IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED: REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS UNDER ATTACK

The current national system of registered apprenticeships has been launching Americans into the middle class since 1937. Construction apprentices who undergo the USDOL-approved programs become the most highly skilled craftsmen and women in the world. Today’s building trades fund their respective apprenticeship programs through the collaborative efforts and expertise of both labor and management. This partnership has created the second-largest privately-funded educational system in the country – without using one single dime of taxpayer money.

These skilled men and women of the trades have built America from the ground up. Our country’s roads, bridges, mass transit systems, electrical distribution grids, shipping ports, schools, airports and water distribution mechanisms are the result of the training that these professionals received due to the rigid standards of the current USDOL apprenticeship protocols.

This new proposal would drive down standards for the world-class apprenticeship programs that workers and industries depend on. It would jeopardize not only good jobs, but safety standards in industries like construction. Watering down these programs is just plain wrong.

Right now, the Department of Labor is asking the public for feedback on this misguided proposal. We have to let them know that working people won’t stand for this.

Click on this link: https://www.saveconstructionapprenticeships.org/#/34/

The public comment deadline is August 26, so submit comments now!

More news and photos on the back page.
If you do anything this summer, take some time to start planning your foursomes now for the annual shotgun style outing and barbecue lunch, Monday, Sept. 9, 2019 at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road.

- Registration and FREE practice range begins at 7 am.
- Golf begins at 8 am.
- Cocktails and lunch start around 1:30 pm.

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.

Sponsorship options:
- Hole – $200; Beverage Cart – $300
- Halfway House – $300; Lunch – $500
- Golf/Lunch costs: $125 per golfer; $475 per foursome (includes lunch) – $40 LUNCH ONLY

Go to www.cisco.org to download the registration/sponsorship form – and return it us, or call 630-472-9411 to reserve your foursomes today!

CISCO would like to echo its congratulations to James McGlynn, Sr., President of McWilliams Electric Company, Inc. as the recipient of NECA’s 2019 “Abraham Lincoln Leadership” Award.

One of CISCO’s longest serving board members, Jim McGlynn has been a CISCO Board Member since 1992. During those 27 years, he served as President in 2000-2001, and has been an Executive Board Member for several years. He also currently serves on the CISCO Legislative Committee.

He is to receive the award during the upcoming NECA Convention in Las Vegas. The Chapter will have a special Open House reception for Mr. McGlynn on Monday, September 16, 2019 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm at the Foundation Room on the Mandalay Bay property. Please contact the Chicago & Cook County Chapter - NECA if you plan on attending.

CISCO will team up with St. Paul Community Development Ministries (SPCDM), the Chicago & Cook County Building Trades, Chicago Federation of Labor, The Hill Group and W.E. O’Neil on the 6th Annual Construction Conference & Expo on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at the SPCDM campus at 4550 S. Wabash in Chicago.

Several different building trades will be on hand and during the Expo, attendees will be able to interact with the trades’ representatives to learn first-hand what it takes to become an electrician, carpenter, bricklayer, operating engineer, pipefitter or learn about other union building trades careers. The registration link is: https://spcdmconstructioncareer.eventbrite.com

The Chicagoland Safety Health and Environmental Conference will be held September 16-19, 2019 at the Naperville Illinois campus of NIU. TO REGISTER: www.chisafetyconf.org. The organization is celebrating 31 years of holding the conference, which is a premier 4 day, professional safety and business training conference. The conference features 86 professional training sessions including Fall Protection, Electrical Safety, Workers Comp, Active Shooter, Opioid Crisis, Marijuana in the Workplace and more.

Contact Gary Karafiat via email - gary@cisco.org - for a sample letter in order for you to add your voice.