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## CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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### APPRENTICESHIP AWARENESS CONTINUES THROUGH SUMMER

CISCO participated in two events during the second half of June that demonstrated the wide variety of collaboration that is occurring among education entities, elected officials, contractors, building trades and community-based organizations.

The one theme that these events had in common was to make local residents aware of the job opportunities within the construction industry.

On June 13th, CISCO linked with the New Covenant Community Development Corporation, and the Cook County Health Department to participate in a Health and Career Fair hosted at Kennedy King College.

Prior to, and during the Career Fair, attendees took part in health screenings, CPR training and other health-related presentations.

Many Cook County Commissioners were on hand to offer personal family stories, and the Keynote Speaker was the COO and Chief Medical Officer for the Cook County Department of Health, Dr. Terry Mason.



*CISCO's Education-to-Careers Director Johnetta Ryan talks to an attendee about the various apprenticeship options that exist within the construction industry.*



*Tim Metcalfe - Boilermakers Local 1.*



*Dave Naprstek - Bricklayers.*



*Maurice King - IBEW Local 134.*



*Mike Skraba (center) - SMART (Sheet Metal Workers) Local 73.*

On June 21st, CISCO joined forces with Trinal, Inc., a diversity and inclusion consulting firm, Rush Medical Center, Power Construction and Ujamaa Construction to present information about the trades along with the Carpenters, Laborers, Glaziers and Pipefitters Local 597. Photos from that event are below:



*Maria Tybor - Carpenters.*



*Rich Schuman - Laborers.*



*A participant signs in for the representatives at the Glaziers table.*

*More news and photos on the back page.*



# CISCO ON THE MOVE

## CISCO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



CISCO's Legislative Committee met on June 17th to discuss the ambitious and historic Spring Session that has set the stage

for significant construction and infrastructure improvements well into the next decade. One member used a sports analogy to refer to the Session's success. "We all dream about batting 1.000 or going 10 for 10. This session felt like we batted .800."

Welcome to a new day in Illinois!

The highlights, in a nutshell, included the following:

- Six-year, \$45 billion Capital Bill that includes \$22 billion toward transportation-related projects and \$12 billion in vertical construction;
- Potential tax relief for 97% of Illinoisans as the graduated income tax moves to the 2020 ballot;
- \$40 billion balanced budget was approved with bipartisan support;
- Raising the minimum wage to \$15/hour;



*Members of the Legislative Committee listen to discussion of the specifics of the Capital Bill.*

- Legalizing and taxing sports betting and legalizing, taxing and regulating cannabis.

## UNDERWOOD APPOINTED

The Committee was also treated to a guest speaker as CISCO learned of the appointment of Jim Underwood as the new Director of the Capital Development Board (CDB).



*After the Legislative Committee meeting concluded, (from left) Co-Chair Mike Macellaio, CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen and Co-Chair Jeff Weiss (right) took time to congratulate Jim Underwood.*

Jim, who had previously served as CDB Director during the Quinn administration, explained that nearly all of the vertical construction portion of the Capital Bill (\$12 billion) would fall under the auspices of the CDB.

Jim provided plenty of details regarding the projects that were included in the bill. He clarified that the six new statewide casinos that were included in the budget would NOT fall under his jurisdiction.

➔ Other news from Springfield included the passage of SB 1636, which amends the Contractor Prompt Payment Act. The Act allows retainage to be withheld at a rate of 10% for the first half of a construction project, but then has to be reduced to 5% once the project is 50% complete. The bill, which has been sent to the Governor's office for his signature, only applies to private, commercial construction projects.

➔ It was also announced that Bob Parilli was named as the Manager of Mediation & Conciliation for the Illinois Department of Labor.

## CISCO GOLF OUTING TO TEE IT UP SEPTEMBER 9, 2019



If you do anything this summer, take some time to start planning your foursomes now for the annual shot-

gun style outing and barbecue lunch, Monday, Sept. 9, 2019 at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road.

- Registration and FREE practice range begins at 7 am.
- Golf begins at 8 am.
- Cocktails and lunch start around 1:30 pm.

There are also many ways to sponsor the outing. Hole, Beverage Cart, Halfway House and Lunch sponsorships are available, as well as registration table and prize donations.



Sponsorship options:

**Hole – \$200; Beverage Cart – \$300**

**Halfway House – \$300; Lunch – \$500**

Golf/Lunch costs:

**\$125 per golfer; \$475 per foursome (includes lunch) – \$40 LUNCH ONLY**

Go to [www.cisco.org](http://www.cisco.org) to download the registration/sponsorship form – and return it us, or call 630-472-9411 to reserve your foursomes today!

