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CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE EXTENDED

We have extended our deadline to receive scholarship applications to March 9. The following link - www.cisco.org/scholarships/ will send you to the pages of our web site that contain the 4-year (for high school seniors) and 2-year continuing education application forms. All of the details are described within those forms. Direct questions to CISCO at 630-472-9411.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHANGE

CISCO's next Legislative Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, March 12. The meeting will be held at 7:30 am at the usual location - Concrete Contractors Association Offices - 616 Enterprise Drive, Suite 202.

ANNUAL REPORT ONLINE

Our Annual Report, which was distributed to all attendees at our Annual Meeting on January 27, is now available on the CISCO web site. Just go to the Home Page at www.cisco.org, and click to view this year's Report!

DuPAGE HANDS-ON EXPO

CISCO's Education-to-Career Program will be in Carol Stream February 16-17 to give high school and middle school students a taste of working in the building trades. For more information, call Johnetta Ryan at 630-472-9411.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON - APRIL 27

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 27 as CISCO is getting ready for its 24th Annual Luncheon! The event will be held at Maggiano's Little Italy in Schaumburg. Keep your eyes peeled for the announcement of this year's Keynote Speaker. Invitations and web postings are coming soon!

ANNUAL MEETING SNAPSHOT

This year's Annual Meeting was a tremendous success and we enjoyed a nice turnout! We thank you again for supporting us at this event. Our Keynote Speaker, Department of Labor Director Joe Costigan, provided some great information about the agency's new initiatives. We also announced our Pride in Construction winners. To see who won, go to cisco.org/projects-of-the-year/.



Navistar Project Team members enjoy networking with guests.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The DuPage County Building Trades will host a mobile food pantry on Wednesday, February 29 at 10 a.m. at IBEW Local 701, 28600 Bella Vista Parkway in Warrenville. This event is a by-product of the Mark Breslin seminar - planned by the staffs of FCAC, CISCO and PAMCANI. Event sponsorships from labor unions and signatory trade associations helped raise \$5,000 for local food banks. The Aurora Area Interfaith Mobile Food Pantry can serve 300 families. To register to use this service, contact the General Office at 630-393-1701, ext. 2017, or e-mail jmarciniak@ibew701.org by Feb. 24th. The Fox Valley Building Trades will soon be holding a similar event with a date and time to be determined. Stay tuned.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS UPDATES

Recent news articles concerning the construction industry, hiring, wages and spending have all been positive. Here are some recent headlines from The BNA's Construction Labor Report, and other industry publications that are painting an upbeat picture for recovery in our industry:

Construction spending up 1.5 %

Jobless claims brighten picture

Foreclosures lowest since 2007

Basement dwellers driving apartment development

Construction jobs up by 21,000 in January 2012

Construction firms foresee hiring uptick

Democratic leaders continue push for infrastructure investments

NLRB SETS POSTING RULE FOR APRIL 30

The NLRB announced that it is postponing until April 30, 2012, a requirement for employers subject to NLRB jurisdiction to post a notice informing employees of their federal labor law rights. This poster is free at www.nlrb.gov/poster.

MECHANICS LIEN ACT

CISCO's Legislative Committee and Board of Directors have unanimously voted to support a charge to pass legislation to reverse a Feb. 2011 Illinois Supreme Court decision that curtails the amount contractors can regain via the Mechanics Lien Act if the property upon which you did work goes into foreclosure. A comprehensive pamphlet with a full explanation can be found on CISCO's web site at www.cisco.org/legislative-committee-meetings/.