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## CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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### CHICAGO MAYOR SCHEDULED SPEAKER AT CISCO LUNCHEON - APRIL 21, 2017

CISCO is officially announcing that Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel is the scheduled speaker at this year's Annual Luncheon set for Friday, April 21.



**NOTE:** This year's luncheon will be held at Maggiano's Little Italy Chicago at 516 North Clark Street. Registration begins at 11:00 am with the Lunch/Program starting at Noon.

CISCO recommends that you register early for this event. A table of 10 guests will cost \$800; single guests will be \$85 each. Cost includes three-course luncheon, open bar and complimentary valet parking.

To register, contact Julia Mulvey at (630) 472-9411 or via email: [julia@cisco.org](mailto:julia@cisco.org). View the registration form, via the following link: <http://cisco.org/wp-content/pdf/Emanuel-17.pdf>

If your organization would like to be listed as a sponsor of the luncheon, the cost is \$250.

Under Mayor Emanuel, the City of Chicago has experienced a construction renaissance evidenced by its record number of building permits, the billion dollar renovation of CTA infrastructure, as well as the billion dollar-plus redevelopment program for Navy Pier and the McCormick Square neighborhood to name just a few examples.

In addition to having set a post-recession record for crane permits in 2016, Chicago was recently named by the *PitchBook* research company as the top city for the most profitable start up companies in the country.

### CISCO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS TO BE HONORED DURING LUNCHEON

Announcement of the winners of CISCO's 2017 Scholarship Program will be coming next week. The recipients will be recognized at the Annual Luncheon on April 21st.



### CISCO PRESENCE AT ASA EXPO AND CONSTRUCTION SAFETY CONFERENCE

CISCO made the rounds and had many visitors at its booth at the Annual ASA Chicago and Construction Safety Conference on March 7th at the Drury Lane Conference Center in Oakbrook Terrace. See photos below.



*CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen provides an organizational overview to Tracey Lipinis of Satellite Shelters.*



*From left: III-FFC's Jody Frailey and Carmela Gonzalez; Mike Hancock, Meade Special Projects Mgr. and Kevin Burke, VP, Operating Engineers Local 150.*



*Conference attendees network among the many vendors and exhibitors.*

### CISCO TO CO-SPONSOR CPS HANDS-ON EXPO AT CARPENTERS APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINING CTR.

CISCO will co-sponsor a Hands-On Expo with the Chicago Public Schools on Tuesday, March 14 at the Carpenters Apprenticeship & Training Center satellite location in Chicago at 2141 S. Union Avenue.



*Carpenters Assistant Apprenticeship Coordinators Nick Sanfilippo (left) and Kina McAfee supervise a hammering exercise with a group of CPS students during last year's hands-on event in Chicago.*

This event features representatives from 12 different trades who will instruct almost 300 CPS students, who have already registered for the event.

Student participants will try out basic techniques giving them an idea of what it is like to lay brick, run a jackhammer or hammer a nail.

Each year, CISCO's Education-to-Careers Program has successfully offered Hands-On Expos and Career Fairs in order to make students and adults aware of the benefits of a career in the union construction industry.

For more information about the apprenticeship programs, contact Johnetta Ryan at (630) 472-9411.

*More news and photos on the back page.*

# CISCO ON THE MOVE

## RECORD NUMBER GRADUATE FROM LABORERS' APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

In a recent ceremony held at the Chicago Laborers' District Council headquarters in Burr Ridge, guests, families and staff witnessed 80 men and women graduate from the Apprenticeship Program – the largest class in history.

Paul Hoetzer, Laborers' Apprenticeship Coordinator, served as the master of ceremonies, and was followed by several speakers, including LIUNA Great Lakes Regional Vice President Terrence Healy, who said "the value of education is the future of our industry."



*Laborers' Apprenticeship Coordinator Paul Hoetzer greets the graduates and their guests to begin the ceremony.*



*LIUNA Great Lakes Regional Vice President Terrence Healy congratulated the graduates during his remarks.*

Afterward, each graduate came up to the stage to receive their



*Paul Hoetzer poses with apprenticeship graduate Sergio Lopez, Local 2, as he receives his diploma.*

diploma amidst cheers and applause from nearly 200 guests and staff members.



*Stevie Mays, Local 5, - another one of the record-breaking graduation class - receives his certificate from Paul Hoetzer.*



*Proudly receiving his diploma is Rodrigo Lopez, Local 152.*

## UCA OFFERS TECHNOLOGY CRISIS SEMINAR - THURSDAY, MARCH 16

Did you know that, on average, businesses lose between \$84,000 and \$108,000 for every hour of IT system downtime? In addition, financial services, telecommunications, manufacturing and energy lead the list of industries with a high rate of revenue loss during IT downtime.

The Underground Contractors Association will host - "Lunch & Learn: When Disaster Strikes: The Good, Bad and Ugly Practices In Disaster Recovery" on Thursday, March 16 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the UCA Office, 500 Park Blvd., Suite 154C, Itasca, IL 60143.

Presenter Andrew Martin of First Communications Business Continuity will lead the program. Each participant will earn 2 professional development hours (PDH) at the end of the event. For more information on how to register, contact the Underground Contractors Association at (630) 467-1919.

## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

### WORKER SAFETY RULE ABOLISHED

In a narrow vote of 49 to 48, Senate Republicans voted to eliminate the regulation called the Fair Pay and Safe Workplace rule. While the vast majority of federal contractors play by the rules, every year tens of thousands of American workers are unlawfully denied overtime wages, discriminated against in hiring or pay, put in physical danger on the job, or otherwise denied basic workplace protections by the federal contractors who employ them. Now, this new measure rolls back the Obama-era safety regulations.

"This is the opening salvo of the Republican's war on workers," said Deborah Berkowitz, an OSHA senior policy adviser. "It sends a signal that Congress and the administration are listening to big business and their lobbyists and not standing up for the interests of the American workers."

### BUSINESSES CHOOSE ILLINOIS

*Site Selection Magazine* has announced that Illinois - with 434 projects - is number 3 in the entire country with the most new and expanded facilities per capita.

Right-to-work (for less) states Indiana and Wisconsin failed to make the top of the list.

According to surveys, businesses state their top two keys for success are: 1) a skilled labor workforce, and 2) a quality transportation system.

The union construction industry's contractors and skilled workers provide both the work force and the infrastructure, which is directly responsible for this business growth.

