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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: meitz@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.rcecusa.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@iifc.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 Finishers' 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 Finishers, and Kina McAfee, Carpenters Assistant Apprenticeship Coordinator.

More news and photos on the back page.

CISCO ON THE MOVE

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK – NOVEMBER 13-17, 2017

As part of National Apprenticeship Week, CISCO has learned of two Apprenticeship Programs that are planning Open House events for Wednesday, November 15th.

1) The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters will host their event at 1256 Estes Avenue in Elk Grove Village. Tours start at 5:30 p.m., followed by a main presentation from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.



Carpenters Assistant Apprenticeship Coordinator Nick Sanfilippo (left) helps a participant during a measuring exercise at a recent construction expo.

The benefits of registered apprenticeship programs are substantial. For the industry, they diversify the workforce, improve productivity and profitability, standardize training, reduce turnover, and more. To register, go to <http://www.chicap.org/apprenticeship-open-house/>

2) The other Open House is being hosted by SMART Local 265 Sheet Metal Workers. Local 265's event begins at 7:00 a.m. through 7:30 p.m. at 205 Alexandra Way, Carol Stream, IL 60188.



The Training Center is opening its doors to all who are currently engaged in, or interested in the Sheet Metal and HVAC service industries. For more information, call 630/668.0110 or email: training@smw265.org.

HARRY OHDE IS IBEW LOCAL 134'S LABOR MAN OF THE YEAR



This year NECA/IBEW 134 was very proud to pronounce Harry Ohde as Labor Man of The Year, a recognition reserved for those that truly give to the industry and make a difference for union members.

Don Finn, Business Manager & Financial Secretary of IBEW 134, is quick to provide praise for all the dedication and service that Ohde has provided. "Harry is involved in so many committees and sits on so many boards, not just for his recent pioneering efforts for renewable energy training, but everything to do with the Union electrical industry."

He is not shy when it comes to helping others. His recent work for Saint Margaret of Scotland, located just off 99th and the Dan Ryan, has generated up to \$500,000 worth of donated time required to overhaul outdated electrical work throughout the facility, making it code compliant and efficient.

When speaking with Harry, his enthusiasm overflows, not only for the Union, but also for his passion as an educator. It is here he makes a real difference to the community while doing what he loves — ensuring all union electricians coming out of the South Suburban training facility have the knowledge and expertise required to flourish in a competitive market.

When it comes to having an influence, perhaps Harry's biggest contribution has been his keen vision and persistence that led to one of the Union's most recent historic achievements, the development of a Renewable Energy Training Field, located at NECA/IBEW local 134's IN-TECH facility in Alsip.

There is simply no other facility of its kind in the country, and Harry understood the timeliness and impact that such a technological showcase would provide. It serves as the country's very first hands-on training facility of its kind, encompassing all aspects of Renewable Energy, from solar to wind, to electric vehicle charging, to energy storage and management, all working together in a real-case example of a functional micro grid.

CISCO congratulates Harry Ohde for a lifetime of service to the union construction industry!

Editor's note: Article excerpts courtesy of NECA & IBEW Local 134.

CONSTRUCTION WEEK – OCT. 2 - 6

We invite and encourage you to join in celebrating Construction Week 2017! The Master Builders of Iowa held the first annual Construction Week in 2016 and saw many successes. This year they have invited associations nationwide to join together to spread awareness about opportunities in the industry.

As the demand for construction continues to rise, so does the need for an educated, talented and qualified labor force. Today's labor shortage is not going to fix itself. As a response, contractors across the nation are declaring the first week in October of each year as "Construction Week."

As a member of the construction industry, you are uniquely positioned as the best example of why this is such a great industry to have a career in. Be a part of the movement to proudly promote construction as a preferred career choice.

