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CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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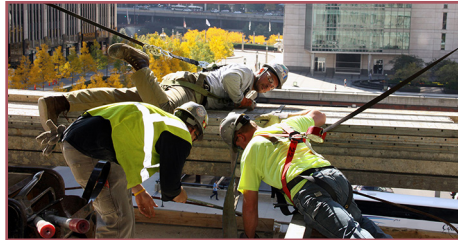
IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED: REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS UNDER ATTACK

The current national system of registered apprenticeships has been launching Americans into the middle class since 1937. Construction apprentices who undergo the USDOL-approved programs become the most highly skilled craftsmen and women in the world. Today's building trades fund their respective apprenticeship programs through the collaborative efforts and expertise of both labor and management. This partnership has created the second-largest privately-funded educational system in the country – without using one single dime of taxpayer money.



Apprentices at Painters District Council #30 undergo exercises on a simulated water tower at the training center in Aurora.

These skilled men and women of the trades have built America from the ground up. Our country's roads, bridges, mass transit systems, electrical distribution grids, shipping ports, schools, airports and water distribution mechanisms are the result of the training that these professionals received due to the rigid standards of the current USDOL apprenticeship protocols.



Safety is a big concern as Laborers execute a high rise tie off during construction of a downtown building.

The before-mentioned projects demand meticulous attention to detail and a skill level honed through years of intense classroom and hands-on training. Everything else these workers build demand the best-trained, highest-skilled workers. Anything less creates both a public safety and national security risk, and places the men and women who are performing the work at an increased risk of serious injuries and fatalities.

For the reasons outlined in this article, **the current proposal requires a construction industry exemption for its apprenticeship programs.**

Without such an exemption, the fraudulent history of for-profit career-education programs, combined with federal funding; will create inconsistent program monitoring, weak accountability measures, and will certainly guarantee the proliferation of low-quality programs to the detriment of students, employers and taxpayers.

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP!

The U.S. Department of Labor, under the Trump administration, has recently released a proposal that could decimate training standards in registered apprenticeship programs across the country.

This new proposal would drive down standards for the world-class apprenticeship programs that workers and industries depend on. It would jeopardize not only good jobs, but safety standards in industries like construction. Watering down these programs is just plain wrong.

Right now, the Department of Labor is asking the public for feedback on this misguided proposal. We have to let them know that working people won't stand for this.

Click on this link: <https://www.saveconstructionapprenticeships.org/#/34/>

The public comment deadline is August 26, so submit comments now!

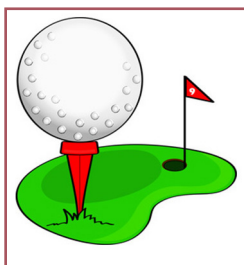


Apprentices at the Carpenters Training Center in Elk Grove Village perform a scaffold exercise. This top-notch training cannot be jeopardized.

More news and photos on the back page.

CISCO ON THE MOVE

CISCO GOLF OUTING TO TEE IT UP SEPTEMBER 9, 2019



If you do anything this summer, take some time to start planning your foursomes now for the annual shot-

gun style outing and barbecue lunch, Monday, Sept. 9, 2019 at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road.



- Registration and FREE practice range begins at 7 am.
- Golf begins at 8 am.
- Cocktails and lunch start around 1:30 pm.

There are also many ways to sponsor the outing. Hole, Beverage Cart, Halfway House and Lunch sponsorships are available, as well as registration table and prize donations.

Sponsorship options:

Hole – \$200; Beverage Cart – \$300

Halfway House – \$300; Lunch – \$500

Golf/Lunch costs:

\$125 per golfer; \$475 per foursome (includes lunch) – \$40 LUNCH ONLY



Go to www.cisco.org to download the registration/sponsorship form – and return it us, or call 630-472-9411 to reserve your foursomes today!

CONTRACTOR NEWS

CISCO would like to echo its congratulations to James McGlynn, Sr., President of McWilliams Electric Company, Inc. as the recipient of NECA's 2019 "Abraham Lincoln Leadership" Award.



One of CISCO's longest serving board members, Jim McGlynn has been a CISCO Board Member since 1992.

During those 27 years, he served as President in 2000-2001, and has been an Executive Board Member for several years. He also currently serves on the CISCO Legislative Committee.

He is to receive the award during the upcoming NECA Convention in Las Vegas. The Chapter will have a special Open House reception for Mr. McGlynn on Monday, September 16, 2019 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm at the Foundation Room on the Mandalay Bay property. Please contact the Chicago & Cook County Chapter - NECA if you plan on attending.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

CISCO's Legislative Committee continues to monitor the progress of SB 1636 (Retainage Reform). This bill was passed by both the House and Senate and was sent to the Governor on June 21, 2019 to sign into law.

Gov. Pritzker has 60 days to sign the bill. CISCO and many of our Building Trade and Contractor partners have sent letters urging him to sign the legislation into law.

The bill would allow retainage to be withheld at 10%, but requires it to be reduced to 5% when a construction project is 50% complete.

Contact Gary Karafiat via email - gary@cisco.org - for a sample letter in order for you to add your voice.

CISCO/ST. PAUL PREPARE FOR 6TH ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION EXPO

CISCO will team up with St. Paul Community Development Ministries (SPCDM), the Chicago & Cook County Building Trades, Chicago Federation of Labor, The Hill Group and W.E. O'Neil on the 6th Annual Construction Conference & Expo on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at the SPCDM campus at 4550 S. Wabash in Chicago.

Several different building trades will be on hand and during the Expo, attendees will be able to interact with the trades' representatives to learn first-hand what it takes to become an electrician, carpenter, bricklayer, operating engineer, pipefitter or learn about other union building trades careers. The registration link is: <https://spcdmconstructioncareer.eventbrite.com>

SAFETY, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE - SEPT. 16-19, 2019



The Chicagoland Safety Health and Environmental Conference will be held September 16-19, 2019 at the Naperville Illinois campus of NIU. TO REGISTER: www.chisafetyconf.org. The organization is celebrating 31 years of holding the conference, which is a premier 4 day, professional safety and business training conference. The conference features 86 professional training sessions including Fall Protection, Electrical Safety, Workers Comp, Active Shooter, Opioid Crisis, Marijuana in the Workplace and more.

