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REGISTER TODAY FOR CISCO'S ANNUAL LUNCHEON - APRIL 24, 2020



In anticipation of a large audience, CISCO's 2020 Annual Luncheon is being moved to the IBEW Local #134 Hall, 2722 S. Martin Luther King Drive Jr. in Chicago.

Ticket prices have also been **REDUCED! Sponsorships are available for \$250** and sponsors will receive multiple written, vocal and visual mentions throughout the program.

Scheduled speaker is Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, who was elected as Chicago's 56th Mayor in April, 2019. Before becoming mayor, Lightfoot worked in private legal practice, and held various government positions in the City of Chicago.

In less than a year, she has already passed ordinances that impact working families by 1) increasing minimum wage in the City, and 2) allowing work schedules to be known 10 days in advance, (Fair Work Week Ordinance) thus helping working families plan for family needs.

Lightfoot's economic plan to reinvest in the City's south and west side sides will be complemented with major, transformative construction projects such as The 78, Lincoln Yards and the Obama Presidential Center.

New construction jobs, vigorous recruitment of a diverse workforce, and revitalizing communities and neighborhoods are the goals that the union construction industry and Mayor Lightfoot share.

LUNCHEON AT A GLANCE

Friday, April 24, 2020

Registration: 11:00 am — Lunch/ Program: Noon

IBEW Local 134 Hall

2722 S. Martin Luther King Dr., Chicago, IL 60654

\$65/Ticket or \$600/Table of Ten

Includes: Catered Luncheon — Open Bar — Free Parking

Scheduled Speaker - Mayor Lori Lightfoot, City of Chicago

Including: CISCO's Annual Scholarship Awards

Register today: (630) 472-9411; julia@cisco.org

GLCA SAFETY AWARDS

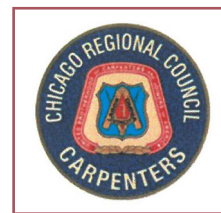
The Great Lakes Construction Association (GLCA) hosted its annual Safety Awards dinner last week at Mickey Finn's Brewery in Libertyville and presented more than three dozen awards to companies in various categories.



David Henderson, (with plaque) President of J.J. Henderson & Son, Inc. and CISCO's Board President receives the Safety Award in Division 4 (100,000 - 500,000 hours) for Lowest Lost Workday Ratio. With Dave are (from left) GLCA President Josh Boller, President of Boller Construction Company, Inc.; Gary Weil, OSHA and Rich Lambert of OSHA.

The Safety Award was one of 40 companies/contractors that were recognized at the dinner event.

CARPENTERS ANNOUNCE MAJOR VICTORY AGAINST WAGE THEFT



The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters (CRCC) recently announced a major victory in the fight against wage theft in the building trades.

Thanks to the CRCC's efforts, the Illinois Department of Labor is requiring the developer of a senior living center in Northbrook and its subcontractors to pay more than \$1.1 million back to workers for failing to meet state-certified prevailing wage and benefit rates.

The Department of Labor ordered the contractors to provide back pay to their employees after the CRCC filed charges alleging violations of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.

"Wage theft and the loss of tax revenue affects everyone," said CRCC Executive Secretary-Treasurer Gary Perinar. "It takes advantage of workers, many of whom are unaware of their right to receive fair wages and benefits for themselves and their families. It puts signatory union contractors at a disadvantage for competitively bid projects. And it cheats communities out of tax dollars to increase future growth, new projects and public services."

In regards to the unprecedented judgment, Perinar went on to say how appreciative he was toward the IDOL for addressing the seriousness of wage theft and putting cheating contractors on notice that these actions would not be tolerated.

More news and photos on the back page.

CISCO ON THE MOVE

ASA EXPO AND CONSTRUCTION SAFETY CONFERENCE - MARCH 2-3



This annual two-day Construction Expo and Safety Conference, co-hosted by the Association of Subcontractors and Affiliates of Chicago (ASA Chicago) and Construction Safety Council serves Chicagoland construction industry professionals by providing unique opportunities for business-to-business commerce, education and networking.

Dates & Times:

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020

Safety Sessions: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

Safety Sessions: 7:15 am - 3:15 pm

Keynote: 8:30 – 10:00 am

Expo: 9:00 – 4:00 pm

Location:

Drury Lane Conference Center

100 Drury Lane

Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Stop by CISCO's Booth #137 and learn about CISCO's Annual Luncheon Friday, April 24, 2020 as well as obtain information about CISCO's programs.

For more information about the Safety Conference and Expo, visit chicagoconstructionexpo.com.

UCA LEGISLATIVE EVENT RECAP



The Underground Contractors Association recently held its annual Legislative Reception. Rep. Jim Durkin, House Minority Leader (second from left) was the keynote speaker and he posed with (from left) David Henderson, CISCO's Board President; Mike Piraino, UCA Board Member and Legislative Co-chair; and Mike Wiedmaier, UCA Executive Director.

WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION WEEK MARCH 1-7, 2020

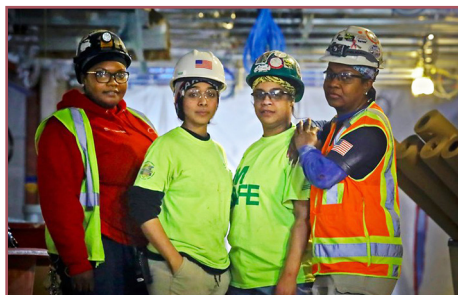
In celebration of Women in Construction Week, CISCO would like to recognize the women who have jumped on the construction bandwagon and seized the opportunity of a lifetime.



CISCO has partnered with Chicago Women in Trades (CWIT) on many Career Fairs and Hands-On Expos to make women aware of the career opportunities that exist in the building trades.

Not only does CISCO work with CWIT on this mission platform, we also have worked in the past with a group called WorkNet DuPage, a workforce development agency affiliated with DuPage County.

CISCO and this agency have coordinated a Career Exploration Series named "Breaking Boundaries" that informs women about careers that are considered "non-traditional" and to explain the tremendous opportunities in fields such as construction, automotive mechanics and manufacturing to name a few.



In honor of Women in Construction Week, CISCO salutes the hard-working, dedicated ladies who have chosen a career that displays their skills, talents and pride.

ANNUAL MEETING REWIND: WHAT THE WINNING CONTRACTORS SAID

In the last issue we provided a recap of the Annual Meeting from Projects of the Year to individuals recognized for their leadership in the construction industry.

One thing that didn't go unnoticed were the comments made by general contractors who accepted their award for Project of the Year. The focus was on the collaboration that occurs between labor and management, as well as the praise contractors have for the skilled and well-trained workforce that builds these amazing structures.

Here is what some of them said at the February 7th meeting:



1) Dennis Hill, BEAR Construction (pictured at left) - "Our village was the union tradesmen and women who we collaborated

with on this project due to the sheer magnitude of what had to be done, and in record time."

2) Tony Ricardi, Jr., William A. Randolph - "This project experienced no work place injuries and was built on time. We attribute this to the apprenticeship programs and the union subs that provide a quality and safety-conscious workforce."

3) Don Biernacki, Related Midwest - "I want to thank the 1,900 building trades men and women who brought their talent, skill and pride to this project. Because of their quality training, we would never be able to build the magnificent projects that we and other developers complete from year to year."

