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## CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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### "O'HARE 21" CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE FAIR HIGHLIGHTS

Last week, contractors and stakeholders in the O'Hare 21 airport modernization plan teamed with CISCO, eight different building trades, and other workforce organizations to attract and build a sustainable workforce pipeline for contracting opportunities and tens of thousands of jobs.

O'Hare 21 is a \$8.5 billion program critical to the long-term viability of the airport and strengthens Chicago's claim as an international destination for tourists and businesses. The program represents an unprecedented opportunity for local participation.

With 23 vendors on hand, more than 150 participants took part in the fair and heard a panel discussion from current trades members and contractor employees; capped off by CISCO's presentation that provides a snapshot on each trade and the requirements to apply to an apprenticeship program.



*CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen talks to attendees about apprenticeship programs within the building trades. Co-presenter Johnetta Ryan, CISCO's Education-to-Careers Director looks on.*

### PANEL DISCUSSION

A four-member panel (see photo top of middle column) spoke about the barriers, challenges, work ethic and technology changes that affect their jobs.



*Panel shares viewpoints on job impacts such as work ethic, challenges, barriers to success and technology.*

Three building trades men and one woman on the panel all agreed that technology changes weekly, if not daily, in the construction industry; with one panelist saying that "there will be babies born who will never know that light bulbs ever existed."

The female member of the panel, who was the supervisor of 50 workers on the job site, said that respect is earned. "I am the first one at the job site and the last to leave. Working hard and getting along with different personalities is one of many challenges, but in the end, it is rewarding to see a job done right under safe working conditions."

Following are photos of some of the building trades that were on hand for the O'Hare 21 Workforce Fair.



*Dave Sylvester of the Sheet Metal Workers Local 73 talks to a Fair attendee about applying to the apprenticeship program.*



*Hector Hernandez of the Painters District Council speaks to an attendee.*



*Maurice King of IBEW Local 134 talks to a crowd of interested students.*



*Dave Naprstek, Bricklayers Apprenticeship Coordinator, describes the program to two interested persons.*

### CISCO WELCOMES NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER TO THE FOLD

The Cook County Department of Building & Zoning has joined CISCO as an associate member. The agency conducts responsible and timely inspections of buildings and properties, and enforces all applicable building codes and zoning ordinances.

*More news and photos on the back page.*

# CISCO ON THE MOVE

## REGISTER TODAY FOR CISCO'S ANNUAL LUNCHEON - APRIL 24TH



Tickets are selling fast for the Annual Luncheon. Register early so you don't miss out on hearing Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

In anticipation of a large audience, CISCO's 2020 Annual Luncheon has been being moved from its usual Maggiano's venue 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;  
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## ASA EXPO/CONSTRUCTION SAFETY CONFERENCE HITS A GRAND SLAM

Last week's two-day Construction Expo and Safety Conference saw its first-ever sell-out as 1,455 attendees were on hand to network with 131 companies, 23 general contractors, 144 booths and 57 sponsors.



Keynote  
Speaker Anthony  
Huey (left) spoke  
in the Drury  
Lane theater  
on the topic of  
"Protecting Your  
Reputation in a  
Crisis."



*CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen talks to students from a local middle school about their ideas to improve safety at construction sites.*

Hundreds of conference-goers stopped by CISCO's booth to learn about CISCO's mission and goals.



*Many visitors stopped by the CISCO booth during the event as (from left) Dan Allen and Johnetta Ryan were joined by Chicagoland AGC Executive Director Tom Cuculich (CISCO Board Member) and Aaron Janik, MARBA Executive Director.*

## DRAMA REIGNS DURING LECET'S TRUCK GIVEAWAY

There was plenty of drama this year during the Chicago Area LECET's 18th Annual Safety Incentive Program Awards Ceremony. With 12 nominees poised to win a new 2020 Silverado truck, the intensity increased as the first seven finalists approached the vehicle and their key did not unlock the door.



*Laborer Anthony Kusch of Local 4 reacts after his key opened the door and he won a new Silverado truck.*

Finally, Anthony Kusch of Local #4 picked up the winning pouch and his key (lucky #7) opened the front door and the confetti rained down. Kusch was sponsored by L S Contracting Group. Congratulations Anthony!

