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## CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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### DUPAGE COUNTY APPRENTICESHIP EXPO - MAY 30, 2018

More than 200 participants attended the recent Hands On Fair coordinated by PowerForward DuPage and CISCO, and hosted by the DuPage County Building Trades at the IBEW Local 701 Hall in Warrenville.



*CISCO's Johnetta Ryan and Dan Allen join PowerForward DuPage's Karyn Charvat (center) ready to greet attendees.*

Sixteen (16) different building trades were on hand to educate students, parents and adults about a career in the union construction industry.

After the event, a parent participant wrote: "I enjoyed learning about the different trades, but mostly appreciated the real life advice given by people who do each trade for a living. My son left with a few really good ideas of what he wants to pursue for his future."

In addition to all of the participants, elected officials made an appearance and stopped by each of the trade's



*From left: IBEW 701 Safety Instructor Deborah Erbach, IBEW 701 Apprenticeship Coordinator Henry Zurawski, County Board member Janice Anderson and DuPage County Circuit Judge Jeff MacKay.*

tables to talk to the apprenticeship coordinators and instructors.

U.S. Congressman Bill Foster (D-11th), DuPage County Board Member Janice Anderson and DuPage



*Congressman Bill Foster meets Sprinkler Fitters Local 281 retired Coordinator Pat McGreal (center) and new Coordinator Bryan LaRoche.*

County Circuit Judge Jeff MacKay all were impressed by the event.

Congressman Foster stopped and interacted with each of the 16 trades' booths and talked to their coordinators and instructors.

"I was truly impressed with the trade representatives, and the education and skills that are provided at their training facilities," Foster said. "It is vitally important to provide exposure to these jobs, as they are in demand now and provide a pathway to a vibrant, admirable career."



*Roofers & Waterproofers Local 11 Instructor Kevin Coleman explains the application process to a father and his son.*



*Expo participants gather around the Carpenters table.*



*Ironworkers Local 393 Coordinator Jody Howard helps a father/son duo.*



*Students and parents visit the tables for the Boilermakers (left) and Plumbers.*



*SMART Local 265 Business Manager John Daniel talks sheet metal techniques.*

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# CISCO ON THE MOVE

## RETAINAGE BILL PASSES BOTH HOUSES; AWAITS GOV. SIGNING



In a prime example of how labor and management will often pull together for the good of the union

construction industry, last week the Illinois Senate and House passed IMSCA's legislative initiative on retainage reform (SB 3052), as a result of the lobbying efforts of both union contractors and the labor unions.

This bill amends the Contractor Prompt Payment Act and addresses retention on private, commercial construction projects. It allows retainage to be withheld at 10%, but requires it be reduced to 5% when a construction project is 50% complete.

Hopefully the bill will be signed into law by the Governor, and will provide relief to contractors by receiving their retention payments in a timely manner.

"This was an example of a great outcome when the building trades and contractors work collaboratively for the good of the industry," said CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen.

## TOLLWAY LAUNCHES NEW WORKFORCE INITIATIVE



The Illinois Tollway's Diversity and Inclusion Committee recently recommended approval of a new contract with the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership (CCWP) to provide pre-apprenticeship training and support services to

underemployed men and women seeking jobs and career opportunities in the highway construction industry, including members of minority groups, women and veterans.

"CISCO, AccessUnited/United Way, the Chicago Federation of Labor, Chicago & Cook Building Trades Council and several other Workforce Development partners are joining their collective strengths to help the Tollway to advance their mission of recruiting a highly skilled and diverse workforce," said CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen.

Under the contract, the CCWP will assemble and manage a consortium of service providers and affiliated agencies to provide a range of services on behalf of the Tollway.

Further, CCWP will help identify and directly place trainees in meaningful construction industry opportunities such as U.S. Department of Labor-approved apprenticeships and training programs, while assisting underemployed construction industry workers seeking to move into more highly-skilled trades through referrals to basic skills and adult education resources.

## IBEW LOCAL 134 UNVEILS NEW UNION HALL IN CHICAGO

IBEW Local 134 recently held a Grand Opening Ceremony of its new Union Hall on 2722 South King Drive in Chicago. The program included a dedication to the Brothers and Sisters of the local who have lost their lives in on the job accidents.



Entrance of new Local 134 Union Hall.

Master of Ceremonies Business Manager Don Finn opened with remarks about the fallen members and was followed by other guest speakers including 4th Ward Alderman Sophia King (pictured at right), Gubernatorial Candidate JB Pritzker, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and IBEW International President Lonnie Stephenson.



Pictured above, from left, are Local 134 Business Manager Don Finn, Congressman Bobby Rush, Mayor Rahm Emanuel and IBEW International President Lonnie Stephenson.

## IBEW LOCAL 9 PROJECT WINS CBC MERIT AWARD CATEGORY

IBEW Local 9's new training facility in University Park won the Chicago Building Congress' 2018 Merit Award for projects constructed under \$15 million. Congratulations to everyone involved in the project!



CISCO Board Member Gary Misicka (center) accepts the CBC Merit Award with members of the University Park Training Facility project team.

