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## CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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### IDOL's CERTIFIED PAYROLL PORTAL MOVES CLOSER TO COMPLETION

From January 2015 through January 2019, the Illinois Department of Labor, under the previous administration, had been virtually non-existent and contractors who violated the laws were not held accountable.



In addition, the Prevailing Wage laws were being ignored and contractors ability to submit certified payroll was being curtailed, thus hindering the ability to provide evidence of the wage that prevailed in each Illinois County.

With the election of Governor Pritzker and the appointment of Michael Kleinik as IDOL Director, this all changed.

The first bill that Governor Pritzker signed after taking office was SB 203 (PA 100-1177) (Lightford/Davis). One part of this law requires the IDOL to create an electronic certified payroll portal or payrolls no later than April 1, 2020. This replaces filing with the public body in charge of the construction project, and funnels certified payrolls through the Illinois Department of Labor.

In a tremendous technological achievement, the Illinois Department of Labor has placed their new certified transcript payroll portal at this website: <https://www2.illinois.gov/idol/Laws-Rules/CONMED/Pages/prevailing-wage-act.aspx>

The Illinois Department of Labor held four training sessions for contractors in April to show them

how to use the new portal. The current system does not allow large construction contractors to upload large amounts of data, for all of the employees they have.

IDOL is allowing a contractor who uses a software program to track, run, and file their certified payroll – to continue filing with the public body in charge of the project until further notice from the Department. If a prevailing wage contractor does not use a software program to file their certified payroll - they must file within the portal. IDOL is encouraging contractors to check back on their website as they update the portal, and they anticipate most updates to be done within 2-3 months. If contractors have any questions on this new portal, please direct them to Assistant Director Jason Keller - [jason.keller@illinois.gov](mailto:jason.keller@illinois.gov)

### CISCO/CTA "CONSTRUCTION TALKS" CONTINUES AFTER SOLID DEBUT

CISCO's long-standing partnership with the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) and other affiliates continued as it presented the first in a series of virtual meetings last Friday, May 1st.



*Carpenter's Apprenticeship Director Vince Sticca and Assistant Coordinator Kina McAfee discuss the program via webinar.*

About 75 people "attended" the hour-long webinar enabling viewers

to learn what it takes to apply and succeed in a union apprenticeship.

The first episode featured Carpenter's Apprenticeship Director Vince Sticca, Assistant Coordinator Kina McAfee, and Instructors John Husnick and Brad Rollins. Joining them on the tour of the Training Center in Elk Grove Village were CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen and ETC Director Johnetta Ryan.

Various areas of the Training Center were featured and several on-line questions were answered by the panel of experts.

The next in the series of webinars will feature "Professional Roles in Construction" at Noon on Friday, May 8th. To register, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ConstructionTalks05082020>

### COMPLIMENTARY WEEKLY WEBINARS ADDRESSING COVID - 19

The Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA) is hosting a series of webinars on "Labor and Employment Relations During the COVID-19 Pandemic."

These will all be on Thursdays at or around mid-day New York time, hosted by a mix of LERA Industry Councils, Interest Sections, and Local Chapters. The one-hour facilitated sessions will begin with brief comments by leading experts (5 minutes each), followed by open forum dialogue. The goal is to deepen understanding for the breadth of labor and employment relations matters during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To register, go to: <https://www.leraweb.org/covid19-webinars>

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# CISCO ON THE MOVE

## CISCO/ST. PAUL CHURCH DISTRIBUTE MEALS IN BRONZEVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD

Armed with healthy meals prepared by Righteous Kitchen in Lombard, a team of CISCO employees and members of St. Paul Church of God in Christ, helped distribute the meals to several locations in the Bronzeville neighborhood of Chicago.

Led by Pastor Kevin A. Ford and CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen, the meal-delivery was also co-sponsored by the Bricklayers Allied Craft Workers and the Chicago & Cook County Building Trades, which have been helping communities and front-line workers throughout this crisis.



*CISCO's Dan Allen provides a meal to a homeless person.*

"The union construction industry has been a partner with faith based organizations in recruiting and assisting young men and women into careers in the union apprenticeship programs, which we know helps to strengthen families and communities," said Dan Allen.

"We should all be proud and grateful, as this outreach is just another avenue for us to further assist these families and the community during these very trying times. We appreciate everyone's efforts as we each do our part of uplifting humanity," Allen continued.

"Our goal was to provide meals to our seniors, disabled, children, homeless, veterans, and the night shift staff at the Chicago Police station at 51st & Wentworth. All of these people have been negatively



*A small army of volunteers posed in front of the Margaret Ford Manor prior to bringing in meals for the senior citizen residents.*

affected by the fear and isolation that coronavirus has presented," he added.

Meal allocations went to: 1) Margaret Ford Manor, a 59-unit affordable housing community for senior citizens; 2) Victoria Jennings Residences, a 24-unit affordable housing facility for the disabled; 3) a community of homeless individuals whose roof consists of train tracks; and 4) First Responders at the Dist. 2 Police Station.



*More meals were provided to the District 2 Police Station in thanks to first responders.*

Throughout this pandemic, charity outreach from the labor unions and union contractor associations has been magnified. From generously donating Personal Protective Equipment to helping build makeshift hospital beds, our partners in the labor industry have been providing support, in many forms, to the doctors, nurses and other frontline workers who are the real heroes.

## VALUE OF WATER CAMPAIGN: NEW VOTER POLL RESULTS

According to the results of the 5th Annual Value of Water poll, voters overwhelmingly favor investment in water infrastructure.

The poll found that 84 percent want the federal government to invest

in water infrastructure and it should be one of the top priorities.

For the fifth year in a row, the Value of Water Campaign poll surveyed more than 1,000 American voters for the annual Value of Water Index.

Key poll findings include:

➔ Eighty-four (84) percent of Americans support (with 47 percent strongly supporting) increasing federal investment to rebuild the nation's water infrastructure.

➔ Eighty (80) percent say rebuilding America's infrastructure is extremely or very important.

➔ Seventy-three (73) percent of Americans support investing in water infrastructure to increase resilience to climate change, even when told it could cost \$1.27 trillion.

➔ Seventy (70) percent of Americans want the President and Congress to develop a plan to rebuild water infrastructure.

➔ More than 3 in 4 Democrats (94 percent), Republicans (77 percent) and Independents (76 percent) broadly support increasing federal investment. Support also cuts across gender, age group and income.

A bipartisan research team FM3 (D) and New Bridge Strategy (R) conducted the poll, seeking voters' opinions on the nation's water infrastructure. The team fielded the poll from March 7 - 18, during a time when the COVID-19 pandemic began to unfold in the United States and commanded public attention.

For more information, go to: [www.thevalueofwater.org](http://www.thevalueofwater.org)

