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CRANES SIGNAL BOOST IN CHICAGO ECONOMIC STRENGTH

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced last week that with the installation of the latest crane, the city has set a post-recession record. The newest crane, located at 451 E. Grand Ave. in Streeterville, is the 48th tower crane to operate in Chicago during 2016 - 31 more than we saw in 2011.



From left: Related Midwest CEO Kurt Bailey, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Sr. Vice President Don Biernacki and Building Commissioner Judy Frydland all spoke during last week's press conference.

Emanuel, who made the announcement at the crane location with Building Commissioner Judy Frydland, said there are 29 tower cranes currently in operation with seven more approved and pending installation.

"The cranes seen across the Chicago skyline show economic confidence in the city," Emanuel said. "More foreign investments are coming to Chicago than Miami, Atlanta and Montreal combined."

The latest crane is poised to help build the 67-story One Bennett Park, the city's tallest all-residential tower at 836 feet tall. One Bennett Park will create 1,100 new jobs, serving as a catalyst for additional investment.

This building is being developed by Related Midwest, and was designed by



Above is the record-setting crane that was installed at 451 E. Grand Ave. to be used to construct One Bennett Park.

Robert A.M. Stern Architects. The building will also feature a unique 1.7-acre public park designed by Michael Van Valkenburgh, the creator of Maggie Daley Park.

Related Midwest Senior VP Don Biernacki said "The highly skilled union trades workers and union contractors throughout this region are adept at bringing images on paper to magnificent towers in the sky."

CHICAGO CRANES CREATE JOBS

During the press conference it was noted that for every crane, 800 to 1,200 skilled union workers representing 25 different building trades are employed.

The Wanda Vista project on East Wacker is another example where cranes are in use. Following is a pictorial display of more projects that highlight the craftsmanship of the thousands of men and women who dedicate their lives to the union construction industry. (continues on back)



Crane (and its reflection) at 221 E. Erie St.



Twin cranes "Onward and Upward" at 640 N. Wells.



Crane in the heavens at 311 W. Illinois.

More news and photos on the back page.

CISCO ON THE MOVE

FEWER INJURIES: TESTAMENT TO USDOL-APPROVED TRAINING

Recent headlines from throughout the country highlighted several major crane accidents at construction sites resulting in injuries and fatalities.

Investigations into these accidents almost always conclude that they are the result of human error, and lack of training and experience.

The union construction industry takes pride in training all of its apprentices using US Department of Labor standards and guidelines. The joint labor-management training centers here in northeastern Illinois



Barely visible in the photo are the construction workers near this crane at 8 East Huron. Safety is of the utmost concern when working under these conditions - and training makes the difference between life and death.

offer continuing education within all building trades. This ensures our workers are up to date on emerging technologies, equipment advancements and sustainable energy best practices; which makes these buildings highly attractive to the investors, city planners and developers, residents and the building community.



Another crane operates at 167 W. Erie St.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK - NOVEMBER 14-20

This year, the second Annual National Apprenticeship Week will take place November 14-20, 2016.

In accordance with the national recognition week, the Apprenticeship Information Committee will provide a panel discussion at 9:30 am, Thursday, November 17 (tomorrow) at the IBEW 134-NECA Institute, 6201 W. 115th St. in Alsip. Interested groups can learn more about apprenticeship programs. The event has been registered with the Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeships.

PROJECT OF THE YEAR APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHES

The deadline for entry into the 2016 Project of the Year Award is now only a month away! The deadline for submittals is **5:00 p.m. Thursday, December 1, 2016.**

The submittal process is completely electronic, easy and convenient. Click the following link to download the forms: www.cisco.org/wp-content/pdf/POY-App-16.pdf.

There are 6 different project categories that are judged on Quality of Construction, Design, Impact on the Community and Safety Record.



One of last year's winning projects (above) - Madison Racine Apartments showing a rooftop view at dusk, submitted by Power Construction in the New Construction/Chicago category.

For more information and for questions regarding the application process, contact Gary Karafiat at **(630) 472-9411** or via email, gary@cisco.org.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - NATIONAL AND STATEWIDE ELECTION RESULTS

This week was the first week of the Veto Session in Springfield. Governor Rauner met with House and Senate Leadership to discuss the nearly two-year budget impasse.

After the meeting Speaker Michael Madigan said the budget deal can't be tied to the Governor's agenda.

"If you use the previous framework, the odds are you'll get a budget to finish off the fiscal year, and you'll be able to provide a good level of funding for education, public safety, seniors and the vulnerable in our society," Madigan said.

ST. PAUL MINISTRIES OFFERING DRIVER'S LICENSE SERVICES - DEC. 2

St. Paul Community Development Ministries in conjunction with the Secretary of State and the John Marshall Law School are working together to assist Illinois residents with driver's license services. The Secretary of State's Mobile Unit and John Marshall Law School's team of lawyers and law students will review your driving record and provide information in your next steps to restore your driving privileges.

Attendance is free and open to the public. The event is Friday, Dec. 2 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, at 4550 S. Wabash Avenue in Chicago.

Services provided at this event include: 1) Renewal/Correction of License; 2) New/Renewal/Correction of State ID; 3) License Plate Stickers; 4) Seniors Age 65 and Up (No charge for State ID); 5) Legal Consultation. Note: Seniors Age 75 and older need to visit the DMV to renew your drivers license. For info, call: **(773) 538-5120**.

