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CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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INDUSTRY NEWS: CONGRESS PASSES \$1 TRILLION INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

Last week, the U.S. Congress passed a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill that funds more nationwide federal spending.



The bill puts about \$240 billion toward building or rebuilding roads, bridges, public transit, airports and railways. More than \$150 billion is slated for projects that address climate change, like building electric vehicle charging stations, upgrading energy grids and production to work better with renewables, and making public transit more environmentally sustainable.

There's funding for cybersecurity, clean water and waste treatment systems, broadband Internet connections and more.

The bill is the largest investment in the nation's infrastructure in decades. An economic analysis found the infrastructure bill alone would, at its peak in the middle of the decade, temporarily increase the number of jobs in the U.S. by 650,000.

The new infrastructure spending could be used to promote fair wages, health care benefits, fair working conditions, and ensure that products are sourced in a sustainable and ethical manner. This approach can also be used to demand locally produced goods and services, and support for veteran-, minority- and women-owned businesses.

CISCO ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2022

CISCO's Annual Meeting will return to its regular annual time-frame and be held on Friday, February 11, 2022. The event will also return to a familiar venue - Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant in Schaumburg, 1901 E. Woodfield Road. Invitations will be sent out in December, so members should watch their mailboxes, email boxes, social media and other outlets for the official notice.



Last year's Labor Advocate of the Year, State Rep. Marcus Evans Jr., accepts his award.

made positive impact on the union construction industry. Those individual recognitions include Educator of the Year, Public Body of the Year and Labor Advocate of the Year.

Lastly, the Board of Directors chooses (in December) top construction projects in six different categories to round out the awards - The 2021 Projects of the Year.

These awards highlight top-quality projects built by union contractors across Northeastern Illinois.

Winners are selected based on the projects' design, quality of construction, safety record, and impact on the surrounding community. Stay tuned for event details in December.

In addition, the event will feature the presentation of CISCO's Pride in Construction Awards - now in its 17th year. The awards recognize three individuals who have

"CISCO IN THE LOOP" TO KEEP STUDENTS INFORMED OF UPCOMING EVENTS

CISCO works with many of our partners, educational entities and community groups to plan events that can be described, in general, as resource fairs where some involve hands-on activities and others provide information on how to apply to one of the building trades' apprenticeship programs.

Getting that information about upcoming events to our audience of students and young adults is a challenge, and this new platform on CISCO's website (www.cisco.org) hopefully can make a difference.

The new platform, called "CISCO In The Loop" is a way for the Education-To-Careers audiences to access information about upcoming resource fairs, apprenticeship opportunities and view virtual tours of several of the building trades' apprenticeship programs and training centers. These videos highlight interviews with current apprentices, instructors and apprenticeship directors/coordinators.



In addition, a QR code has been created that will link the user directly to the platform's main website page that features a

subscription sign-in option enabling interested students and young adults to receive email notices about upcoming events and other Education-to-Careers news.

More news and photos on the back page.

CISCO ON THE MOVE

CISCO ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UNDERWAY FOR 2022



CISCO has begun to accept applications for its long-standing Annual Scholarship

Awards Program. The applications for these different categories can be found on CISCO's website/homepage at www.cisco.org.

The three scholarship program categories are: **1) Four-year college scholarships for high school seniors; 2) Two-year awards for seniors planning on attending a community college; and 3) Two-year continuing education awards to union members or contractor employees.**

The deadline to submit the applications is Friday, February 18, 2022. Interested students may email the completed applications, or send in the mail. For more information, call CISCO at (630) 472-9411.

CISCO BEGINS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ANNUAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

CISCO'S Project of the Year Award is kicking off its 17th year of accepting applications for some of the best construction projects of the past 18 months (May 2020 – Dec. 2021).



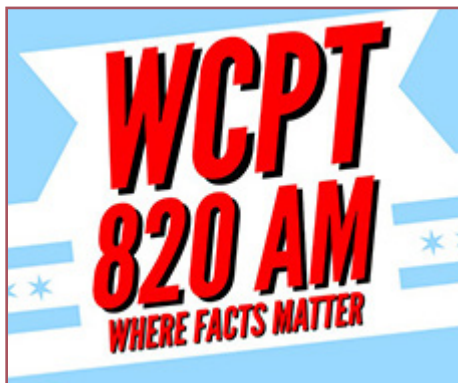
New Construction Chicago winner in 2020 - Navy Pier Hotel & Rooftop Venue.

The award gives general contractors, owners, engineers and architects a chance to submit projects in six different categories that include the areas of new construction, renovation/rehabilitation, residential construction and infrastructure.

The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, 2021. The application form for the program can be found on CISCO's website/homepage at www.cisco.org. For more information, contact Gary Karafiat, Director of Communications & Public Affairs at 630.472.9411 or via email: gary@cisco.org.

WCPT - 820 AM TO HOST VIRTUAL LABOR PANEL - NOV. 10, 4-6 PM

CISCO's Dan Allen and Jamillah Muhammad will be panelists featured on WCPT's special, two-hour, Labor Panel today from 4:00-6:00 pm.



The virtual program will be hosted by National Show Host Thom Hartmann and co-hosted by Joan Esposito and Patti Vasquez.

The Labor Panel Program will be live on WCPT - 820 AM and be live streamed on WCPT820.com, as well as live streamed on Facebook and mobile apps, which means that people can watch the program on CISCO Facebook page.

Dan will be joined by leaders from Finishing Chicago, SMART Local 265, Operating Engineers Local 399, Blue Cross Blue Shield, IBEW Local 176 and the Chicago Federation of Labor.

Conversations will be about issues that impact both the labor community and middle class, including the labor-friendly infrastructure plan, the Pro Act, how immigration reform affects labor, the role of diversity and inclusion in the building trades, and the future of clean energy training and jobs.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK NOVEMBER 15 - 21, 2021



Mark your calendars for the 7th Annual National Apprenticeship Week (NAW), which will take place on November 15-21, 2021. NAW is a nationwide celebration that brings together business leaders, career seekers, labor, educational institutions, and other critical partners to demonstrate their support for apprenticeships.

ILEPI - 5TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The Illinois Economic Policy Institute (ILEPI) will be holding its 5th Annual Fundraiser Monday, February 7, 2022 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Banquet Hall located at 6240 Joliet Road in Countryside.

In order to protect the health of all attending, ILEPI is asking that all attendees show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within the previous 72 hours. **For more information, go to www.illinoisepi.org/fundraiser**

SALUTING OUR VETERANS

CISCO salutes the more than 2 million veterans, who protected our freedom, and are now back in the workforce and proud union members.

Our veterans fought to protect the freedom and rights we enjoy in our country.

We must ensure career opportunities for all veterans, and build a stronger working class.

