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CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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ANNUAL MEETING RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 11, 2022



CISCO's Annual Meeting has been rescheduled 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. Invitations will be sent out in mid-January, so members should watch their mailboxes, email boxes, social media and other outlets for the official notice.

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 ONE MONTH AWAY

CISCO continues to accept applications for its 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.

ILEPI - 5TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 7th



The Illinois Economic Policy Institute (ILEPI) will be holding its 5th Annual Fundraiser Monday, February 7, 2022 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Banquet Hall located at 6240 Joliet Road in Countryside.

Keynote Speakers for the event will be Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch - Speaker of the House; Rep. Jim Durkin - House Minority Leader; Se. Don Harmon - Senate President; and

Sen. Dan McConchie - Senate Minority Leader.

There are many sponsorship levels available to consider. **Contact ILEPI at (708) 375-1002 or info@illinoisepi.org.**

In order to protect the health of all attending, ILEPI is asking that all attendees show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within the previous 72 hours. Masks will be required during all indoor activities.

For more information, go to www.illinoisepi.org/fundraiser.

ST. PAUL CAREER READINESS PROGRAM STARTS THIS MONTH

One of CISCO's community partners, St. Paul Community Development Ministries (SPCDM), is beginning its career readiness program designed

to prepare individuals to enter and succeed in a U.S. Department of Labor registered apprenticeship program.

This program can lead to work in one of many building trades that are experiencing Chicagoland's construction industry boom.

SPCDM promotes a diverse, skilled workforce preparing participants to meet the basic qualifications for entry into an apprenticeship, in order to earn a living wage with medical/dental benefits and a pension.

For more information, call 773.538.5120, or email: spcdm@sbcglobal.net

More news and photos on the back page.

CISCO ON THE MOVE

RESILIENT UPSTART PROGRAM CLASS STARTS JAN. 19th

Resilient is preparing to launch its next class of Upstart on January 19, 2022. CISCO has partnered with Resilient on the UpStart program as classes run each Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at 136 Highland Ave. in Villa Park.

The first hour is dedicated to test prepping; the second hour to a speaker series and soft skill training.

For more information, contact Dagmar Porcelli, dagmarporcelli@gmail.com.

FROM THE AG'S OFFICE

The Illinois Attorney General's Office announced recent settlements involving a "chain of contractors" that allegedly avoided paying overtime to Mexican working on visas at electric vehicle plants, including one in Normal, IL.

A joint investigation involving the Illinois Department of Labor retrieved nearly \$400,000 to the laborers.

"Any company doing business in our state must follow laws that require workers to be fairly compensated for the hours they work," said Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul. "This settlement should send a message that employers cannot hide behind subcontractors to avoid responsibility for stolen wages."

8TH ANNUAL UCA LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION - FEBRUARY 10th



Join the Underground Contractors Association as it hosts its 8th Annual Legislative Reception, which will be held at Medinah Country Club on Thursday, February 10, 2022.

Honored Guests include House Minority Leader, Jim Durkin; Senate Minority Leader, Dan McConchie; Senator Sue Rezin; Senator Don DeWitte; Senator Terri Bryant; Senator Dave Syverson; Representative Seth Lewis; Representative Martin McLaughlin; Representative Jeff Keicher; Representative Tim Ozinga; Representative Keith Wheeler; and Gubernatorial Candidate Gary Rabine.

To register, go to www.uca.org, or email: lauren@uca.org

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.

INDUSTRY NEWS: OPERATING ENGINEERS CELEBRATE 125 YEARS



Last month, 125 years ago, 11 determined steam engineers set in motion the formation of what would become, and

remains today, one of the strongest labor unions fighting for working men and women in North America.

So it is with great pride that the officers and General Executive Board of the International Union of Operating Engineers congratulate our active and retired membership on achieving 125 years of solidarity and growth.

General President James T. Callahan said in a statement, "It is truly an honor and privilege to serve this great organization and celebrate this milestone with all of you."

"Reaching our 125-year anniversary is no small feat. Many unions have come and gone over that time, and we have faced our share of challenges since our humble beginnings that December day in Chicago. But from the very start, strong leaders and proud members have persevered and helped our union succeed and grow, no matter the difficulties."

"As we celebrate this momentous anniversary, let us honor those who came before and those who work beside us today by recommitting ourselves to leaving our union even stronger for future generations. That is our greatest tradition."

