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## CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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### CISCO LUNCHEON OFFICIALLY SET FOR FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2021



CISCO officially has rescheduled its Annual Luncheon for Friday, July 16, 2021.

There is a new venue and a reduced ticket price, and Chicago

Mayor Lori Lightfoot has agreed to be the Keynote Speaker (she was scheduled in 2020).

The Luncheon will begin at Noon (registration at 11:00 am) and held at the IBEW Local 134 Hall, 2722 S. Martin Luther King Dr., Chicago, IL 60654. In addition to the Mayor's remarks, the event will include the recognition of CISCO's Annual Scholarship Awards recipients, and the winners of the Pride in Construction Awards (6 projects and three individuals).

Tickets are \$65/Person or \$600/ Table of Ten. The Luncheon will be catered with a limited Open Bar and free parking. Sponsorships for the event are also available at \$250 that includes multiple event mentions. Register today: (630) 472-9411; or email to [julia@cisco.org](mailto:julia@cisco.org).

### CISCO WELCOMES NEW MEMBER



Education Design Development and Research Corporation (EDDR) is the latest company to join CISCO as an associate member.

EDDR was established in August 2004 as a valuable Community Business

Organization (CBO) committed to activities that provide opportunities for individuals to learn, grow and reach their employment and financial goals.

EDDR's mission is to be a industry leader in workforce development for construction, healthcare and information technology, and to be a resource to individuals in need by providing free services in the form of training and supportive services that lead to financial, professional and educational success.

To learn more, EDDR's website is [www.eddrcorp.com](http://www.eddrcorp.com)

### IL AMERICAN WATER, IUOE LOCAL 150, LABORERS PARTNER ON PLA

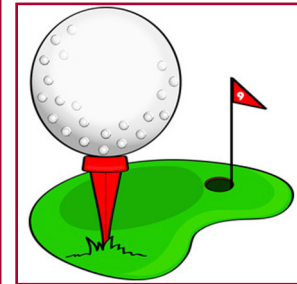


Illinois American Water, the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150 and Construction and General Laborers' District Council of Chicago and Vicinity (LDC) agreed on a 3-year Project Labor Agreement.

The scope of the PLA states that when Illinois American Water decides to use third-party contractors for project work, the work will be assigned to contractors that are signatories to a collective bargaining agreement with Local 150 and/or the LDC so that project work can be completed by the unions.

According to Terry Mackin, Director of Communications, "The agreement allows Illinois American Water to strengthen its relationships with organized labor and continue to look for future opportunities with organized labor across the state."

### SAVE THE DATE - CISCO GOLF OUTING - SEPTEMBER 13, 2021



Golf is back! Start planning your four-somes now for the annual shotgun style outing and

barbecue lunch, Monday, Sept. 13th at Bloomingdale Golf Club.

**Register early; maximum of 140 golfers and luncheon guests.**

- 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 costs are the same as 2019:

**Hole - \$200 Beverage Cart - \$300**

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

Golf/Lunch only costs - same as 2019:

**\$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. Reserve your two-somes or four-somes soon as golfer maximum will be strictly enforced.

*More news and photos on the back page.*

# CISCO ON THE MOVE

## LABORERS NEXT UP WITH CISCO/CTA "CONSTRUCTION TALKS"



"Construction Talks" will head **LATER THIS MONTH** to the Training Center of the General Laborers' District Council (LDC) of Chicago and Vicinity in Chicago for the 8th episode co-coordinated by the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) and CISCO in their effort to attract young men and women into the trades via a virtual tour and interviews with current apprentices and apprenticeship coordinators and instructors.

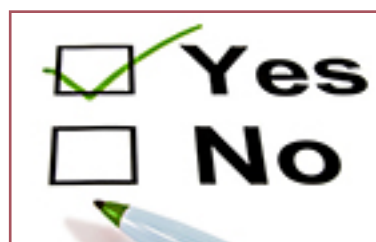
Stay tuned to the next issue of *Construction News Briefs* for the date and time of this great series that will also feature how to apply to the Laborers' Apprenticeship Program.

## ILLINOIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BANNING RIGHT TO WORK (FOR LESS) LAWS TO BE ON 2022 BALLOT

Illinois residents will get the chance to vote next year on a constitutional amendment that would block the enactment of so-called "right-to-work" laws at the state or local level.

If adopted, the Workers Rights Amendment would prohibit these laws that try to gut union protection.

The proposed amendment won



legislative approval this week, and will be on the November 2022 ballot.

Supporters of the amendment say it will protect workers and their ability to organize and collectively bargain.

To be clear, "right-to-work" (for less) laws have nothing to do with anyone's right to secure employment. Instead, they have to do with whether union-represented workers can be asked to pay for the services they receive from labor organizations that negotiate on their behalf.



By denying unions of fees they would otherwise collect from workers, "right-to-work" (for less) laws weaken unions' ability to win wage increases, health and retirement benefits, and workplace safety standards.

Today, 27 states have RTW laws on the books, including Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana. Illinois does not. And data shows that Illinois workers and our economy have fared better as a result.

A recent study by the Illinois Economic Policy Institute and Project for Middle Class Renewal at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign states that wages and income growth are at least 6% higher in Illinois.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to CISCO's Community Partner - St. Paul Church of God in Christ - on celebrating its 85th Annual Church Anniversary on Sunday, June 13, 2021. For more information call, (773) 538-4526.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

With the Spring session concluding, here are a few items of interest:

**1) HB 3437** (Illinois Hazardous Materials Workforce Training Act) - a law that would have called for the development of approved advanced safety training of workers at high hazard facilities to achieve a skilled/trained workforce to perform this work, passed in the House, but stalled in the Senate as it was placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading May 31, 2021.

**2) SB 2182** (Data Centers) passed the Senate unanimously earlier this month and provided some cleanup language to the tax credit act.

The House amendment that passed clarifies what is considered a data center, but another amendment sponsored by State Rep. Mark Walker, D-Arlington Heights, requires entities seeking a credit or seeking renewal of a credit to have a "labor peace agreement" he said would have the employer agreeing to not hinder any attempts for workers to unionize. The bill has been referred to Assignments.

## APPRENTICESHIP OPENINGS

### Electricians – IBEW Local 461

Applications will be taken during the months of July, August and September 2021 on WEDNESDAYS ONLY from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at IBEW Local Union 461, Apprenticeship Office, 591 Sullivan Road, Suite 200, Aurora, IL 60506.

Selections of apprentices under this program shall be made on the basis of qualifications alone. For more information, call (630) 897-0461.

