

Our Commitment, Our Mission

The Apparel Industry Board, Inc. (AIBI) promotes and supports the sewn products industry and assists its members in **developing** professional skills, **identifying** opportunities and **obtaining new business**.

AIBI is your resource network

The Apparel Industry Board, Inc. is a delegate agency of the City of Chicago, Department of Planning and Development and is **the only official organization in Illinois specifically dedicated to the needs of the sewn products industry**. AIBI is comprised of the major players in the fashion and sewn products industry in Greater Chicago whose careers and business expertise span all facets of the industry including design, manufacturing, merchandising, sales, retail, marketing and finance. The benefits of membership are endless. AIBI is here to nurture and support designers based in Greater Chicago and is constantly developing new programs to better serve you, and to promote the industry as a whole.

**JOIN THE APPAREL INDUSTRY BOARD
TODAY**

Services Include:

- AIBI Directory (of the Illinois Apparel and Sewn Products Industry) - A Sourcing guide that is unique to Chicago – **Free copy for Members!**
- Line Critiques– open to the industry.
- AIBI Directory Advertisement. **MEMBER DISCOUNT**
- Credit check assistance and collection referral services through AIBI.
- High visibility events promoting Chicago's apparel and sewn products designers and manufacturers.
- Insurance referrals.

**conditional*

The Apparel Industry Board is *the* connection for **Midwestern apparel industries**.

Membership

- AIBI Directory of the Illinois Apparel and Sewn Products Industry.
- Designer & Manufacturer Feature – AIBI website spotlight on member companies.
- E—NEWS — Informative monthly newsletter that covers happenings in Chicago's apparel and sewn products industry.
- A Hot Line for industry problems and questions.
- Mentoring with Dorothy Fuller—**MEMBER DISCOUNT**
- Special AIBI **MEMBER DISCOUNT** on the subscription price of WWD (Women's Wear Daily).
- Student Membership (limited benefits).
- Website listing and/or linkage.

Programs Include:

- AIBI /Richard Driehaus Purchase Order Loan Program.
- **Business Counseling** — Mentoring program.
- **Chicago Fabric and Trim Show**
- **"Ca\$h and Carry" Fabric and Trim Sale**
- **CHICAGO IS... RED HOT!!!™**
- **Red Hot Designer Incubator at STYLEMAX™**
- **Trade Show 101**
- **The Business of Fashion** — a comprehensive educational seminar series lead by top industry professionals.
- **Young Designer Network** — a group of fashion entrepreneurs working together to strengthen the design community in Chicago.
- **Fashion Networking Events**

A message from Mayor Daley

"As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I extend cordial greetings to the members of the Apparel Industry Board and Chicago's entire fashion and apparel community. The Chicago fashion and apparel industry has been a thriving part of the city's economic life since the 1800s, when clothing manufacturers created vitality and excitement that reached far beyond the city limits. Through the years, the fashion industry has flourished.

Today, more than 400 apparel and accessory designers are head quartered here, creating a diversity of fashions, ***The Apparel Industry Board is committed to building and promoting a stronger apparel industry in Chicago, and for this, we are indeed grateful.***

Richard M. Daley, Mayor of Chicago

What others have to say about AIBI

"AIBI is the central address for the apparel community in Chicago. By presenting opportunities to showcase products, developing forums to educate its members and promoting local talent and apparel producers ***AIBI provides services that simply would not exist otherwise.***

Rob Mann, President of Henry-Lee & Company

"Without AIBI I would not have gotten my start here in Chicago. I try to keep all of my business in town. The AIBI helps me keep the label "Made in Chicago" proudly on my products."

Jay G. Moore, President of Maddie Powers

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Membership Dues

Student \$35

Students (Must currently be enrolled in a fashion design/merchandising curriculum. Copy of student ID and schedule need to be included with membership application.)

Industry \$125

Individual and 15 employees or less including designers, contractors, manufacturers, embroiderers, sales representatives, suppliers, fashion professionals.

Business \$500

Businesses with 15 employees or more or an educational institution.

Corporate \$1,500

Businesses with 50 employees or more.

Board of Directors

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- Do you...**
1. currently work in an apparel/sewn products or related industry?
 2. want to be current on the industry?
 3. want your company to have increased exposure?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, read on...



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*Join the professionals!
Have a voice in your future!*

Succeeding today requires more than just talent and dedication, it takes alliances with other industry professionals offered through membership in the Apparel Industry Board, Inc.

Working to Promote and Support the Apparel and Sewn Products Industry

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Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

What Do You Produce? _____

Please Describe Your Business: _____

Membership Type: (Please circle one.)

Student (please include a copy of your current student ID) **Industry** **Business** **Corporate**

Payment: (Please circle one.)

American Express **Check** **MasterCard** **Money Order** **Visa**

Card #: _____

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Please return this form with membership dues to: Apparel Industry Board, Inc./350 N. Orleans/ Suite 690/ Chicago/ Illinois/ 60654 or fax to (312)923-9076