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ANNUAL MEETING KEYNOTE SPEAKER – AG KWAME RAOUL



Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul will be the Keynote Speaker at CISCO Annual Meeting – Friday, March 11, 2022.

According to Dan Allen,

CISCO Executive Director, the Board of Directors sought AG Raoul because of “his track record of defending working rights, as well as his efforts to level the playing field for reputable contractors who follow prevailing wage laws while bidding on projects, and invest in worker training and safety.”

The event is FREE of charge to members and award winners and their guests. However, sponsorships are available at \$250. To inquire about a sponsorship, call Julia Mulvey at (630) 472-9411.

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 11, 2022



CISCO’s Annual Meeting has been scheduled and will be held on **Friday, March 11, 2022.**

As in past years, an hour of Breakfast and Networking begins at 8:00 a.m. with the formal program beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The event will also return to a familiar venue – Maggiano’s Little Italy restaurant in Schaumburg, 1901 E. Woodfield Road. Members should begin making plans to attend this event. Seats will fill up quickly to hear the Attorney General and see the recognitions.

The event will feature the presentation of CISCO’s Pride in Construction Awards – now in its 17th year. The winners of the Project of the Year Awards appear in the left column of the Home Page.

In addition to the Project of the Year Awards, two individuals and one entity are recognized as Educator of the Year, Public Body of the Year and Labor Advocate of the Year.

The Board approved John Daniels & Eric Malone, Teachers at Stagg High School as Co-Educators of the Year. The Public Body of the Year is DuPage County, in part, for enacting a Responsible Bidder Ordinance. The Labor Advocate of the Year, is State Comptroller Susana Mendoza.

NOTE: Currently, Cook County requires that in all dining situations, proof of vaccination is required in order to enter the restaurant or banquet facility. CISCO will monitor this regulation and keep you informed of any change in that policy.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DEADLINE IS TOMORROW



If you know someone who is in need of a scholarship to college, tomorrow is

the deadline to submit an application for CISCO’s long-standing Annual Scholarship Awards Program. The applications for these different categories can be found on CISCO’s website/homepage at www.cisco.org.

The three scholarship program categories are: **1) Four-year college scholarships for high school seniors; 2) Two-year awards for seniors**

planning on attending a community college; and 3) Two-year continuing education awards to union members or contractor employees.

The deadline to submit the applications is **Friday, February 18, 2022.** Interested students may email the completed applications, or send in the mail. For more information, call CISCO at (630) 472-9411.

ASA CHICAGO’S CONSTRUCTION EXPO SET FOR MARCH 7 - 8, 2022



The Association of Subcontractors & Affiliates Chicago is excited to announce that the 2022 Construction Expo & Safety Conference, co-hosted by the Construction Safety Council and ASA Chicago, is taking place IN-PERSON this year.

Register now for the All Access pass and receive the best features of this premier event. Visit the event website: www.ChicagoConstructionExpo.com to register.

CISCO’S 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

CISCO’s Annual Report is hot off the presses, and can be viewed by going to CISCO’ web site (cisco.org).

It is located on the home page and contains last year’s accomplishments, as well as a look in the future of the union construction industry.

More news and photos on the back page.

CISCO ON THE MOVE

UCA LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION IS WELL RECEIVED



The Underground Contractors Association's 8th Annual Legislative Reception, was a big success last week at the Medinah Country Club.



Pictured (top left): UCA Executive Director Mike Wiedmeier (top right) CISCO Board President Dave Henderson Below: Executive Director III-FFC Marc Poulos (left) with some event attendees.



Several honored guests were on hand including House Minority Leader, Jim Durkin, Senate Minority Leader, Dan McConchie, and many other Illinois State Senators and State Representatives.



Among the many elected officials on hand were (from left) State Rep. Seth Lewis, State Senator Sue Rezin and State Rep. Keith Wheeler.

III-FFC NOTES RECENT SUCCESS WITH HELPING PASS RBOs

Editor's Note: The following are excerpts of a recent publication from the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting (III-FFC) re: the passage of Responsible Bidder Ordinances (RBOs).

How RBOs Help Responsible Contractors

III-FFC helps responsible contractors win bids by passing RBOs where possible and has passed almost 60 RBOs across Illinois and Indiana.

CISCO, PowerForward DuPage and the DuPage Building Trades helped with the recent passage of an RBO for DuPage County - one of the reasons that CISCO recognized DuPage County as its 2021 Public Body of the Year recipient.

What is an RBO?

- RBOs help ensure a local government body hires only responsible contractors who will provide the highest quality of work safely, on time, and on budget.
- RBOs establish clear, objective criteria that contractors must meet in order to be eligible to bid on public works projects in a community.
- RBOs increase local contractors employing local workers, resulting in more dollars circulating through the local economy and businesses.

Why does the III-FFC help pass RBOs?

- Almost all RBOs put safety and training at the forefront. RBOs require proof of participation in a USDOL approved apprenticeship program. This guarantees only qualified and safe contractors, subcontractors, and workers are used on public construction projects.
- RBOs increase work for responsible contractors who pay family-supporting wages and benefits.
- Public bodies, taxpayers, and skilled craftspeople all benefit from RBOs.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO HIRE 100 INVESTIGATORS

The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) recently announced an initiative to add 100 investigators to its Wage and Hour Division (WHD)—a potential sign to employers that increased enforcement may be on the horizon.

The WHD is tasked with enforcing comprehensive labor laws that affect more than 148 million workers.

This latest push for WHD investigators tracks with the White House's larger agenda of strengthening workers' rights.

CISCO'S DAN ALLEN TO PRESENT AT NATIONAL WORKERS COMP CONFERENCE IN BOSTON



More than 200 people from over 100 organizations that have already registered for the 38th Annual WCRI Issues & Research Conference,

March 16-17 in Boston, MA.

Kicking off the conference is well-known risk and insurance economist Dr. Robert Hartwig, who will explore the myriad challenges facing the economy today—including enduring labor market dislocations, inflation, concerns over economic growth, and financial market volatility—and their impacts on the workers' compensation line in 2022 and beyond.

Allen is part of a panel titled "The Future of the Workplace After COVID-19".

