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## CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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### ISAC COUNSELOR CONFERENCE

The Illinois State Apprenticeship Committee is hosting a Counselor Conference on Friday, September 28 at the Operating Engineers Apprenticeship School in Wilmington, 19800 Arsenal Rd. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

The conference is FREE and CDPU points will be given. Learn the skills students will need to get into the Union Construction Apprenticeship Programs through hands on activities and panel discussions. For more information contact **Johnetta Ryan**, CISCO's Education-to Careers Director at (630) 472-9411 or via e-mail at [johnetta@cisco.org](mailto:johnetta@cisco.org).

### MANAGING GREEN BUILDING RISKS

The Builders Association is hosting a Lunch & Learn Webinar from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12. The webinar will enable participants to 1) Identify legal and insurance risks associated with construction of green projects, and 2) Define and manage by contract the legal responsibilities of contractors and other participants in a green project.

To register online, visit [www.bldrs.org/news-events/calendar.aspx](http://www.bldrs.org/news-events/calendar.aspx). E-mail registrations to **Patty Heier**, [pheier@bldrs.org](mailto:pheier@bldrs.org). For questions about the event, contact **Stacey Kelly** at 847-318-8585 or [skelly@bldrs.org](mailto:skelly@bldrs.org).

### CYPRESS CREEK (HB 3636) UPDATE

The latest information regarding this important piece of legislation is that the Illinois House Judiciary Committee will meet in Chicago on Monday, September 24, 2012. During

that meeting, the Judiciary Committee will hear testimony on the impact of the Cypress Creek decision on the construction industry. For more information on this effort, please visit IMSCA's website at: [www.imsca.org](http://www.imsca.org).

### GOLF OUTING - SEPT. 10 - LAST CALL



There are still 10 days to register to play in CISCO's popular "Last Swing" Golf Outing, which will be held this year on **Monday,**

**September 10**, at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Shotgun start begins at 8:00 a.m.; cocktails and lunch to follow. For more information, call CISCO at 630-472-9411, or visit our website home page ([www.cisco.org](http://www.cisco.org)) and download the registration form.



### RT. 53 STUDY GETS FUNDING OK

The Illinois Tollway took another small, yet positive step, toward making the long sought Illinois Route 53 extension a reality by committing more resources toward studying the project. The Tollway board approved spending an unspecified amount to help pay for a land-use plan for the path the proposed extension would take through Lake County. An Advisory Council in June had recommended a four-lane "parkway" extending Rt. 53 north 12.5 miles from Lake-Cook Road forming a "T" with a 14-mile corridor along Highway 120 near Grayslake.

### CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS AGAIN

The construction industry's unemployment rate dropped to 12.3 %. This is lowest rate reported since October 2008. Two out of three major areas of the construction industry added jobs last month, the labor Department announced. Heavy and civil engineering added 6,200 jobs and building construction companies added 5,300 jobs. - **Source: Construction Labor Report.**

### INDUSTRY NEWS

Builder confidence improved again in August, rising two points to its highest level in more than five years, the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) reported August 15. The NAHB-Wells Fargo Housing Market Index rose to a reading of 37 this month from 35 in July, marking its fourth consecutive gain; the highest reading since February 2007. The survey is based on responses to three questions, which are used to calculate a seasonally adjusted index in which a reading over 50 indicates that more builders view sales conditions as good rather than poor. - **Source: Construction Labor Report.**

### CISCO WORKSHOP UPDATE

CISCO will be offering three Fall workshops in October and November of 2012. The two November workshops will involve a partnership with the Capital Development Board, while the October workshop will involve procurement for work at Argonne and Fermi National Labs. Final dates and locations have yet to be finalized, but stay tuned to this e-newsletter or visit our website at [www.cisco.org](http://www.cisco.org).