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A Newsletter for Chicagoland Construction Labor & Management Professionals

Blue Ribbon Advisory Council Passes Historic Resolution ***Route 53 Extension from Lake Cook Road to Route 120 closer to reality***

The Illinois Route 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council passed last month a resolution that was sent to the Illinois Tollway Board recommending that the proposed extension from Lake Cook Road to Route 120 in southern/central Lake County be completed.

CISCO was one of the many groups that supported passage of the resolution as construction of the \$2.5 billion roadway - a key component of the Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital plan - will create thousands of construction jobs and add billions of dollars of economic impact to the regional economy.

Other benefits of the roadway include reduced congestion and improved mobility for the traveling public, and improved commuter times that will save drivers millions a year in fuel costs.

Revisions of the final report were voted on and approved. A link on the CISCO web site home page (www.cisco.org) connects you to the full text of the resolution and the 114-page draft document that outlines steps to implement construction. The 30-member Advisory Council consisted of Lake County business leaders and elected officials.

CISCO Appoints Two New Board Members



Loretta Molter is the President of Molter Corporation, a company she started in 1987 performing industrial refractory and gunite construction. In these 25 years Molter's capabilities expanded to include industrial chimney repairs, tuckpointing, masonry and concrete

restoration work mostly on historic structures.

Molter Corporation is certified as a woman-owned small business by various state and local agencies. In 2008, Molter became certified as Small Disadvantaged Business in the Small Business Administration 8(a) program. The 8(a) certification assisted the company's entry into the Federal contracting arena. Loretta is currently working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on a two-year project, the historic masonry and concrete restoration of the Lockport Controlling Works. She will represent the Mason Contractor's Association.



Frank Cunningham is a third generation member of IBEW Local 134. From 1979 - 2005, Cunningham was a Journeyman, Steward and Foreman. He was an Executive Board member of Local 134 from 2004-06, and

has been Recording Secretary since 2006 and Business Representative since 2008. Frank also served as the Apprentice Instructor for IBEW-NECA Technical Institute from 2005-08. He is currently a board member of the Chicagoland Safety Council and the Electrical Joint Arbitration Board.

Frank earned a BA in Labor Studies from National Labor College and a Master's degree in Legal & Ethical Studies from the University of Baltimore. Frank was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1974. He grew up on the south side of Chicago and is currently living in Western Springs with his wife of 33 years and he has three grown sons.

From *the* Desk of the Executive Director



automobile mechanics.

On a project scale standpoint, the UTI education and training facility is modest. The \$35 million investment to construct a 185,000 square-foot campus will house 1,500 students and 150 staff. But, of course, the important part in today's economic climate are the numbers 300 and \$50 million.

That's because the campus will require 300 union construction workers to build it, and the region will receive \$50 million in direct and indirect annual economic impact. Every little bit helps, and when you add 10 of these size projects together, the numbers become quite significant.

In the case of the proposed Route 53/120 extension through southern and central Lake County, the \$2.5 billion roadway will create thousands of construction jobs and add billions of dollars to the regional economy.

But back to coalition building. Both of these

proposals meant that labor, the business community, elected officials, government entities and municipal and county economic development organizations came together to weigh the short- and long-term benefits.

What CISCO has done the past three years is to publicly support these construction projects. We have supported new hospital construction in McHenry County, a Public Library in Kane County, Navistar's relocation and renovation in DuPage and Cook, the College of DuPage campus construction referendum and much more. On a state and regional scale, CISCO has supported the Illinois Capital Bill and the Tollway Capital Plan.

Our goal of course is to work with the developers to ensure that the project will be built with union building trades and union contractors. We work with both labor and management to get them involved early in the process. As many members as possible lend their support of such projects through a variety of ways including speaking out at public hearings as our elected officials vote on the merits of the project, as well as the big picture of jobs and economic development.

At the time you read this, the Tollway Board will have held a meeting in consideration of the Route 53 project. Public testimony will have been heard from the coalition organizations, and perhaps the concept of coalition building will have been successful again.

John Brining
Executive Director

CISCO Welcomes Two New Associate Members

Clark Hill, PLC is one of the largest construction law practices and is routinely involved in every facet of the construction process, from real estate acquisition and project financing, drafting of contract documents and project administration, to claim preparation and dispute resolution.



It has a wide-reaching geographic reach as it has offices in Chicago, Washington DC, Phoenix, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing and Birmingham, Michigan.

PDM Bridge, LLC is a leader in the bridge construction industry with extensive experience in fabricating complex bridge structures. With modern facilities and personnel, has the capacity and expertise to build components for all types of bridge structures.



PDM's rich history has included fabrication of The St. Louis Arch and steel used in the construction of the Crystal Cathedral. Today, PDM's work force has grown to more than 500. PDM Bridge headquarters is located in suburban Downers Grove.

Presidential Perspective



During the past two to three years, CISCO has been concentrating a lot of its efforts on coalition building - pooling together leaders from "communities" such as business, education, government and most importantly, labor, in order to create construction opportunities that add work and jobs to our industry. Now, I believe the future growth of our industry depends on the development of public/private partnerships.

