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CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

Construction Industry Service Corporation - www.cisco.org - 630.472.9411 - Dan Allen, Executive Director

CISCO'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dan Allen will step in as CISCO's new Executive Director on August 19th. Allen comes to CISCO from the City of Chicago, where he has spent his last 10 years of a 30-year career there as

the city's Chief Electrical Inspector. Dan, himself a member of IBEW Local 134 since 1982, is also affiliated with the Electrical Contractor's Association.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead such an exceptional organization that is so thoroughly involved with our union brothers and sisters that comprise the local building trades and union contractors in northeastern Illinois," Allen said.

LAST CALL FOR CISCO OUTING!



This is your last chance to register for or sponsor CISCO's "Last Swing" Golf Outing on Monday, Sept. 9. At \$90/

golfer and \$350/foursome, this is the best value around!! The 2013 Outing will again be held at Bloomingdale Golf Course. The day begins at 7:00 a.m. with registration, followed by a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. After golf, a barbeque-style lunch will be served with announcements of awards and raffle prizes to follow. For more information regarding registration and sponsorship, call CISCO at 630-472-9411, or visit our website homepage - www.cisco.org.

PRIDE IN CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

CISCO is now accepting applications for the 2013 Project of the Year Program, which highlights the excellence of union construction workers and contractors by promoting outstanding projects built in the last half of 2012 and this year.

This year two new categories have been added. The 6 categories are: **1) New Construction - Chicago (above \$20 m); 2) New Construction - Suburbs (above \$20 m); 3) New Construction - Chicago/Suburbs (below \$20 m); 4) Rehabilitation; 5) Residential; and 6) Infrastructure (Road/Excavation; Bridge or Utility).**

For more information on the program and to download an application, visit www.cisco.org/projects-of-the-year/.

CISCO/TOLLWAY OUTREACH RECAP

CISCO teamed with the Illinois Tollway on the free 2013 Road Work Ahead: Construction Careers Expo on July 30 at Waubensee Community College in Aurora. The goal was to



Johanna Ryan, CISCO's Education-to-Careers Director discussed various building trades career options, and hosted a vibrant Q & A session.

bring together people interested in roadway construction careers with unions and training resources to learn how to access careers in the construction industry. Nearly 150 people attended the event.

Many thanks also to the Chicago Laborers Joint Training and Apprenticeship Center, Bricklayers Local 21 of Illinois Apprenticeship & Training, Operating Engineers Local 150, Painters Local District Council 30 and the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters all of which participated in the Careers Expo that day.

ON THE LEGISLATIVE FRONT

On Friday afternoon, August 9, Governor Quinn signed HB 1379 into law. It is now Public Act 98-0213. HB1379 was the Illinois Water Systems Viability Act - an initiative of American Water. The Act provides needed alternatives to communities that desperately need to upgrade their water and/or wastewater systems. As a result of this bill, an estimated 28,500 jobs will be supported and \$190 billion in current private capital will be available for infrastructure improvements. Creation and injection of billions of dollars into the Illinois economy is important to union building trades and contractors.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Construction spending eased by 0.6 percent in June with declines in nonresidential and public construction, according to a Commerce Department report release August 1. Halfway through the year, construction spending totals \$408.6 billion, or 5.1 percent above the same cumulative period last year. - **Source: Construction Labor Report.**