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## CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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### COMPTROLLER MENDOZA SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER MANDATING PREVAILING WAGE ACT COMPLIANCE

Illinois State Comptroller Susana Mendoza signed an executive order last week committing her office to monitor state contracts for compliance with the Prevailing Wage Act.



*Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza and Illinois AFL-CIO President Michael Carrigan share a moment at the podium.*

“This is so important to the men and women around Illinois who get up early every day to carefully build roads and new schools and operate heavy machinery, and who expect a fair wage to take care of their families,” said AFL-CIO President Michael Carrigan.

The Executive Order outlines steps the Office of Illinois Comptroller will take to ensure contractors comply with prevailing wage. This includes monitoring grants awarded for the new \$45 billion Rebuild Illinois program and other public works programs. Mendoza’s office will work with the Department of Labor, and her office’s website will include the ability to search for specific contractors, submit complaints. In support of IDOL, her office will be able to withhold payments for non-compliance of the Act.

“We greatly appreciate Comptroller Mendoza putting these protections in place to create a level playing field,

ensuring that contractors on state public works projects comply with the Act,” added Mike Macellaio, President of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Council.

### GOV. PRITZKER, IDOT ANNOUNCE “REBUILD ILLINOIS” PROJECTS

Gov. JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Transportation released the department’s annual Multi-Year Plan (MYP) of road and bridge projects across the state - the first to capture the historic impact of the Rebuild Illinois capital plan.

Using rigorous and objective criteria, IDOT evaluated the condition, frequency of use, and crash and fatalities across the state’s transportation system in planning the historic improvements.



*Gov. Pritzker poses with staff and construction workers during the MYP announcement.*

Over the next six years, \$23.5 billion will be invested in maintaining, preserving and expanding 4,212 miles of roadway and 9.2 million square feet of bridge deck statewide.

Gov. Pritzker said in his press release that “All together, these road and bridge projects will create and support hundreds of thousands of jobs over the next five years for hardworking Illinois residents in every part of the state.”

### CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

The 7th Annual Construction Industry Conference (CIC) was held last week in Chicago. The event featured several break-out sessions on a variety of construction-related topics, highlighted by a noon-hour, “fireside chat” with Don Biernacki, Senior VP of Construction for Related Midwest and Charles Thomas, retired ABC7 Political Reporter.



*Charles Thomas (left) and Don Biernacki, Sr. VP of Construction for Related Midwest discuss minority/female inclusion in the construction industry.*

The final afternoon session featured a panel discussing the topic “Building Your Workforce for Tomorrow’s Opportunities.” Pictured below are: (from left) Juan Pablo Prieto, Director of Diversity, CTA; Jay Rowell, Executive Director, HIRE 360; Jayne Vellinga, Exec. Dir., Chicago Women in Trades; CIC Founder/CEO Suzanne Stantley; Peter Creticos, Pres. of Institute for Work & The Economy; and Eddie Reed, Chairman, Chicago Black United Communities.



*More news and photos on the back page.*

# CISCO ON THE MOVE

## EDUCATION-TO-CAREERS SET FOR A BUSY FALL SCHEDULE

With National Apprenticeship Week quickly approaching in mid-November, it seems appropriate to highlight some of the upcoming



events in the area of Education-To-Careers that CISCO has planned.

The Illinois State Apprenticeship Committee will be hosting a Counselor & Educator Conference at the IBEW/NECA Local 134 Training Center, 6201 W. 115th Street in Alsip. It will be held on Friday, Nov. 15th, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. This is a free event, with Hands-On portions. CPDU's and lunch will be provided. To register/for more information, email: [johnetta@cisco.org](mailto:johnetta@cisco.org).

In addition to the ISAC conference, there will be two Hands-On events in the next month:

➔ Wednesday, October 30 - Lincoln-Way East High School will be the location for students from Lincoln-Way East, West and Central to learn about careers in the trades.

➔ Thursday, November 14 - Painters District Council 30 will be hosting a Hands-On Expo at their Apprentice Training Center in Aurora, where the public is being notified about the opportunity to tour the facility and learn more about the trade.



## CISCO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: DEADLINE TO APPLY - FEB. 21, 2020

CISCO is accepting applications for its 2020 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 application forms can be downloaded from CISCO's website ([www.cisco.org](http://www.cisco.org)). All applications and accompanying documents must be postmarked by February 21, 2020. For more information, contact CISCO at 630.472.9411.

## PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD: DEADLINE TO APPLY - DEC. 4, 2019

CISCO's Project of the Year Award is kicking off its 15th year of accepting applications for some of the best construction projects of the past 18 months. (June 2018 - December 2019)

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.

The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019.



*One of last year's winners is shown above - Luther Burbank Elementary School in Burbank, IL for New Construction Category.*

For more information, contact Gary Karafiat, Director of Communications & Public Affairs at 630.472.9411 or via email: [gary@cisco.org](mailto:gary@cisco.org).

## CISCO CREATES NEW POSTER PROMOTING APPRENTICESHIPS

Hot off the presses is CISCO's latest marketing tool to promote awareness of the building trades' apprenticeship programs, and the opportunities of a career in the union construction industry.

Plans are to distribute the 16" x 24" poster to all of the schools and educational organizations that CISCO's Education-to-Careers Program regularly interacts with, including high schools, middle schools and community colleges.



The poster (above) lists each building trade with an apprenticeship program, highlights the benefits of being accepted into one of the programs, and contains a chart that demonstrates the financial differences of earning while you learn in a 5-year apprenticeship, versus what a student might owe after paying tuition for four years at a college or university.

