CISCO TO PRESENT AT WOMEN’S CAREER EXPLORATION WORKSHOP

The first event in the Breaking Boundaries: Career Exploration Series for Women will take place at the College of DuPage on Friday, September 29 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon at the college’s Technical Education Center.

CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen will moderate a panel of four women, two of whom are union construction workers. The purpose of this event is to inform women about careers that are considered “non-traditional” and to explain the tremendous opportunities in these fields.

For more information, please contact Adela Meitz at (630) 942-2389 or via email: meitza@cod.edu.

CHICAGO WOMEN IN TRADES CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 13-15

Chicago Women in Trades and North America’s Building Trade’s Unions Women’s Committee has announced the 2017 Women Build Nations Conference will return to Chicago October 13-15.

This year, anticipating record breaking attendance, the conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Hotel and McCormick Place Convention Center, the largest convention center in the country, which many tradeswomen helped to build! To register, go to www.chicagowomenintrades2.org.

RCEC CELEBRATING 50 YEARS - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017

The Residential Construction Employers Council will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Thursday, October 19th from 6:00 - 10:00 pm at Venuti’s Banquets in Addison, IL. For more information, contact Cathy Kirin at 630-512-0552. To pay online, go to www.rcecsusa.org.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT: PREVAILING WAGE SEMINAR – OCTOBER 25

This FREE seminar is a must-attend for public body employees, contractors and attorneys. The seminar will be held from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Double Tree Downers Grove, 2111 Butterfield Road on Wednesday, October 25.

The event is a multi-sponsor effort of the Prevailing Wage Council and the Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting, CISCO, MARBA, NAFC and the Underground Contractor’s Association.

Learn about the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, how to ensure compliance with the Act, and the challenging landscape of prevailing wage coverage. For more information, and to register, contact Laura Byrne at lbyrne@iiiffc.org by Wednesday, October 18.

PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARDS – DEADLINE DECEMBER 1, 2017

CISCO’s Project of the Year Award is kicking off its 13th 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 6 different categories that includes new construction, renovation, residential construction, and infrastructure. Visit www.cisco.org/projects-of-the-year/ to download the easy three-step application form.

The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 1st. For more information, call Gary Karafiat, Director of Communications & Public Affairs at (630) 472-9411.

CONGRESSMAN DAVIS HOSTS YOUTH TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT

CISCO and representatives of the Carpenters’ and Painters & Drywall Finishes’ Apprenticeship Programs were on hand for a recent two-day conference, hosted by Congressman Danny Davis (D-7th Dist.) at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

The Conference is called the State of the African-American Male and included a Youth Technology Summit, Resource Fair and many break-out sessions focused on numerous life management topics.

Pictured above are (from left) Congressman Davis, CISCO Education-to-Careers Director Johnetta Ryan, Jay Kolder, Apprenticeship Instructor for Painters & Drywall Finishes, and Kina McAfee, Carpenters Assistant Apprenticeship Coordinator.

More news and photos on the back page.
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