**TOP CHOICES FOR 2016 PROJECTS OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED**

CISCO’s Board of Directors recently made the tough choices of determining which construction projects were winners in six different categories. The most entries ever were submitted, and the selections are as follows:

- **New Construction – Chicago (over $20 million)** – Wolf Point West; General Contractor – McHugh/Clark JV; Submitted by Ullico. (see below)

- **New Construction – Suburbs (over $20 million)** – University of Chicago Medicine – Orland Park; General Contractor – Leopardo Companies; Submitted by Leopardo. (see below)

- **New Construction – Chicago/Suburbs (under $20 m)** – Chicago Public Library – Chinatown Branch; General Contractor – Wight Construction; Submitted by Chicago Public Building Commission. (see middle, top column)

- **Infrastructure** – Cermak/McCormick Place CTA Station; General Contractor – F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen (FHP); submitted by FHP. (see below)

- **Rehabilitation** – Lane Tech High School Renovation; General Contractor – Tyler Lane Construction; submitted by Tyler Lane. (see below)

- **Residential** – 1000 South Clark; General Contractor – Lendlease (US) Construction LLC; submitted by Lendlease. (see photo at top right column)


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**REGISTER TODAY FOR CISCO’S ANNUAL MEETING - JAN. 27, 2017**

Registration and Breakfast begin at 8:00 a.m. with the formal program starting at 9:00 a.m. at Maggiano’s Little Italy, 1901 Woodfield Road in Schaumburg. The featured presentation will be the 2016 Pride in Construction Awards consisting of the Projects of the Year, as well as recognition of the Educator of the Year, Public Body of the Year and the Labor Advocate of the Year. To register, contact Julia Mulvey at (630) 472-9411 or email – julia@cisco.org.

**CISCO SETS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE - FEB. 17, 2017**

CISCO is now accepting applications for its 2017 Scholarship Program. CISCO offers (3) four-year scholarships ($2,000/year) to high school seniors; (2) two-year awards ($1,000/year) for seniors attending community college; and (2) two-year continuing education awards ($1,000/year) to union members or contractor employees. For more information, visit our website at www.cisco.org, or call CISCO at (630) 472-9411.

More news and photos on the back page.
JOB SHADOW DAY DESCRIBED AS “PERFECT SUCCESS MODEL”

CISCO’s long-time partnership with Chicago Public Schools (CPS) was on full display Wednesday as CPS’ Department of Career & Technical Education (CTE) sponsored Job Shadow Day.

CISCO was involved in coordinating specific job shadow events at two locations: 1) The City of Chicago Department of Buildings and 2) Clayco, Inc. - one of the country’s top design-build construction firms. A total of 25 students attended the two presentations.

The students who attended are involved in a CTE pathway that includes areas such as Carpentry, Electricity, Welding, Cabinet Making and Architecture; with some students also participating in the newly created “Chicago Builds” program.

Chicago Builds is a two-year off-campus construction training program at Dunbar High School for 11th and 12th grade CPS students who are interested in pursuing a career in the union construction field.

CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen said about the event, “I would like to compliment the students on their energy, professionalism, excitement and participation in what was an amazing day.”

“I would like to thank Commissioner Judy Frydland and her entire staff that made this Job Shadow day a great learning opportunity for the CPS construction students.”

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

The City of Chicago event was highlighted by introductory remarks from Commissioner Frydland, who shared her personal career challenges.

The students also heard from Deputy Commissioner Matthew Beaudet, who explained the importance of building codes and how ordinances are drafted, introduced and reviewed by committees.

That same morning the students attended a City Council meeting where aldermen were discussing an ordinance that was written after a fireman lost his life due to a contractor who allegedly violated safety code measures.

Lastly, under the direction of Deputy Commissioner Asif Rahman, the students witnessed the review process for plans for structural, HVAC, plumbing, refrigeration and electrical compliance of all applicable codes.

CLAYCO, INC.

At Clayco, students were welcomed by Chairman and CEO Bob Clark who provided an overview of how he started his career as a union painter before creating Clayco, a $1billion-plus revenue company with 1,645 employees nationwide.

The students were divided into two groups - those who were interested in Architecture and those who had interest in building trades.

Tours, presentations and examples of past Clayco projects were provided and students talked to architects and staff who specialized in various aspects of the “art and science of building” and the entire construction process as it involves client interaction and putting the needs of the building’s users above everything else.