PROJECT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM UP AND RUNNING - DEADLINE: DEC. 4TH

CISCO’s Project of the Year Award is kicking off its 16th year of accepting applications for some of the best construction projects of the past 18 months. (June 2019 – December 2020).

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.

Deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 2020. The application form is online - www.cisco.org/projects-of-the-year/. For more information, contact Gary Karafiat, 630.472.9411 or email: gary@cisco.org.

HACC SIGNS HISTORIC PLA

The Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) recently agreed to a historic, new two-year Project Labor Agreement (PLA) that applies to all public housing projects throughout the County.

The timing is perfect as Cook County has announced plans to modernize many of its aging public housing facilities. Also, a new development - a 16-story mixed income complex in Evanston - has just been approved.

The PLA is a win-win as union contractors and building trades add work, and this coincides with recent apprenticeship recruiting efforts with HACC residents and communities.

CBC OFFERS WEBINAR: “THE FUTURE OF WORK IN CONSTRUCTION”

CISCO’s Dan Allen will be a panelist for a September 16th webinar hosted by the Chicago Building Congress from noon to 1:30 pm.

The webinar is part of The Future of Work series, and this webinar will focus on “Leveraging Technology for Safer Built Environments in the COVID-19 Era”.

There is a reduced fee for this virtual event and registration required. CBC members fee is $15, while non-members is $25. To register: www.chicagobuildingcongress.org.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UNDERWAY FOR 2021 AWARDS

CISCO has begun to accept applications for its long-standing Annual Scholarship Awards Program. Applications for this program are available by choosing one of the three types of scholarship awards below.

The three scholarship program categories are: 1) Four-year college scholarships for high school seniors; 2) Two-year awards for seniors planning on attending a community college; and 3) Two-year continuing education awards to union members or contractor employees.

For more information/questions, call CISCO at (630) 472-9411.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS REAL ESTATE MAGAZINE CELEBRATES 30TH YEAR

The Construction Industry Service Corporation (CISCO) would like to recognize 30 years of publishing excellence by the Northern Illinois Real Estate (NIRE) magazine team and specifically its owners/operators Maryann Wilke and Roger Krieg, who have been partners of organized labor and the construction industry throughout their great run.

CISCO also learned that Roger and Maryann have announced their retirement from the publishing business. NIRE magazine has helped cover industry news on behalf of CISCO, and we wish them all the best in the future.

Approximately 25 young men & women participated in the joint IBEW-NECA solar apprenticeship program. CISCO helped to recruit many of these individuals into the high school trade programs at Simeon, Dunbar, Prosser, and Juarez high schools over the last few years. The diverse group of trainees began the day with a greeting from Local 134 Business Manager Don Finn before going outdoors to work on solar panels such as the one pictured above.