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CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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CISCO BOARD ANNOUNCES SELECTIONS FOR TOP 2020 PROJECTS

CISCO's Board of Directors recently determined which construction projects were winners in six different construction categories. Among a total of 20 entries, the top choices were:

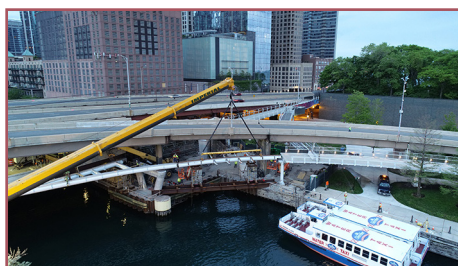
New Construction - Chicago (+ \$20 m):

Navy Pier Hotel & Rooftop Venue; GC - James McHugh Construction.

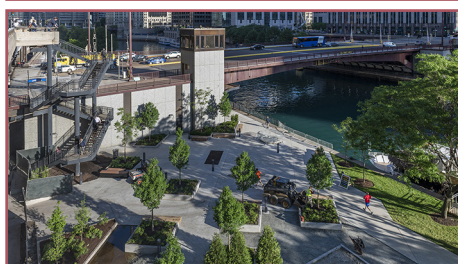
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Infrastructure: CDOT Lake Front Trail Phase 2; GC - Kenny Construction
(Photo below)



Rehabilitation: Chicago Riverwalk Esplanade & Marketplace; GC - F.H. Paschen (Photos below)



New Construction - Suburbs (+ \$20 m):

City of St. Charles Police Department; GC - Riley Construction. (Photo below.)



New Construction - City/Suburbs (Under \$20 m): University of Chicago Medicine River East Ambulatory Care Center; GC - Turner Construction (Photo on the top of second column.)

Residential: NEMA Chicago; GC - James McHugh Construction. (Photo below)



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PROJECT TEAMS

With exactly 20 projects submitted to this year's awards program, CISCO wishes to recognize each and every entry for its quality of construction, design, impact on the community and safety record. Even under extreme circumstances, amidst an unprecedented pandemic, general contractors, subcontractors and the men and women who construct these buildings collaborated to stay safe, stay on time, and within budget to complete these amazing projects.

CISCO hopes to hold an in-person event to recognize the winners, and a decision is forthcoming. Stay tuned.

In addition to the Project of the Year Awards, certain individuals are honored as part of CISCO's Pride in Construction Awards.

Named as Educator of the Year is Jill Nagel, Counselor at St. Rita High School; Public Body of the Year is the Cook County Housing Authority; and the Labor Advocate of the Year is State Representative Marcus C. Evans Jr.

More news and photos on the back page.

CISCO ON THE MOVE

CISCO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: DEADLINE TO APPLY - FEB. 19, 2021

CISCO is accepting applications for its 2021 Scholarship Program. CISCO offers (3), four-year scholarships to high school seniors; (2), two-year awards for seniors planning on attending a community college; and (2), two-year continuing education awards to union members or contractor employees.



The application forms can be downloaded from CISCO's website (www.cisco.org). All applications and accompanying documents must be postmarked by February 19, 2021.

For more information, contact CISCO at 630.472.9411.

BOY SCOUTS HONOR JOHN SPIROS JR. WITH GEORGE MEANY AWARD



On Tuesday, the Boy Scouts of America Pathway to Adventure Council recognized **Mr. John Spiros Jr.** with the George Meany Award

via a virtual celebration.

John Spiros Jr. is the Business Manager and Secretary-Treasurer for Painters District Council #14. He started his career in August of 1967 when he was first initiated into the District Council #14, Local union #147, as an Apprentice.

He completed the apprenticeship program and accepted a Teaching/Painting Instructor position at Washburne Trade School in 1981. He continued as an instructor until 1990.

That year, John accepted a position as Business Representative.

In June of 2015, John was elected Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of District Council #14 and currently holds that position.

CISCO BIDS FAREWELL TO LEGISLATIVE CO-CHAIR JEFF WEISS



Jeff Weiss, who served the past 5 years as CISCO's Legislative Committee Co-Chair - representing Management - is leaving the PCA of Greater Chicago, and his final day will be Dec. 31, 2020.

Jeff helped the Legislative Committee in numerous ways with updates on a variety of bills - most recently with SB 1636 which became law in August, 2019. That bill reduces the retainage under private construction contracts from 10% to 5% once the contract is half complete, and it remains at 5% for the remainder of the contract.

PCA of Greater Chicago and IMSCA (Illinois Mechanical & Specialty Contractors Association) had both lobbied extensively for this change in the Prompt Payment Act.

Jeff, who was PCA's Public Affairs & Communications Director for the past 8 years, will be greatly missed.

THIS MONTH IN INDUSTRY HISTORY

On December 29, 1970, President Richard M. Nixon signed The Occupational Safety and Health Act, also known as the Williams-Steiger Act in honor of the two men who pressed so hard for its passage. The Act established three permanent agencies:

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) within the Labor Department to set and enforce workplace safety and health standards;

- The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in what was then the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to conduct research on occupational safety and health; and

- The Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (OSHRC), an independent agency to adjudicate enforcement actions challenged by employers.

UPDATED APPRENTICESHIP GUIDE



CISCO has received a new batch of updated Apprenticeship Guides. This 90-page booklet is loaded with information about each of the building trades apprentice programs, and how to apply for entry into one of the programs. To view and download the Guide, go to www.cisco.org/apprenticeship/

ELECTORAL COLLEGE CERTIFIES BIDEN AS PRESIDENT-ELECT

On Monday, December 14, 2020, the Electoral College voted officially to affirm Joe Biden's victory.

Of equal importance is the fact that President-Elect Biden has added 27 union leaders to his transition team. With 15 agency review teams in place, each includes union officials.

The transition teams are being overseen by an advisory board, which Biden named earlier in the year.

This board includes two union Presidents, Teresa Romero of the United Farm Workers and Lonnie Stephenson of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



CISCO wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

