CISCO ADDS TWO NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS TO THE FOLD

CISCO’s Board of Directors recently welcomed two associate members - IBEW Local 9 and Great Lakes Advisors. IBEW Local 9 was established in 1892. The local represents more than 2,700 men and women working for the City of Chicago, Chicago Park District, Chicago Transit Authority, City of Naperville, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Town of Cicero, and the Village of Oak Park.

These men and women perform aerial and outside electrical construction, and utility distribution including cable television and telephone with the Middle States Electrical Contractors Association and the line clearance tree trimmers.

IBEW Local 9’s headquarters are located in Tinley Park, and the Local just unveiled its new training facility in University Park last August.

Great Lakes Advisors (GLA) is a full service investment management firm founded in 1981. GLA has offices in Chicago and Florida and offers actively managed equity, fixed income, and alternatives strategies. GLA incorporates environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors into our investment process, and it provides customized responsible investing capabilities to align with its clients’ values.

For more information about Great Lakes Advisors, visit www.greatlakesadvisors.com

REGISTER TODAY FOR CISCO’S ANNUAL MEETING - FEB. 8, 2019

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. In addition to the Project of the Year Awards, CISCO will recognize Educator of the Year Steve Cervenka, DuPage Tech. Center Teacher; Public Body of the Year, The Chicago Transit Authority; and Labor Advocate of the Year Marc Poulos, III-FFC Executive Director.

To register, contact Julia Mulvey at 630.472.9411 or via email: julia@cisco.org.

CISCO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE - FEB. 22, 2019

CISCO is accepting applications for its 2019 Scholarship Program. The three different categories enable a wider range of students of both union building trade members and union contractor employees to apply.

CISCO offers (3), four-year scholarships to high school seniors; (2), two-year awards for seniors planning on attending a community college; and (2), two-year continuing education awards to union members or contractor employees.

All applications and accompanying documents must be postmarked by February 22, 2019. For more information, contact CISCO at 630.472.9411, or to download the appropriate application form, go to www.cisco.org/scholarships/

CONSTRUCTION EXPO PLANNED FOR HEGEWISCH NEIGHBORHOOD

CISCO and the Chicago & Cook County Building Trades will be working with 10th Ward Alderwoman Susan Sadlowski Garza to bring a Hands-On Construction Expo to Chicago’s East Side neighborhood on Thursday, January 24, from 2:00 - 6:00 pm at The Zone - Youth & Community Center - 11731 S. Avenue O.

Several different trades’ apprenticeship coordinators, instructors and apprentices will be on hand to describe to adults of all ages how to get started in the application process and apply to one of the building trades apprenticeship programs.

MEMBER NEWS

Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) recently committed to sponsor two sets of tool kits for IBEW Local 134 apprentices, who received the tool kits at their recent graduation.

CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen met with BCBS leaders Dick Quigley and Maurice Smith to discuss apprentice recruitment, and the economic challenges that prevent candidates from achieving success.

“Incredibly, these men didn’t hesitate,” Allen said. “This type of donation builds bridges between the business community and the construction industry. It will also strengthen the efforts to entice more men and women into a career in the union construction building trades.”

More news and photos on the back page.
INDUSTRY NEWS

If you are looking for positive construction-related news how about the one-two punch that recently hit the media outlets:

This week, our new Governor, JB Pritzker, took a big step towards putting our state back on the right track. He signed an Executive Order to ensure that all state projects will be done with a Project Labor Agreement.

Governor Pritzker vowed during the campaign to put hard working families first, and the new administration took a huge first step in that direction.

2019 is shaping up to be the “Year of the Mega-development” according to last Sunday’s issue of the Chicago Tribune.

The newspaper highlighted sites that could have a significant impact (and alter the skyline forever).

The article, written by Ryan Ori in the paper’s Business Section, stated: “The city appears on the verge of having multiple mega-developments under construction. Those multi billion-dollar projects once again have the potential to alter Chicago’s skyline, mostly along the Chicago River.”

The article goes on to speculate that due to Chicago’s failed attempt to woo Amazon’s second headquarters, some of the most ambitious developments gained city approval or took significant steps in their planning during last year.

A few of the important Chicago properties to watch in 2019 are:

1) Lincoln Yards - After years of buying formerly industrial land on the river along Lincoln Park and Bucktown, Sterling Bay has been seeking city zoning approval to build more than 12 million square feet of office and residential high rises, retail, a 20,000-seat soccer stadium and other entertainment venues.

2) One Chicago Square - The Chicago Plan Commission voted last year in favor of a zoning change for One Chicago Square, a two-tower project next to Holy Name Cathedral planned by JDL Development.

3) The 78 - Related Midwest is continuing with plans to build 13 million square feet of office, residential, hotel, retail, restaurant and entertainment space along a half-mile of the Chicago River south of the Loop to connect to Chinatown.

4) Burnham Lakefront - A group led by Farpoint Development and Draper & Kramer disclosed plans for up to 14 million square feet of residential and office buildings on land near McCormick Place that includes the 49-acre former Michael Reese Hospital site.

5) Tribune Tower - With the Tribune moving out of the newspaper’s 93-year home, the buyers of the building unveiled a dramatic plan in April to build a 1,422-foot-tall skyscraper just east of the site. The structure would be part of a two-phase redevelopment that has already begun to convert the historic tower into 163 residential condominiums and retail space.

ILLINOIS ECONOMIC POLICY INSTITUTE SETS 2ND FUNDRAISER

The second annual fundraiser for the Illinois Economic Policy Institute (ILEPI) will be held on Monday, February 11, 2019 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Capri Banquets - 6240 Joliet Road in Countryside, Illinois.

Founded in 2013, the Illinois Economic Policy Institute (ILEPI) is a nonprofit organization which uses advanced statistics, reliable surveying techniques, and the latest forecasting models to empower individuals, policymakers, and lawmakers to make informed choices on questions of public policy.

ILEPI is a non-profit that supports research and provides timely, candid and dynamic analyses on major subjects affecting the economies of Illinois and the Midwest, specializing in the construction industry.

For more information on the event, go to www.illinoisepi.org/fundraiser.