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CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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CHICAGO & COOK COUNTY BUILDING TRADES HOLDING HANDS-ON EVENT FOR CHA RESIDENTS

On Monday, May 22, representatives from 10 different building trades will be on hand to explain to residents of the Chicago Housing Authority how to apply to the apprenticeship programs of their respective trades, as well as receive "hands-on" experience as they try their hand at activities that are commonplace in those trades such as bending pipe, laying brick, cutting wallboard, wiring or jackhammering.

CISCO worked with the Chicago & Cook County Building Trades to line up the 10 participating trades that will be on hand for this event, which is from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and is for the benefit of CHA residents only.

HIRING EVENT AT OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE - JUNE 1, 2017

United States Representatives Brad Schneider and Jan Schakowsky are co-hosting a Hiring Event from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Thursday, June 1 at Oakton Community College, with veterans having early entry at 9:30 am.

CISCO, as well as representatives from some apprenticeship programs will also be on hand to provide information about careers available in the building trades.

Participating employers have current job openings and are looking to hire. In addition, the Illinois Department of Employment Security will also have a presence at this event.

The event will be held in the Tenhoeve Room at Oakton Community College, located at 1600 E. Golf Road in DesPlaines, IL, 60016.

CARPENTERS TO HOST APPRECIATION DAY - OPEN HOUSE IS JUNE 3RD



The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters will be hosting its Member Appreciation Day Open House on Saturday, June

3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The event is at the Carpenter Apprentice & Training School, 1256 Estes Ave. in Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

Attendees will be able to learn more about: Pre-apprentices, skill advancement, general carpentry, drywall, floor covering, mill cabinet, millwright, insulation, siding, lathing, pile driving, concrete forming, solar panels, scaffold erection and more.

The event will also be highlighted by demonstrations, exhibits, major tool manufacturing displays, food, refreshments, raffles and prizes. For more information, visit www.carpentersunion.org.

SAVE THE DATE FOR CISCO'S ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - SEPTEMBER 11, 2017



CISCO's Annual Golf Outing will be held on Monday, September 11, 2017 at Bloomingdale Golf Club - 181 Glen Ellyn Road in Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

Start gathering your foursomes and get ready for the fabulous barbecue luncheon, traditional prize raffle, and an event full of fun and surprises over the years! For more information, contact CISCO at (630) 472-9411.

GREAT LAKES CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION UNVEILS NEW LOGO



Take a look at the new branding of the Great Lakes Construction Association (GLCA), formerly the Lake County Contractors Association.

The new look was unveiled at the GLCA's event on May 12th at Mickey Finn's in Libertyville as the association celebrated its 70th anniversary.



Top photo (from left) Libertyville Mayor Terry Weppler and Tim Marabella, GLCA Executive VP. Bottom photo (from left) Sam Henderson and David Henderson, President of J.J. Henderson & Son, Inc. and CISCO Board member. Photos courtesy of GLCA.

More news and photos on the back page.

CISCO ON THE MOVE

INDUSTRY NEWS

➔ New Report: [Construction Fatalities Cost \\$5 Billion Per Year.](#)



The Midwest Economic Policy Institute recently released a report on construction fatalities in the United States. Here are the key findings:

1) 4,339 construction workers lost their lives at work from 2011 through 2015. This means more than 16 construction workers die per week in the United States.

2) Construction worker fatalities cost the United States nearly \$5 billion in lost production, lost family income, pain and suffering costs, and reduced quality of life every year.

3) On-the-job fatalities are 13.8%-26.0% higher in states that do not have effective prevailing wage laws.

4) States prevent construction fatalities by implementing "high road" solutions: increasing resources to conduct OSHA inspections, maintaining prevailing wage laws, introducing local responsible bidder ordinances, and avoiding the attack on construction unions.

Manzo, Jill. (2017). The \$5 Billion Cost of Construction Fatalities in the United States: A 50 State Comparison. The Midwest Economic Policy Institute. Follow this link to a summary article. <https://midwestepi.org/2017/05/08/construction-fatalities-cost-the-us-5-billion-per-year/>

➔ Video: [Indiana GOP Leader Admits Repealing Prevailing Wage "Hasn't Saved A Penny"](#)

A video has surfaced from a forum in Milwaukee where Republican Indiana House Assistant Majority Leader Ed Soliday angrily

reveals that similar legislation passed in Indiana which went into effect in 2015 "hasn't saved a penny."

"We got rid of prevailing wage and so far it hasn't saved a penny," Soliday says during a question and answer session hosted by the Wisconsin Transportation Development Association in Milwaukee. In the video, Republican Soliday also mocks the outrageous claims about savings made by right-wing organizations like Americans for Prosperity. In Indiana, anti-worker groups claimed prevailing wage repeal would save taxpayers 22 percent on construction costs.

"The exaggerations in those hearings that we were going to save 22 percent," Soliday says. "Well, total labor costs right now in road construction is about 22 percent, and I haven't noticed anyone who's going to work for free. [They claim] there's some magic state out there that's going to send all these workers into work for \$10 an hour and it's just not going to happen. Soliday adds, "So far, I haven't seen a dime of savings out of it."

➔ Report: [Building America With Prevailing Wage - The Davis-Bacon Act Delivers Good Middle-Class Jobs, A Stronger Economy, and the Best Value for U.S. Taxpayers](#)



With the U.S. Congress considering legislation to repeal the Davis-Bacon Act, outlines the many benefits of the Act, as well as our Illinois Prevailing Wage Act and the importance of strong enforcement from IDOL.

Thank you to Tom Kriger, PhD, Director of Research at the North American Building Trades Unions (NABTU). The report was compiled by Kevin Duncan, PhD, Peter Philips, PhD, and Frank Manzo IV, PhD from the Illinois Economic Policy Institute (ILEPI). The report can be read at this link: <http://cisco.org/wp-content/pdf/DavisBacon2017.pdf>

➔ Report: [A Comparison of Highway Construction Costs In The Midwest and Nationally](#)



State Departments of Transportation play a significant role in the construction and maintenance of the country's roadway system. Each state employs its own approach and objectives when planning and constructing highway infrastructure, including addressing obstacles and environments unique to that state. This report analyzes the highway construction right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, and preliminary and construction engineering costs for each state and more closely examines cost throughout the Midwest.

Thanks goes to Tom Kriger, PhD, Mary Craighead, AICP, and Frank Manzo IV, M.P.P., for compiling and sharing this report. To view the report, just click on the following link: <https://midwestepi.org/2017/05/03/what-are-road-construction-costs-per-lane-mile-in-your-state/>

