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