

# CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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

CISCO FEATURED ON WCPT - 820 AM RADIO SHOW

# **WCPT\***820

The Joan Esposito Show on WCTP AM 820 Radio featured CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen and Finishing Chicago Marketing Director Clark Johnson last Thursday afternoon in a segment called "Union Strong".

Among the topics that were discussed were the multiple values that CISCO brings to the union construction industry, including its legislative and "Education to Careers" programs, and the many ways that labor and management work together.

Allen stated CISCO's Legislative Committee "helps advance legislation favorable to the industry, including increased training and certification requirements. It's these skills that bring value to taxpayers by building roads, bridges and public buildings safely, ontime and on-budget."

He also said that our Education-to-Careers Program promotes and attracts the next generation of apprentices with a focus on increasing minority participation.

Lastly, Allen described the importance of President Biden's nomination to Labor Secretary - Boston Mayor Marty Walsh - a member of Laborers' Local 223; the first union member to hold that office in 50 years.

"It's as if American working men, women and they're families won the recent billion dollar lotto," he said.

# CARPENTERS HELP BUILD FORT FOR 9-YEAR OLD MOKENA BOY

You may have seen the news story about 9-year-old novice carpenter Jameson Tyler (pictured left), whose



plans to build a fort in his front yard ran into a hurdle when his mother said he must get a permit from the Village of Mokena in order to build. Undeterred,

Jameson and his friends went to the Village Hall and got the permit!

The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters (CRCC) Marketing Director Tony Janowski caught wind of the story from a Business Representative, and Tony, who just so happens to be a master fort builder, decided to help.



Recently, Tony (pictured above with measuring tape) and some apprentices from the CRCC Training Center helped the youngster build the fort. Tony said he won't charge Jameson for the labor, but their contract stipulates that Jameson must wear all his PPE during the buildout and there's a special clause requiring him to obey his mother.

Another great example of the building trades giving back to the community. Way to go!

# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 19, 2021



The deadline to submit an application for CISCO's annual scholarship program

is just two weeks away.

CISCO offers three (3), four-year college scholarships for high school seniors; two (2), two-year awards for seniors planning on attending a community college; and two (2) two-year continuing education awards to union members or contractor employees. The application forms can be easily downloaded from CISCO's website (www.cisco.org). All applications and accompanying document must be postmarked by February 19, 2021.

For more information or questions, call CISCO at (630) 472-9411.

### **ILEPI FUNDRAISER GOES VIRTUAL**

The Illinois Economic Policy Institute's 4th Annual Fundraiser will be a virtual affair on Monday, February 22, 2021 from 5 - 6:00 pm



There are many different levels of sponsorship options. For more details on registration/sponsorship, please call Jill Gigstad at 708.375.1002 or jgigstad@illinoisepi.org

More news and photos on the back page.

# **CISCO ON THE MOVE**

### 2ND ANNUAL STATE OF DUPAGE **COUNTY SUMMIT**

CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen will be one several speakers who will take part in the 2nd Annual State of DuPage County Summit on Friday, February 26, 2021 from 9 - 11 am. The event will b a virtual event.

Allen will be joined by PowerForward DuPage Executive Director Karyn Charvat, Choose DuPage President and CEO Greg Bedalov and as many as 10 others.







Karyn Charvat Executive Director

Power Forward DuPage



Sponsored by REjournals/Illinois, the first hour will focus on the State of Office, Industrial Retail, Multifamily, Housing the western suburbs, while the second hour will feature comments regarding Development, Investment, Capital Markets, Data Centers - specifically the current and future investment & development trends and opportunities.

Registration is complimentary. Visit rejournals.com, and the registration link can found on the homepage.

## ANNUAL REPORT POSTED ON **CISCO WEBSITE**



The CISCO Annual Report has been posted on the website (cisco.org) for everyone to read. The theme is "Build Back Better". The report highlights how

the industry, through collaboration, came together in genuine labormanagement fashion to continue our success in adapting to change.

### APPRENTICESHIP OPENING -**PLUMBERS LOCAL 130**



Plumbers' JAC Local 130, UA will be accepting applications for admission to the Plumbing Apprenticeship

Program starting on January 24, 2021 through March 6, 2021 OR the first 2.000 submissions, whichever comes first ONLINE at apply.jac130.org

**REQUIREMENTS: You must** have the following items in order to successfully submit your online application:

- Completed Application
- Uploaded copy of your valid driver's license
- Uploaded copy of your Birth Certificate or Valid U.S. Passport
- Uploaded proof of Completion of High School in ONE of these formats:
- High School Diploma OR Official High School Transcripts OR
  - GED Certificate OR
- College Diploma with Transcripts OR
  - Veterans DD214
- \$30.00 non-refundable application fee.

Applicants submitting the complete application and required documents will receive an e-mail providing all the information where and when to appear for the aptitude test. Drug screen, physical, and physical agility test information will be provided if and when invited to a preorientation meeting.

At the time of indenture, you must: 1) Have a valid Driver's license 2) Have a reliable form of transportation, and 3) Pass drug test.

There are also several Qualifications that must be met and those are listed when you apply.

Application available at: www. apply.jac130.org For Questions: (312)421-1028.

# ASAC EXPO AND CONSTRUCTION **SAFETY CONFERENCE - MARCH 2-3**

The Association of Subcontractors and Affiliates of Chicago (ASAC) and the Construction Safety Council (CSC)



are pleased to announce the annual Construction Expo and Safety Conference. This event serves Chicagoland construction

professionals by providing unique opportunities for business-to-business commerce, and safety education.

This year's gathering will be in a bold, virtual format in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

To ensure the health and safety of all participants, ASAC and CSC will utilize new technologies and resources to connect businesses and individuals during two days of live education and interaction from 8 a.m. until noon. Virtual tradeshow exhibits will be complemented by 15 different one-hour safety sessions and a Keynote Presentation, featuring Bill Heffernan (ScreenSafe, Inc.), who will address "The Impact of Construction Culture and Tradition on Employee Mental Health."

Participants can enhance their industry knowledge and expand their professional network by joining from home or office - or home office. CEU's will be awarded for all training attended live or via recording.

To register to attend, visit www. chicagoconstructionexpo.com.