This is not a new idea, but rather an idea that is becoming more and more necessary if this country is going to be able to afford the cost of new and rebuilt infrastructure, freight lines, transportation, and to generate alternative sources of energy to name a few.

Our local and Chicago media have been covering Mayor Rahm Emanuel's recent formation of an Infrastructure Trust Board. Yes, this group of five individuals will be aiming at luring billions from private investors to help pay for public projects. This is great news and so is the fact that Labor is represented on the Board in the person of Jorge Ramirez, President of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

One of the articles written about this Infrastructure Trust Board is touting that the first project to be considered by the Trust will be *Retrofit Chicago*, a \$225 million retrofitting of all buildings owned by the City of Chicago. The project will be paid for by the savings realized from the retrofittings, which are expected to top \$25 million a year. You can see already how the possibilities are endless.

CISCO can work to maximize construction opportunities for local construction companies, as well as the local labor force. It's a new way to deliver these public improvements and at CISCO, labor and management, want to work with the trust committee, government and private industry to ensure that one of our regions greatest assets (union construction trades and contractors) is utilized as much as possible.

Sincerely,


Dave Henderson
CISCO Board President

Lisle Village Board Approves Construction of Mechanics Trade School

Creating 300 construction and building trades jobs over the next two years, the Lisle Village Board granted approval to the Universal Technical Institute (UTI) - an education and training facility for automobile mechanics. CISCO and the DuPage County Building Trades had supported the project throughout the Public Hearing process.

CISCO and members of the DCBT stressed many of the benefits to the community which included: A \$35 million investment to construct a 185,000 square-foot campus; 300 construction and trade jobs over two years; 1,500 students and 150 staff in the new space; and a total of \$50 million in direct and indirect annual economic benefits to Lisle and the region.




 CISCO Executive Director John Brining (left) speaks about the benefits of the UTI project to members of the Lisle Village Board as executives from UTI look on.

Luncheon Audience Hears Green Building Outlook

A presentation about Green Jobs was the highlight at CISCO's Annual Luncheon. Doug Widener, Executive Director of the U.S. Green Building Council, was the keynote speaker and offered a thorough and encouraging overview of the issue.



 **Executive Director of the U.S. Green Building Council Doug Widener delivers the keynote address at CISCO's Annual Luncheon.**

Widener said that the demand for green jobs will continue to rise in the coming years, leaving business opportunities for contractors seeking to find jobs for unemployed members.

According to Widener, Illinois ranks second per capita in the number of LEED certified buildings in the United States, and Chicago is the number one city in the world for green buildings with more than 40 LEED certified buildings.



 **CISCO Executive Director John Brining (left) enjoys a light moment with Board member Frank Lollino (center) and Board President David Henderson.**


Retrofitting is becoming popular too, he said. "The down economy gets people thinking about retrofitting options and that opens up jobs." Widener added that a McGraw-Hill study indicates that carpenters, HVAC technicians, electricians and plumbers will see the biggest jump in job opportunity in the coming years.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

CISCO also announced its annual scholarship winners during its April 27th Luncheon. **Kylie Jungles** was awarded the John E. Kenny, Jr. Founder's Scholarship. Kylie, a graduate of Manteno High School, plans to attend St. Mary's College of Notre Dame and major in Biology/Pre-Med.

The three Joseph Sullivan Memorial Scholarships were awarded to: 1) **Conor O'Brien**, York High School graduate who will attend the University of Kentucky to earn a degree in Civil Engineering; 2) **Grace Hall**, who was home schooled and attend the University of Illinois to major in Anthropology; and 3) **Kyle O'Shea**, a Barrington High School grad who will attend Illinois Wesleyan to study Physics and Mathematics.



 **Scholarship winners (from left) are Kylie Jungles, Conor O'Brien, Tim Mersini and Charles Jones. Not pictured are Grace Hall and Kyle O'Shea.**

CISCO's Continuing Education Scholarships were awarded to **Tim Mersini**, who works for Carpenters Union Local #558 and to **Charles Jones**, a member of the Regional Council of Carpenters Local #58. Mersini attends the College of DuPage and Jones is enrolled at Harry S. Truman College in Chicago.

Our winners were chosen from a field of 140 applicants. CISCO congratulates its 2012 scholarship winners and wishes them much success in the future!

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Best Wishes...

Board Member Gary Niederkorn Retires

CISCO would like to extend a special thank you to former board member Gary Niederkorn, who announced his retirement from IBEW Local 134, where he was a Business Agent and President. He subsequently stepped down from the CISCO Board.

Gary had served on the CISCO board since 2008. He served with honor and distinction and we wish him well in his future endeavors!

Save the Date!

CISCO's "Last Swing" Golf Outing - Sept. 10, 2012

Be sure to add CISCO's Annual Golf Outing to your calendars. See special insert in this issue or visit www.cisco.org for more details.

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Apprenticeship Coordinators Bring a Wealth of Knowledge

With our continuing focus to highlight our apprenticeship coordinators, this issue will feature the Carpenters.



Vincent Sticca has been a member of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters for 39 years. He served a four-year apprenticeship and has 20 years of field experience in Architectural Millwork and both residential and commercial construction. He also serves on the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership Board.

