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#### CHICAGO WOMEN IN TRADES CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 13-15



Approximately 1,700 women attended the recent 2017 Conference and were treated to several speakers, including Cook County Board Chairman Toni Preckwinkle.



The theme of the Conference was "Women Build Nations" as the conference returned to Chicago and was held at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Hotel and McCormick Place Convention Center, the largest convention center in the country, which many tradeswomen helped to build!

In addition, many hands-on demonstrations were available as 12 different building trades set up booth displays and the ladies got a glimpse into the career of a woman in the union construction industry.



The building trades that were present were the Painters & Drywall Finishers, Bricklayers, Tuckpointers, Ceramic Tile Setters, Operating

Engineers 150, Laborers, Electricians, Iron Workers, Architectural Iron Workers, Heat & Frost Insulators 17, Plumbers, and Elevator Constructors.











#### RESERVE YOUR SEAT: PREVAILING WAGE SEMINAR – OCTOBER 25

This FREE seminar is a mustattend for public body employees, contractors and attorneys. The seminar will be held from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Double Tree Downers Grove, 2111 Butterfield Road on Wednesday, October 25.

The event is a multi-sponsor effort led by the Prevailing Wage Council, III-FFC, CISCO, MARBA, UCA and other organizations.

Learn about the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, how to ensure compliance with the Act, and the challenging landscape of prevailing wage coverage. For more information, and to register, contact Laura Byrne at lbyrne@iiiffc.org.

#### PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARDS – DEADLINE DECEMBER 1, 2017

CISCO's Project of the Year Award is kicking off its 13th year of accepting applications for some of the best construction projects of the past 18 months. The award gives general contractors, owners, engineers and architects a chance to submit projects in 6 different categories that includes new construction, renovation, residential construction, and infrastructure. Visit <u>www.cisco.</u> <u>org/projects-of-the-year/</u> to download the easy three-step application form.

The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 1st. For more information, call Gary Karafiat, Director of Communications & Public Affairs at (630) 472-9411.

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# **CISCO ON THE MOVE**

#### NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK – NOVEMBER 13-17, 2017

As part of National Apprenticeship Week, CISCO has learned of three Apprenticeship Programs that are planning Open House events for November 15th, 16th and 17th.

1) The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters will host an Open House both Wednesday, Nov. 15th and Thursday, Nov. 16th at 1256 Estes Avenue in Elk Grove Village. Tours start at 5:30 p.m., followed by a main presentation from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.



Carpenters Assistant Apprenticeship Coordinator Nick Sanfilippo (left) helps a participant during a measuring exercise at a recent construction expo.

The benefits of registered apprenticeship programs are substantial. For the industry, they diversify the workforce, improve productivity/profitability, standardize training, and reduce turnover. To register, go to http://www.chicap.org/ apprenticeship-open-house/

2) A second Open House is being hosted by SMART Local 265 Sheet Metal Workers. Local 265's event begins at 7:00 a.m. through 7:30



p.m. at 205 Alexandra Way, Carol Stream, IL 60188.

The Training Center is opening its doors to all who

are currently engaged in, or interested in the Sheet Metal and HVAC service industries. Call 630/668.0110 or email: training@smw265.org.

#### The third Open House is being



held by the Chicago Area Painters

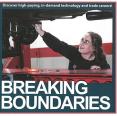
and Drywall Finishers. It will be held

on Friday, Nov. 17th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at 1101 N. Taft Avenue, Berkeley, IL 60163.

This Open House will feature a presentation about the Painters and Drywall Finishers Apprenticeship Program and a facility tour. The event is free and open to the public and business community. It will feature trade demonstrations and attendees will have the opportunity to meet with instructors and apprentices.

#### NEXT BREAKING BOUNDARIES EVENT SET FOR NOVEMBER 17

The next event in the Breaking Boundaries: Career Exploration Series



for Women will take place at Universal Technical Institute (UTI) on Friday, Nov. 17 from 9:00 a.m. -

Noon at 2611 Corporate West Drive in Lisle, IL 60532.

Join CISCO and WorkNet DuPage for a panel discussion about highpaying, in-demand careers. Learn about educational opportunities, visit with local employers, talk to building trade apprenticeship instructors, and tour UTI's training labs. For more information, please contact Tia Brooks at (630) 942-2389 or via email: tbrooks@worknetdupage.org

#### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM KICKS OFF – APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 23, 2017

The Construction Industry Service Corporation (CISCO) is now accepting applications for its 2018 Scholarship Program. The three different program categories enable a wider range of students of both building trade union members and union contractor employees to apply.



CISCO now offers (3), fouryear scholarships (\$2,000/year) to high school seniors; (2),

two-year awards (\$1,000/year) for seniors planning to attend community college; and (2), two-year continuing education awards (\$1,000/year) to union members or contractor employees.

All applications and accompanying documents must be postmarked by February 23, 2018 to be eligible for consideration. Winners will be notified in mid-March and awards will be presented at CISCO's Annual Luncheon in April, 2017. For judging criteria, application information, and eligibility requirements, please refer to the application forms.

To download the applications, go to <u>www.cisco.org/scholarships/</u>. For additional information, call CISCO at 630-472-9411.

#### UCA HOLIDAY PARTY: 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Underground Contractors Association will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in the industry on Friday, November 17, 2017.

The event begins with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. The party will be held at the Eaglewood Resort & Spa, 1401 Nordic Road, Itasca, IL 60143.

The Mix will be performing live music so members can dance the night away. For registration details contact Lauren Fosmoen at lfosmoen@uca.org.

