IMSCA HONORS TWO LEGISLATORS FOR EXEMPLARY WORK

IMSCA, the Illinois Mechanical & Specialty Contractors Association (IMSCA) recently honored Illinois Senator John Mulroe and House Assistant Majority Leader Luis Arroyo for their work in passing SB 3052.

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The ceremony will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the IBEW Local 134 Union Hall, 2722 S. Martin Luther King Drive in Chicago. Because of their efforts (and those of EMS First Responders) the employee is alive, well and working!

BIG TURNOUT FOR BREAKING BOUNDARIES’ 3RD EVENT IN SERIES

Approximately 180 people attended the third in a series of events called Breaking Boundaries, that explores the personal and financial benefits of women moving into nontraditional fields. The event was held at the West Campus of Lake Park High School in Roselle, Illinois.

This installment featured keynote speaker Kayleen McCabe (above photo) of the DIY Network’s Rescue Renovation followed by an Employer & Career Path Showcase. CISCO helped sponsor the event and was one of more than 20 employers/vendors/building trades organizations that were on hand.

“It was apparent from the start of Kayleen’s presentation that her passion and CISCO’s mission are one in the same,” said Executive Director Dan Allen. “We both work daily to promote careers in the construction industry, and our mission to inform students and young adults about these opportunities is vital to the long-term strength of the entire industry.”

IMSCA Executive Director Jessica Newbold, State Senator John Mulroe and NECA-NEIL’s Giuseppe Muzzupappa.

Even though the bill was vetoed by the Governor, the passage of this bill was in large part due to the collaborative efforts of management and labor, specifically the efforts of AFL-CIO President Michael Carrigan.

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CISCO ON THE MOVE

CISCO LAUNCHES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE - FEB. 22, 2019

CISCO is accepting applications for its 2019 Scholarship Program. The three different categories enable a wider range of students of both union building trade members and union contractor employees to apply.

CISCO offers (3), four-year scholarships to high school seniors; (2), two-year awards for seniors planning on attending a community college; and (2), two-year continuing education awards to union members or contractor employees.

“The education of our future generations needs to be priority one,” said CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen. “Each year we receive entries from increasingly talented students. This is a testament to our construction industry parents and families who have instilled a strong work ethic and character in their children.”

Last year’s scholarship winners are recognized as CISCO Board President Maurice King proudly joins in.

All applications and accompanying documents must be postmarked by February 22, 2019. For more information, contact CISCO at 630.472.9411, or to download the appropriate application form, go to www.cisco.org/scholarships/

CISCO KICKS OFF PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARDS - DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS DECEMBER 5, 2018

CISCO’S Project of the Year Award is kicking off its 14th year of accepting applications for some of the best construction projects of the past 18 months. The award gives general contractors, owners, engineers and architects a chance to submit projects in six different categories that include the areas of new construction, renovation/rehabilitation, residential construction and infrastructure.

One of last year’s winning projects was the McCormick Place Hotel & Event Center submitted by Clark Construction.

The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018. For more information, contact Gary Karafiat, Director of Communications & Public Affairs at 630.472.9411 or via email: gary@cisco.org. In addition, interested submitters should visit www.cisco.org/projects-of-the-year/ to download the easy three-step application form.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Governor Bruce Rauner suffered yet another setback in his 4-year quest to hurt unions through establishing “right-to-work” (RTW) for less zones. As reported in Capitol Fax, the federal 7th Circuit Court agreed with a district court and struck down the attempt saying that the National Labor Relations Act only allows states to pass RTW (for less) laws, not local governments.

The town of Lincolnshire, which created the RTW (for less) zone, was sued by several labor groups, and Seventh Circuit Judge Diane Wood ruled that workers may have to work in “numerous municipalities every week, and the idea that businesses operate exclusively within one town’s borders strikes us as fanciful.”

“Is an employee subject to an agency agreement one day, when his job takes him to nearby Chicago, and not the next day, when he happens to be working on-site in Lincolnshire? What if neighboring Buffalo Grove has the opposite law?”

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK - NOVEMBER 12-18, 2018

As part of National Apprenticeship Week, the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters (CRCC) will host an Open House on November 14, 2018 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event will feature a facility tour and then a presentation about the CRCC’s successful registered apprenticeship program.

Following the presentation, a special panel of administrators, instructors and current/former apprentices will discuss the benefits of the program. The event is FREE and open to the public.

Tours start at 5:30 p.m. with the last tour set to begin at 6:10 p.m. The main presentation is scheduled from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

To register for the event, visit www.chicap.org.

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