CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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O’HARE TO ADD NEW GATES/TWO HOTELS, UPGRADE HILTON SPACE

News that will surely provide more work to the union construction industry was announced recently as the City of Chicago and major air carriers reached an agreement that will expand O’Hare Airport’s passenger terminals with nine gates to be added by 2019 and potentially dozens more in a brand new terminal a few years later.

The expansion project will come in two phases: 1) Existing Terminal 5, which now serves international flights, will add nine new gates, and 2) Terminal 2 will be demolished and replaced. The amount of this work will be “in the billions of dollars,” according to Aviation Commissioner Ginger Evans.

The other component of the airport expansion involves adding two new hotels and upgrading the existing O’Hare Hilton. The total development cost is estimated at $350 million.

The two hotels would add between 450 and 600 guest rooms and add an additional 65,000 square feet of conference space and related amenities. Earlier in the week, carriers agreed to $1.3 billion in work that includes one final new runway and related taxiways.

BENSENVILLE/CISCO SET HANDS-ON CAREER FAIR – AUGUST 3

CISCO and the Village of Bensenville will partner again on a Hands-On Career Fair for area residents. The career fair will be held from 5:00 – 7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 3 in downtown Bensenville in conjunction with the annual Music In The Park event.

Among the many union trades represented at the event will be the Electricians, Carpenters, Bricklayers, Laborers, Pipefitters, Roofers and Operating Engineers Local 150. The event allows attendees to experience first hand what the men and women in the union trades do in the course of a day.

FREE WORKSHOP: “DEALING WITH CONTRACTORS WHO CHEAT TO COMPETE” – AUGUST 10

CISCO and several organizations have partnered with the Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting (III-FFC) to provide a FREE workshop on Wednesday, August 10, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at UA Local 597 Pipefitters Training Center, 10850 W. 187th St., Mokena, IL 60448.

This workshop teaches practical, effective strategies to keep low-road contractors who cheat to compete from winning contracts for public works jobs.

Please RSVP by July 25, 2016 to Laura Byrne at 815-254-3332 or lbyrne@iiiffc.org. Lunch will be served, and space is limited.

NATIONAL LABOR-MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE - AUGUST 17-19

For the first time in eight years, the National Labor-Management Conference presented by the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service will be in Chicago. The biennial event, titled “Future @Work” will be held August 17-19, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel, 151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601.

CISCO will present a 90-minute workshop, and is partially sponsoring Keynote Speaker Jason Dorsey who will address solving generational challenges. CISCO’s presentation will focus on its 28-year history as a joint labor-management organization that builds trust between local contractors and union labor.

Topics CISCO will address include prevailing wage, collective bargaining, collaborative safety education, union apprenticeship programs and CISCO’s efforts to increase awareness of careers in the union construction industry.

Registration is now open. For more information on the great programs being offered, as well as registration for the conference, please visit the FMCS National Labor Management Conference Website or click on the following link: http://meetingservicesinc.com/fmcs/images/NLMC-Brochure-2016.pdf

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3rd ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION EXPO
AUGUST 25
CISCO, St. Paul Community Development Ministries (SPCDM), Chicago Teachers Union and CPS will once again join forces to showcase careers in the construction industry to students and adults. This year’s event will be held on Thursday, August 25 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at SPCDM, 4550 S. Wabash Ave. in Chicago.

There are also many ways to sponsor the outing. Hole, Beverage Cart, Halfway House and Lunch sponsorships are available, as well as registration table and prize donations. Call us at 630-472-9411 to reserve your foursomes today!

PCA ON TAP
The Plumbing Contractors Association (PCA) Midwest will host its first-ever “Associate Member Night” on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at Harry Caray’s Restaurant in Lombard starting at 6:00 PM.

This event will feature a beer tasting and “fall festival” themed reception along with a “mini expo” allowing both PCA and Plumbing Council contractors the opportunity to learn more about the many valuable products and services provided to its Associate Members.

Associate Members interested in participating in the expo and would like to reserve a table/booth area in advance (at no cost), please contact Barb Bigelow at barb@plumbingcouncil.org or by phone at 312-563-9526.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COURSES OFFERED AT COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY
The College of Lake County Construction Management Technology program is accepting new students and will be offering several courses starting in late August. The CMT program is open to all students, including those with current construction experience who want to get into project management, estimating, inspection, scheduling, procurement, etc.

Courses are offered in the evening starting August 22nd. Courses transfer to the ISU Bachelors program in Construction Management for those interested.

CMT Classes are taught by experienced professionals in small class settings. Information on the program can be found at the CMT website: www.clcillinois.edu/programs/cmt. For registration information, call (847) 543-2061. To make an appointment to discuss the CMT program with the Department Chair, contact Rob Twardock at rtwardock@clcillinois.edu or 847-543-2903.

APPRENTICESHIP OPENINGS
Effective July 7, 2016, each local union will be entitled to refer 20 candidates to the Apprentice Program Office, 1256 Estes Avenue, Elk Grove Village, IL, to apply for future Pre-Apprenticeship training classes in GENERAL CONSTRUCTION.

The policy of this Program is to encourage veteran, minority and female participation. Therefore, a minimum of 8 minority/female/veteran candidates shall be referred during this application period.

Each candidate MUST APPLY the at the Apprentice Program Office in Elk Grove Village between the hours of 9:30 am – 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, NO LATER THAN Friday, August 5, 2016.

For more information about application filing requirements, contact Vince Sticca, Apprenticeship Coordinator, (847) 640-7373.