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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 8. The following link - www.cisco.org/scholarships/ will send you to the pages of our web site that contain the applications.

CISCO now offers (2), four-year scholarships (\$2,000/year) to high school seniors; (2), two-year awards (\$1,000/year) for seniors planning to attend community college; and (2), two-year continuing education awards (\$1,000/year) to union members or contractor employees. The applications are also available by calling CISCO at 630-472-9411.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - MARCH 4

CISCO's next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Monday, March 4. IDOL Director Joe Costigan and IDOL Manager Tom Whalen will be on hand at the Concrete Contractors Association Offices, 616 Enterprise Drive, Suite 202.

DUPAGE HANDS-ON EXPO

CISCO's Education-to-Career Program will be in Carol Stream February 14-15 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 19

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 19 as CISCO is getting ready for its 25th 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, Illinois Tollway Executive Director Kristi Lafleur, provided a valuable update on the tollway's upcoming projects. We also announced our Pride in Construction winners. To see who won, go to cisco.org/projects-of-the-year/.



Tollway Executive Director Kristi Lafleur breaks down Tollway plans for the upcoming construction season.

LEAN CONSTRUCTION - FEBRUARY 8

The Builders Education & Training Foundation will present the third unit in the AGC's Lean Construction Education Program, Lean Workstructuring on Friday, February 8. Contact Stacey Kelly at 847-318-8585 for more information.

CONSTRUCTION/SAFETY EXPO - TUESDAY, MARCH 5

The Construction Safety Council, ASA Chicago and the Chicago Building Council are once again tri-sponsors of the Construction Expo & Safety Day 2013 event, which will be held on Tuesday, March 5, at the Drury Lane Conference Center in Oakbrook Terrace. Contact CSC at 800-552-7744 to register or visit www.buildsafe.org.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS UPDATES

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) and U.S. Representative Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) announced last week that the Department of Transportation had signed off on a final agreement that will allow the State of Illinois - after decades of preparation - to finally begin construction on the Elgin-O'Hare Western Access roadway.

The project, combined with the surrounding development and other infrastructure projects, stands to create as many as 65,000 direct and indirect jobs by 2040.

The \$3.4 billion Western Access project will extend the Elgin-O'Hare Expressway to O'Hare and build a new Western Bypass around the airport. An official agreement to formalize the transfer of a federal roadway to a tolling authority has been awaiting approval by the Federal Highway Administration.

CYPRESS CREEK CALL TO ACTION

HB 3636 has passed the Illinois House and Senate. This bill to restore the Mechanics Lien Act in Illinois to its status prior to the disastrous decision by the IL Supreme Court is awaiting the signature of Gov. Pat Quinn. Please send your letter on company letterhead ASAP urging Gov. Quinn to sign HB 3636 on behalf of the union construction industry. The bank lobby is trying hard to convince the Governor not to sign the bill - so letters from contractors and building trades representatives like you are critical. ***CISCO can email you a sample letter in a pdf format upon request.*** Contact Gary Karafiat, Public Relations Director at 630-472-9411 or email gary@cisco.org in order to receive the sample letter.