Vince has been employed by the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Apprentice & Training Program for the past 20 years. He was a Millwork instructor for eight years (1992-2000), an assistant director of the program for 11 years (2000-2011), and is currently the Coordinator/Director of the Program.



John Horak joined the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters in 1987. Prior to becoming a member he worked in the residential market as a carpenter for several years with a small company. From 1996 to 1998 John taught part-time at night for the Carpenter Training Center in Elk Grove Village. In November 1998 he became a full-time instructor at the school. He began as an Assistant Coordinator

in 2000 and currently is in that position.

John still teaches several safety courses including OSHA-30, Hazardous Waste, Confined Space and others. He also serves on several Advisory Boards with Chicago Public Schools and Dawson Technical Institute. John is able to speak several languages including English, Polish and Spanish

which helps in communicating with the membership. He was involved with developing evaluations and curriculum for the specialty trades programs for the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship & Training Program.



Dave Tumpach is a member of Carpenters Local Union #1027. He went through the apprenticeship program and finished in 2008 as a cabinet maker. He holds the position of Assistant Coordinator for the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship & Training Program. He has worked with architectural firms to further

their education through continuing education units, and he monitors apprentices on-the-job working hours and employment.



John Grande is a member of the Carpenters Local Union #1539. He finished his apprenticeship training in 1988 and holds the position of Assistant Coordinator for the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship & Training Program.

John works together in providing assistance to apprentices and union contractors with employment opportunities. John also provides assistance to apprentices who want to further their education in the Carpentry field. He monitors the apprentices at the start of their training through the completion of the program. John has attended several "train-the-trainer" classes at the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Training Facility in Las Vegas.

CISCO will continue to highlight more of our affiliated Apprenticeship Coordinators in 2012.

Legislative Update - Spring Session Recap

The following is a recap on items tracked by the CISCO Legislative Committee:

HB 3636/Cypress Creek – This legislation is on hold until the January 2013 lame duck session at the request of the leadership of the House Judiciary Civil Law Committee. The bill has passed the State Senate and was sent to the House for concurrence.

SB 3792/Mechanics Liens – Extends mechanics lien rights from 3 to 5 years from the start of a project. This legislation passed both houses and is heading to the Governor next.

SB 3573/IL Water Systems – Initiative of Illinois American Water which passed the Senate, but was not called in the House. An amended version will be advanced in the fall veto session.

SB3766/Leucadia – Confirms the intent of the General Assembly on the \$3 billion synthetic natural gas facility and directs the Illinois Commerce Commission to move forward with the sourcing agreements between Leucadia and the natural gas utilities. Passed to the Governor. If the bill becomes law, the ICC would have to approve the contracts it previously rejected.

SB 678/Tenaska – This legislation was modified from the \$3 billion clean coal generation facility to a \$1 billion natural gas powered generating facility, but failed to move in the House.

SB 2643/Prevailing Wage – This legislation which makes a series of changes to the Act failed to advance in the House.

SB 1849/Gaming – Similar to the gaming bill from last year, this legislation provides for four new casinos and slots at race tracks and has passed to the Governor. Gaming revenue was identified as one of the three main sources designed to fund the 2009 Capital Bill projects, which would create thousands of construction jobs.

SB 2958/Procurement – Omnibus Procurement Code update to correct some problems from SB 51 (2009). Passed to the Governor.

SB 3318/Illiana – This bill would grant IDOT the authority to acquire property through quick-take power for the Illiana Expressway; going to the Governor next.

Our next meeting will be in November during the fall veto session. Stay tuned for details.

CISCO Gives in Kane County and Receives in Cook County



CISCO donated \$2,000 to the Northern Illinois Food Bank representing the proceeds from last year's "Last Swing" Golf Outing. Executive Director John Brining presents the check to Karen Kopf, Development Officer at the Geneva office. Kopf said CISCO's generous donation would help distribute 1,500 meals to hungry neighbors in northern Illinois.

CISCO was on the receiving end of an outreach workshop by attending the Ill-FFC's Workers' Compensation Seminar on June 5 in Countryside. A panel of speakers presented information about the recent amendments to the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act. Below, Ronald Rascia, General Counsel for the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission provided the agency perspective. Later in the program, other speakers discussed the bill's (HB 1698) impact on the respondent and the petitioner. Changes to the Act went into effect in June 2011.





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CISCO MISSION STATEMENT

It is the primary mission of CISCO to strengthen the unionized construction market in the greater Chicago Metropolitan area. In support of this mission,

CISCO will perform three major roles: 1) Serve as a forum to facilitate dialogue between contractors and building trades union leaders concerning mutual problems and concerns; 2) Serve as a clearinghouse for information on the local construction industry; 3) Serve as a promotional group to encourage union construction with the user community and the general public. As a joint labor-management organization, CISCO will focus on cooperative efforts to reduce problems and conflicts and enhance the competitiveness of union construction. Through its activities, CISCO will build trust between the parties and will foster the joint commitment of local contractors and union labor to high quality, on-time, within budget delivery on all projects.

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