3rd ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION EXPO
CISCO, St. Paul Community Development Ministries (SPCDM), Chicago Teachers Union and CPS will once again join forces to showcase careers in the construction industry to students and adults.

During last year’s event, Carpenters Instructor Bill Jordan helps this young man with measuring a board prior to cutting.

With more than 500 people registered for tomorrow’s event, it promises to be another huge success. For more information about the skilled union trades, contact Johnetta Ryan, CISCO’s Education-to-Careers Director at (630) 472-9411.

MILITARY VETERAN CONSTRUCTION CAREER EXPO – MONDAY, AUGUST 29
CISCO is partnering with Helmets to Hard Hats to conduct a Construction Career Expo on Monday, August 29 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post # 5220, 9514 S. 52nd Avenue in Oak Lawn, Illinois.

Learn more about the Building Trade Union Apprenticeship Programs: How to Apply; requirements; benefits; and the Post 9/11 GI Bill Approved Training Program. For more information, contact CISCO’s Education-to-Careers Director Johnetta Ryan at (630) 472-9411.

CISCO GOLF OUTING – SOLD OUT!
SPONSORSHIP STILL AVAILABLE
CISCO’s Annual Golf Outing has just been sold out! But there are still opportunities to join in on the fun! You and your colleagues can still sign up for the barbecue lunch, which begins around 1:30 pm, Monday, September 12, 2016 at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. The cost for the lunch is $40 per person.

There are also many ways to sponsor the outing. Hole, Beverage Cart, Halfway House and Lunch sponsorships are available, as well as registration table and prize donations.

Halfway House and Beverage sponsorships are $300, and a Lunch sponsorship is $500. Call CISCO today to take advantage of these opportunities at (630) 472-9411, or visit www.cisco.org to view the many sponsorship options.

MARK PALMER NAMED EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR
CISCO is proud to announce that one of its avid partners and associate members, Mark Palmer, Executive Director of the Finishing Contractors Association of Illinois (FCAI) has been awarded the Affiliate Executive of the Year Award during this year’s National FCA Annual Meeting.

The award recognizes the Executive who has had the biggest impact on the finishing industry, as well as demonstrating strong leadership. Congrats Mark!

OPERATING ENGINEERS # 150 RAISES $300,000 FOR MILITARY FAMILIES
International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150 President-Business Manager James M. Sweeney presented a check for $300,000 to the Navy SEAL-Naval Special Warfare Family Foundation at Local 150’s charity golf fundraiser, the James M. Sweeney Classic. The event drew more than 500 golfers to four golf courses in Lemont, and the check was presented to Craig Cassel, Secretary of the Foundation.

“Both as Americans, and as an industry, supporting the needs of our military families is deeply personal,” said IUOE Local 150 President James Sweeney. “Veterans who are coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan are increasingly turning to the construction trades for civilian employment, and the industry is welcoming them with open arms.”

More news and photos on the back page.
BENSENVILLE CAREER FAIR WRAP UP

CISCO and the Village of Bensenville partnered on a Hands-On Career Fair for area residents on August 3rd right in front of Village Hall. Among the many union trades represented at the event were the Electricians, Carpenters, Bricklayers, Laborers, Pipefitters, Roofers and Operating Engineers Local 150.

“DEALING WITH CONTRACTORS WHO CHEAT TO COMPETE”

CISCO and several organizations also partnered with the Indiana, Illinois Foundation for Fair Contracting (III-FFC) earlier in the month to provide a FREE workshop on Wednesday, August 10.

The workshop taught practical, effective strategies to keep low-road contractors who cheat to compete from winning contracts for public works jobs.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE A HIT

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Who is that masked man on the left? He took his turn at the computerized welding exercise offered by the Pipefitters Local 597 in their mobile truck. And, yes, it was none other Bensenville Mayor Frank Soto, shown at the right, accepting CISCO’s 2013 Public Body of the Year Award on behalf of the Village of Bensenville won in January 2014.

Above, Operating Engineers Local 150 Instructor James Cuadrado watches as a young Bensenville resident looks like a pro during a computer-simulated exercise, while his big sister waits her turn.


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At left, Laborers’ Apprenticeship Coordinator Paul Hoetzer watches as a Bensenville resident takes his turn at operating a hammer drill.

In the photo above, AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka and FMCS Director Allison Beck discussed national issues following Mr. Trumka’s keynote address.