

# CISCO

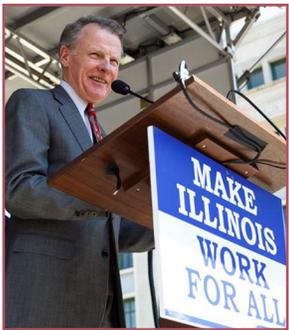
## CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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### SPEAKER MADIGAN HIGHLIGHTS CISCO LUNCHEON - MAY 4, 2018

Register now for CISCO's 30th Annual Luncheon set for Friday, May 4, 2018 at Maggiano's Little Italy in Chicago, 516 N. Clark St.

The Luncheon will feature recognition of our Labor Advocate,



Public Body and Educator of the Year awards, as well as presentations to our 2018 Scholarship Award recipients.

Illinois Speaker of the House Michael J. Madigan has been an ardent supporter of working class families – especially the men and women in the union construction industry. With his leadership, the state has passed Capital and infrastructure spending bills that have benefited the industry and residents. He has also helped pass legislation that has protected and bolstered Prevailing Wage laws.

Sponsorships are also available. To learn how to sponsor and register, click the following link - <http://cisco.org/wp-content/pdf/lunch-flyer18.pdf>

### CHICAGO BUILDING CONGRESS HIGHLIGHTS OBAMA CENTER

The Chicago Building Congress' recent March luncheon provided attendees with a glimpse of the Barack Obama Presidential Center that will be a new landmark on the City's south side. As an economic engine, it is expected to draw an estimated 760,000 visitors annually, and create \$3.1 billion in

economic impact in its first 10 years of operation.

In addition, it is expected to create about 5,000 construction jobs and approximately 2,500 permanent jobs once it opens its doors.



*Obama Foundation presenters Roark Frankel, (left) Director of Design & Construction and Mike Strautmanis, Chief Engagement Officer, answer audience questions.*

Obama Foundation guest speakers were Mike Strautmanis, Chief Engagement Officer and Roark Frankel, Director of Design & Construction.

The two emphasized how the project will help to continue the revitalization of historic Jackson Park. They also focused on a list of ambitious hiring goals for diversity and inclusion.

One goal is to ensure that 50% of subcontractors are from diverse firms. Another goal includes working with labor unions to build a pipeline of talent.

CISCO's many outreach efforts have been successfully laying the foundation to increase awareness and enrollment of minorities into careers in the union construction industry.

The Obama Foundation and CISCO share a common goal - to be a catalyst for generational change.

### CISCO INTRODUCES NEW BOARD MEMBER - JOHN DANIEL



During CISCO's recent Board meeting, members officially appointed its newest Board member - Mr. John Daniel.

John Daniel is the President/ Business Manager of SMART (Sheet Metal) Local 265. Since entering the industry in 1991, John has been a Sheet Metal Fabricator and Installer, an Instructor, Organizer, Business Representative, Financial Secretary/ Treasurer and most recently the President/Business Manager for SMART Local 265.

John's career path has provided him with a well-rounded perspective of the sheet metal industry and the challenges we face in the unionized sector. Having an open mind and being an active listener, leveraging assets both financial and relational; as well as leveraging technology to not only capture more work opportunities but to attract the next generation of trades men and women are a few of John's priorities.

Mr. Daniel replaces former SMART Local 265 President/Business Manager Chuck Ruegge, who retired last month, and served on CISCO's Board since 2015.

CISCO welcomes John to the team, and wishes Chuck all the best in his future endeavors!

*More news and photos on the back page.*

# CISCO ON THE MOVE

## CISCO/MORAINES AREA CAREER SYSTEM CONDUCT SUCCESSFUL HANDS-ON FAIR

CISCO teamed up with the Moraine Area Career System for a recent Hands-On Fair at the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters' satellite Apprenticeship & Training Center in Chicago.

Ten trades were present as approximately 125 students attended from 10 area high schools. Counselors, teacher and vocational coordinators from Andrew, Argo, Delta Learning Center, Eisenhower, Oak Lawn, Reavis, Richards, Sandburg, Shepard, and Stagg High Schools accompanied the students.



*Apprenticeship Coordinator for the Bricklayers, Dave Naprstek, explains the process of applying into the program.*

In addition to the Moraine Community College Welding Program, the trades had representatives from the Bricklayers, Carpenters, Electricians Local 134, Laborers, Operating Engineers Local 150, Painters, Pipefitters Local 597, Plumbers Local 130 and the Ceramic Tile Setters.



*Ceramic Tile Setter Apprentice Tavon Carter demonstrates the technique of cutting tile to one of the students.*



*Carpenters Assistant Apprenticeship Coordinator Kina McAfee preps the wall board for an exercise involving measuring and cutting for an outlet.*

Counselors at the event said about 80% of their students will not attend college and the event is popular among students because the hands-on approach is more valuable than a lecture experience.



*Using a spray-paint simulator, this student coats a wall under the watchful eyes of Painters/Decorators apprentices Eduardo Vasquez (left) and Avni Kaziu.*

In addition, being able to talk to apprentices directly, who are nearly the same age, enables the students to relate better with those individuals in the "hands-on" setting, they said.



*Laborers' Apprenticeship Instructor Frankie Smith watches as a student tries using a jackhammer on a concrete block.*

## UPCOMING INDUSTRY EVENTS

➔ The Underground Contractors Association will hold its annual **Spring Showcase on Tuesday, April 17** from 3:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Venuti's Ristorante & Banquets, 2251 W. Lake Street in Addison, IL, 60101.

Come and meet with professionals from all areas of the construction industry. See the latest in technology with product and equipment displays and demos.

To register, call UCA at 630-467-1919, or email Lauren Fosmoen: [lfosmoen@uca.org](mailto:lfosmoen@uca.org).

➔ The Illinois Mechanical & Specialty Contractors Association (IMSCA) will hold its annual **Lobby Day on Tuesday, April 24** at the State House Inn, 101 East Adams St. in Springfield. Lobby Day activities begin at noon, followed by Lunch and actual lobbying of legislators, capped off by a reception at 5:30 pm.

The deadline to register is Friday, April 13th. For more information, contact Jessica Newbold at [jnewbold@boldnewstrat.com](mailto:jnewbold@boldnewstrat.com).

➔ The 28th **Illinois State Apprenticeship Conference** will be held **May 7 - 10, 2018** at the Holiday Inn & Suites in East Peoria, IL.

Highlights of the conference include a welcoming reception, exhibits, general sessions (Labor and Office of Apprenticeship), guest speakers, sectional meeting, golf outing, banquet and door prizes.

To register online, go to [www.isaconline.org](http://www.isaconline.org). Conference cost is \$130.00. For room reservations: 1/309-698-3333. Use the room block code: APP.

