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CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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CISCO A CO-SPONSOR OF SUICIDE PREVENTION SUMMIT - FEB. 1, 2017



Construction is one of the highest rated industries affected by suicide. CFMA has established

the Construction Industry Alliance for Suicide Prevention to provide information and resources for suicide prevention and mental health promotion in construction.

Members of CFMA Chicago Chapter in partnership with the Builders Association have organized the "Suicide Prevention Summit" Wednesday, February 1, from 2 - 5 pm at Maggiano's in Oak Brook.

CISCO is proud to be a co-sponsor of this half day collaboration between construction and mental health professionals, which will explore suicide prevention for the construction industry. In addition, the Construction Safety Council, the Builders Association and other major organizations are promoting this important Summit. To register, go to <http://chicago.cfma.org>.

STATEWIDE UTILITY ROUNDTABLE - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

The Underground Contractors Association is inviting prospective members to the Statewide Utility Roundtable in Peoria on Thursday, February 9th at 9:00 a.m. at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center, 101 Mariners Way, East Peoria, IL 61611.

The roundtable discussion is being moderated by Brian MacKenzie of JULIE with panel members from CASSCOM, Cornbelt Energy, American Water and Ameren. The Safety Topic will be "OSHA

Record Keeping & Electronic Filing" and the Risk Management topic will be Crisis Management & Accident Response.

UCA encourages you who wish to attend to meet and learn from contractors, utilities, insurance, safety and legal professionals. Please contact UCA staff at michael@uca.org to join the discussion.

CISCO SETS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE - FEB. 17, 2017



CISCO is now accepting applications for its 2017 Scholarship Program. CISCO

offers (3) four-year scholarships (\$2,000/year) to high school seniors; (2) two-year awards (\$1,000/year) for seniors attending community college; and (2) two-year continuing education awards (\$1,000/year) to union members or contractor employees. For more information, visit our website at www.cisco.org, or call CISCO at (630) 472-9411.

FVAGC 65th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - FEBRUARY 18, 2017

The Fox Valley AGC is inviting all interested groups and individuals to celebrate its 65th Anniversary



on Saturday, February 18 from 5:30 - 10:30 pm at Belvidere Events & Banquets, 1770 W. Devon Ave. in Elk Grove Village.

The event is Black Tie Optional and you must RSVP by February 3, 2017. For more information about the event and how to register, go to www.fvagc.org.

UCA LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION - FEBRUARY 23, 2017



The Underground Contractors Association is hosting a legislative

reception at Medinah Country Club on Thursday, Feb. 23 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Honored guests will include Republican House and Senate Leadership and Representatives Tom Bennett and Tim Butler.

Medinah CC is located at 6N001 Medinah Road in Medinah, IL 60157. To register contact Lauren Fosmoen at 630-467-1919 or lfosmoen@uca.org.

ASA EXPO AND CONSTRUCTION SAFETY CONFERENCE - MARCH 6-7

ASA Chicago and the Construction Safety Council will once again bring together construction professionals, safety specialists and vendors for two days of safety sessions and networking. The event will be held on March 6 and 7 at the Drury Lane Conference Center in Oakbrook Terrace. Registration begins at 7:00 am on both days. The cost to attend the ASA Expo on March 7 is \$20 per person. Construction Safety seminars are available at an extra cost. For more information, call ASA Chicago at (847) 827-8336, or visit asachicago.org to register online.

More news and photos on the back page.

CISCO ON THE MOVE

CISCO COORDINATES TOURS OF DUNBAR AND SIMEON HS TRADE PROGRAMS FOR CLAYCO REPS

CISCO helped showcase the Chicago Builds Program by coordinating tours of both Dunbar and Simeon High Schools for members of Clayco's management team on Monday, January 23.

Clayco Chairman/CEO Bob Clark toured Simeon HS in the morning, while a group of five Clayco staff from both their Chicago and St. Louis offices spent the afternoon at Dunbar HS to view the Chicago Builds program. That program features Carpentry, Electricity, HVAC, Welding and General Construction as fields of study that are available to all CPS students.

Since Chicago Builds began its curriculum in September 2016, enrollment is now at 78. Students have completed projects in their first rotation with survey results saying that 84% agree that they have learned a lot from the program instructors.

In addition, 12 students have earned their OSHA 10-hour construction certification. Plans are underway for a summer internship available to students over age 18.

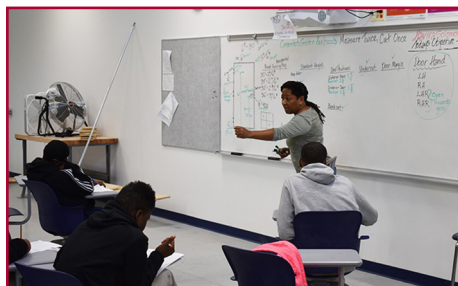


Clayco Chairman/CEO Robert Clark (left) listens as CPS Sr. Program Coordinator Rashaan Meador (right) explains how the Chicago Builds Program has developed since September 2016. Dan Allen, CISCO Executive Director (center) organized the tour for Clayco's management team. Clayco has joined forces with CISCO as both organizations have the goal of mentoring and illuminating students to the many careers that are available in the union construction industry.

Additional pictures from the Dunbar tour are below as program instructors showcased their classroom activities.



Pre-tour program update.



Carpentry instructor teaches doorway lesson.



HVAC instructor talks to tour participants.



A student works on his welding assignment.



Electrical instructor provides project advice.

TOLLWAY MEETS WITH LABORS LEADERS ON PROPOSED WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

CISCO met with Tollway officials and labor leaders on January 20th to discuss a new tollway proposal: "Illinois Tollway Workforce Development Technical Assistance Initiative".



Tollway Diversity Chief Gustavo Giraldo discusses new tollway workforce development initiative with key stakeholders.

The proposal was approved by the Tollway Board of Directors last July. The primary goals of the plan are 1) to create a pool of diverse candidates for heavy highway and transportation construction projects throughout the region; 2) to increase the number of women, African Americans and veterans in the construction industry; and 3) Strengthens partnerships with key stakeholders such as unions and union construction contractors.

The plan may offer incentives to contractors who participate in diversity programs through the Tollway's Earned Credit Program.

The plan will focus on pre-apprenticeship training, job placement and retention for most prevalent trades found on transportation projects such as laborers, carpenters, electricians, cement masons, iron workers, truck drivers and heavy equipment operators.

