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CISCO GOLF OUTING - SEPTEMBER 14



Start planning your foursomes now for the annual shotgun style outing and barbecue lunch, Monday, September 14, 2015 at

Bloomington Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. The outing is still the best value and offers great prizes and networking fun. Registration and free practice range begins at 7:00 a.m. with golf beginning at 8:00 a.m. Cocktails and lunch starts around 1:30 p.m.

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!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

One potentially devastating legislative measure will be heard this week in Senate Executive Committee: SB 1046, SA #1 (Radogno) – Collective Bargaining and Prevailing Wage.

This bill allows a county board, corporate authority of a municipality, or governing authority of a local government or school district to apply limits to collective bargaining via ordinance.

The bill also would eliminate prevailing wage on projects performed on behalf of a local government or school district.

The bill will be heard in Senate Executive Committee on Wednesday, May 27th. Urge those members to vote NO on Senate Amendment 1 to SB 1046.

RIGHT TO WORK/PREVAILING WAGE SEMINAR OPENS EYES

Nearly 150 contractors, building trades employees and members of public bodies attended the May 19 seminar at the Westin Hotel in Lombard. The attendees received a comprehensive look into the effects/workings of prevailing wage and potential right-to-work legislation. Guest speakers were Frank Manzo IV, Policy Director, Illinois Economic Policy Institute; Wesley James, Labor Conciliator, Illinois Department of Labor; Marc Poulos, Executive Director, III-FFC; Robert Bruno, University of Illinois Professor, School of Labor and Employment Relations; and Stephen Burton, Attorney, Felhaber Larson.

The key “takeaways” re: prevailing wage are:

Prevailing wage preserves and promotes middle class jobs; supports the largest privately-financed system of higher education in America (apprenticeship programs); supports high-quality infrastructure that is safe and durable; strengthens state and local communities; and is the best deal for taxpayers. In other words, prevailing wage provides more disposable income, which triggers more local spending, which in turn, results in more sales and more income tax revenue to state and local economies.

With respect to “right-to-work”, the expert speakers agreed that this is NOT a policy that creates jobs, but rather a policy that eliminates middle-class jobs that are eventually replaced by low-wage jobs without benefits.



Mark Palmer (left) Executive Director, Finishing Contractors of Illinois, and Marc Poulos, III-FFC, listen to one of many participant questions.



Tim Watkins, Executive Director of Project First Rate asks Frank Manzo IV a question about prevailing wage.



Audience members listen to the findings of recent research on “right-to-work”.



Mark Palmer (second from left) engages in discussion with some audience members during the seminar’s intermission.