



EMPLOYEE-OWNED S CORPORATIONS OF AMERICA

Dear Friend,

We appreciate your consideration of membership in ESCA.

For ESCA members, being an S corporation ESOP is central to their ownership and operating structure. Our members know that if their company doesn't take an active role in preserving the Sub S ESOP, others likely will not. ESCA is the one organization that focuses exclusively on protecting **and promoting** S ESOPs in Washington, DC. As an organization that is both company-sponsored and company-directed, ESCA is a reflection of the companies it represents. ESCA is a strong, necessary voice in Washington, DC protecting the dream of private employee ownership. We encourage you to join with us to protect this critical benefit. Your participation is crucial to our long-term success.

Since 1998, ESCA's membership has grown to more than 220 companies and 285,000 employee-owners in every state in the nation. Our S ESOP companies engage in a broad spectrum of business activities and come in all sizes – from 25-person businesses to 30,000+ employee-owners – but all have one thing in common: our commitment to ensuring that no harm comes to S ESOPs as a result of intentional or unintended federal policy actions and supporting legislative initiatives to spur the creation of more employee-owned companies.

The threat to this structure continues to be acute in a political and policy environment marked by political change, high budget deficits and growing federal debt, ambitious spending programs and the never-ending search for ways to raise new tax revenue by changing existing tax laws. To help ensure that the retirement and tax benefits of the S ESOP structure are preserved, ESCA's singular purpose is to make sure that those who make political and policy decisions that could affect us know about S ESOPs and are committed to their future. It is a substantial task, but ESCA has achieved remarkable results in both preventing harm and building allies who support ***bipartisan legislation to encourage the creation of more S ESOPs, the Promotion and Expansion of Private Employee Ownership Act (S. 2461/H.R. 3105).***

We also realize that employee-owned S corporations are not immune from tough economic times and that membership in ESCA is a commitment of precious resources and an investment of money and time. We have been privileged to see how ESCA companies and their employee-owners have faced these times with courage and camaraderie. Both anecdotally and through survey data, we found that businesses with an ESOP in place provided greater financial security for employees heading into and during the pandemic, and job retention at the firm level compared to comparable conventional firms. That is what makes ESCA work so hard to ensure the S ESOP structure stays in place and provides S ESOP companies and employee-owners with the support and tools that they need to succeed.

***ESCA's annual Leadership Summit will be held in St. Petersburg, FL from February 18-20, 2026. Registration will be available on our website, [www.esca.us](http://www.esca.us).*** The annual Summit draws over 240 senior executives of S corporation ESOPs and leading practitioners from around the country. Attendees will have the unique opportunity to hear firsthand how the policy agenda and politics of the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress



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could impact S ESOP businesses. Summit events include hearing from members of Congress playing key roles in the federal tax policymaking process, peer-to-peer breakout sessions on topics relating to S corporations ESOPs, and a political update regarding the political landscape for 2026.

Please call Diandra at (202) 629-5821 or Chris at (312) 819-8470 if we can answer any questions you have, or if you would like to speak to another ESCA company member for their perspective on the benefits of being part of this important group. We look forward to working with you.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Christopher Meyers'.

Chris Meyers  
Chairman, ESCA Membership Committee  
Chief Financial Officer, Amsted Industries  
Chicago, IL

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Diandra Brennan'.

Diandra Brennan  
Senior Director, Membership  
ESCA



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### MEMBERSHIP REQUEST FORM

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|------------------|-------|
| Company Name:    | Date: |
| Website address: |       |

#### PRIMARY CONTACT

|          |         |           |
|----------|---------|-----------|
| Name:    |         |           |
| Title:   |         |           |
| Address: |         |           |
| City:    | State:  | ZIP Code: |
| Phone:   | Mobile: | Email:    |

#### SECONDARY CONTACT

|          |         |           |
|----------|---------|-----------|
| Name:    |         |           |
| Title:   |         |           |
| Address: |         |           |
| City:    | State:  | ZIP Code: |
| Phone:   | Mobile: | Email:    |

#### COMPANY DESCRIPTION

(what the company does, company history, business type, etc.)

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|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Year Company Established:  | Year ESOP Established: | Year Elected S Corporation: |
| Total Active Participants: | Total Participants:    | Total Employees:            |

#### ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS BY STATE

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| AK | DC | IL | ME | ND | OH | TN | WV |
| AL | DE | IN | MI | NE | OK | TX | WY |
| AR | FL | KS | MN | NH | OR | UT |    |
| AZ | GA | KY | MO | NJ | PA | VA |    |
| CA | HI | LA | MS | NM | RI | VT |    |
| CO | IA | MA | MT | NV | SC | WA |    |
| CT | ID | MD | NC | NY | SD | WI |    |



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**IF YOU ARE AN S CORP ESOP**

What percentage of shares are owned by the ESOP? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of employee-owners owning 10% interest in the ESOP either directly or indirectly through deferred compensation amounts, options or other forms of synthetic equity: \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain the type or types of synthetic equity owned by such 10% shareholders.

**LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP REQUESTED**

\_\_\_\_\_ Board of Directors  
\_\_\_\_\_ Leadership Council  
\_\_\_\_\_ General

**HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT ESCA?**

**Please e-mail completed form to Diandra Brennan at [diandra@esca.us](mailto:diandra@esca.us)**

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Once your membership form is received and it is determined you meet the membership criteria, you will be invoiced for your membership according to the current dues structure.



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## 2026 ESCA Membership Rates

### **2026 General Membership**

Member companies receive regular updates on key Washington developments affecting S ESOPs; invitations to private briefings, lobbying events, annual meetings, regional conferences and other activities; and access to ESCA's legislative and public relations resources.

Eligible companies approved by the ESCA Board of Directors Membership Committee pay dues which reflect the number of employee-owners. For 2026, membership dues are based on number of eligible participants for all categories listed below:

***Under 250 employee-owners: \$3,000***

***Between 250-1,000 employee-owners: \$5,000***

***More than 1,000 employee-owners: \$10,000***

### **2026 Leadership Council**

The Leadership Council is designed for companies who want to make a greater investment in ESCA's agenda and future. Leadership Council members may participate in select Board of Directors discussions and may serve on committees established by the Board. The Council meets semi-annually at the Leadership Summit and the Federal Policy Conference and Lobby Day. Companies pay the following dues for Leadership Council membership for 2026:

***Under 250 employee-owners: \$7,000***

***Between 250-1,000 employee-owners: \$15,500***

***More than 1,000 employee-owners: \$21,000***

### **2026 Board Membership**

The Board of Directors is the central governing body of ESCA. It is comprised of an executive committee and general members, and meets quarterly. The Board of Directors has oversight for strategic, financial, priority-related, membership and other key areas for ESCA. There are five committees within the Board of Directors: Policy, Governance, Programs, Membership, and Political.

Eligible companies approved by ESCA's Board of Directors pay the following dues for 2026:

***Under 250 employee-owners: \$33,500***

***Between 250-1,000 employee-owners: \$46,500***

***More than 1,000 employee-owners: \$62,000***