



# CISCO

## CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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### CISCO WELCOMES RETURN OF TOM COLLINS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Collins, newly elected Business Manager of Sprinkler Fitters Local 281, has been named to the CISCO Board of Directors replacing retiring member Dennis Fleming, who served for the past seven years.



Tom previously served as a Board member for CISCO from 1991 through 2006, and served as Board President in 1994 and 1996.

Tom was also the Business Manager for Sprinkler Fitters Local 281 from 1986 through 2007, before being re-elected and taking the reins July 1, 2019.

"We are excited to have Tom back, who served on our board during CISCO's early years of formation," said Executive Director Dan Allen. "His perspective and knowledge of the industry strengthens our board even further."

### CISCO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: DEADLINE TO APPLY - FEB. 21, 2020



CISCO is accepting applications for its 2020 Scholarship Program. The three

different categories enable a wider range of students of both union building trade members and union contractor employees to apply.

CISCO offers (3), four-year scholarships to high school seniors; (2), two-year awards for seniors planning on

attending a community college; and (2), two-year continuing education awards to union members or contractor employees.

The application forms can be downloaded from CISCO's website ([www.cisco.org](http://www.cisco.org)). All applications and accompanying documents must be postmarked by February 21, 2020. For more information, contact CISCO at 630.472.9411.

### PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD: DEADLINE TO APPLY - DEC. 4, 2019

CISCO'S Project of the Year Award is kicking off its 15th year of accepting applications for some of the best construction projects of the past 18 months. (June 2018 - December 2019)



*One of last year's winners is shown above - Luther Burbank Elementary School in Burbank, IL for New Construction Category.*

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. Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019. For more information, contact Gary Karafiat, Director of Communications & Public Affairs at 630.472.9411 or via email: [gary@cisco.org](mailto:gary@cisco.org).

### CISCO & BUILDING TRADES GOLF OUTINGS PARTNER FOR CHARITY

Thanks to the generosity of guests at both CISCO's Annual Golf Outing and the Chicago & Cook County Building Trades outing, our designated charity - Gateway To Learning (GTL) - received a double contribution totaling \$15,000.



*Ralph Affrunti, President of the Chicago & Cook County Building Trades (back row left) poses with Gateway to Learning Executive Director Kathryn Lavin (back row right). Joining them in the photo are GTL team members (from left, front row) Mario, Colleen and Melissa.*

CISCO provided a \$5,000 donation to Gateway to Learning, and the Chicago & Cook County Building Trades (CCBT) presented a check to GTL for an additional \$10,000.

The CCBT contributions were raised during its golf outing on September 27 as 360 golfers purchased raffle tickets toward this worthy cause.

Ralph Affrunti, CCBT President, mentioned that the union members and union contractors had combined to raise over \$5 million for charity this year alone.

CISCO would like to thank everyone who contributed at both golf outings this year!

*More news and photos on the back page.*

# CISCO ON THE MOVE

## EDUCATION-TO-CAREERS SET FOR A BUSY FALL SCHEDULE

With National Apprenticeship Week quickly approaching in mid-November, it seems appropriate to highlight some of the upcoming



events in the area of Education-To-Careers that CISCO has planned.

The Illinois State Apprenticeship Committee will be hosting a Counselor & Educator Conference at the IBEW/NECA Local 134 Training Center, 6201 W. 115th Street in Alsip. It will be held on Friday, Nov. 15th, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. This is a free event, with Hands-On portions. CPDU's and lunch will be provided. To register/for more information, email: [johnetta@cisco.org](mailto:johnetta@cisco.org).

In addition to the ISAC conference, there will be three Hands-On events in the next month:

➔ Wednesday, October 30 - Lincoln-Way East High School will be the location for students from Lincoln-Way East, West and Central to learn about careers in the trades.

➔ Tuesday, November 12 - The Obama Foundation will be working with CISCO on an event at Hyde Park High School in Chicago to attract students and adults into the union construction apprenticeship programs.

➔ Thursday, November 14 - Painters District Council 30 will be hosting a Hands-On Expo at their Apprentice Training Center in Aurora, where the public is being notified about the opportunity to tour the facility and learn more about the trade.



## RCEC HOLDS ANNUAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

Last week, the Residential Construction Employers Council held its annual Economic Conference with about 50 attendees on hand in Schaumburg.



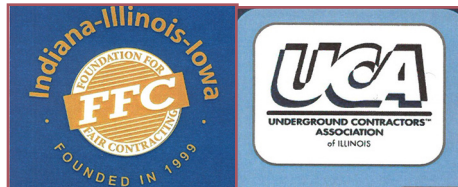
Presenting to the group were William Strauss from the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (see above photo) and Erik Doersching of Tracy Cross & Associates, Inc.

Mr. Strauss focused on the economic outlook for 2019 and 2020, while Mr. Doersching touched on the auditing of single-family, townhome, condominium, conversion and apartment developments.

The outlook for the U.S. economy is expected to expand at a pace slightly above trend in the next two years, while housing is predicted to improve at a modest pace, according to the two experts.

## FREE PREVAILING WAGE SEMINAR

The Indiana, Illinois and Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting (III-



FFC), the Underground Contractors Association (UCA) and the Mid-America Regional Bargaining Association (MARBA) are hosting a FREE Prevailing Wage seminar on Tuesday, October 8 from 8:30 a.m.

to 2:15 p.m. at the IUOE Local 150 District 3 Hall, 28874 Route 120, Lakemoor, IL 60051.

Guest speakers will include Doris Acevedo, IDOL; Leah Bartlet, Illinois Attorney General's Office; Michael Duffee, Thompson Coburn, LLC; Frank Manzo IV, Illinois Economic Policy Institute; and Josh Weger, III-FFC Policy Director.

To register, please contact Laura Byrne at [lbyrne@iifcc.org](mailto:lbyrne@iifcc.org).

## IALC TO HONOR AMALGAMATED VP MICHAEL SOMONE



The Italian American Labor Council is honoring Michael A. Somone, Vice President of Government and Union Services for Amalgamated Bank of Chicago

as its *Man of the Year* at a gala dinner event Saturday, October 5 at the Local 150 Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road in Countryside.

Michael joined Amalgamated Bank in 2013. He currently serves as the Treasurer of the IALC.

## PHOTO OF THE MONTH



*CISCO Board Member Jim McGlynn receives the Abraham Lincoln Leadership Award at the recent NECA Convention in Las Vegas.*

