PREVAILING WAGE RATES POSTED ON IDOL WEBSITE

The Illinois Department of Labor has now posted the 2016 prevailing wage rates effective June 5, 2017, in response to a Cook County Circuit Court ruling.

Litigation and Section 9 hearings regarding the posting of these rates has been ongoing since 2016.

The rates were posted on Friday, May 26 in accordance with the ruling and a letter from Paul Kersey, Manager of Conciliation and Mediation confirmed the action.

According to the Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/0.01-12), contractors and subcontractors are required to pay laborers, workers, and mechanics employed on public works projects no less than the general prevailing rate of wages (consisting of hourly cash wages plus fringe benefits) for work of similar character in the locality where the work is performed.

It is recommended that you check to ensure the rates are correct for your area/craft. To view the rates, go to: https://www.illinois.gov/idol/Laws-Rules/CONMED/Pages/prevailing-wage-rates.aspx

CISCO will continue to update you on any further developments regarding litigation and Prevailing Wage compliance.

For questions, please contact the Conciliation and Mediation Division at (217) 782-1710 or (312) 793-1812, or via email at dol.pwd@illinois.gov.

CCBT AND CHA COORDINATE HANDS-ON EVENT FOR CHA RESIDENTS

The Chicago & Cook County Building Trades, the Chicago Housing Authority and CISCO worked together to provide a Hands-On Expo as 11 different building trades set up booths for CHA residents during last week’s evening session held at the Carpenters Apprenticeship & Training Center satellite location in Chicago at 2141 S. Union Avenue.

Johnetta Ryan, CISCO’s Education-To-Careers Director coordinated the effort of contacting the trades who were present. They included: The Laborers, Painters/Drywall Finishers, Pipefitters Local 597, IBEW Local 134, Operating Engineers Local 150, Roofers & Waterproofers Local 11, Boilermakers, Heat & Frost Local 17, Carpenters, Bricklayers and Ceramic Tile Setters.

Chicago & Cook County Building Trades President Ralph Affrunti explained that the idea to recruit residents from CHA was part of a Project Labor Agreement that is set to take effect on June 21st.

Nearly 50 CHA residents attended the event, which began with a welcoming message from Carpenter’s Apprenticeship Coordinator Vince Sticca.

He asked one of each of the building trades’ instructors present to provide an overview of their program, which included details on the length of the apprenticeship, wages, benefits, requirements for entry and abilities needed to succeed.

After a brief question and answer session, the instructors engaged residents in hands-on exercises that demonstrated some of the basic techniques in bricklaying, tile cutting, jackhammering, wiring, heating roofing paper and pipe bending.

In addition, two booths had computerized simulation station to allow residents to paint and operate heavy construction equipment.

More photos of event on page 2.
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.

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 details, call CISCO at (630) 472-9411.