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## **CISCO ANNOUNCES 2020 PROJECT OF THE YEAR WINNERS**

**Burr Ridge, Illinois**— The Construction Industry Service Corporation (CISCO) announced its Project of the Year award winners today as part of its annual Pride in Construction Award Program. The program recognizes the top quality, union construction projects in six different categories, as well as three individual awards: Educator of the Year, Public Body of the Year and Labor Advocate of the Year.

“We are proud to recognize these projects, project teams and organizations for this prestigious award,” said CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen. “Clearly all of the entries are winners as the quality of each of these projects was evident to our Board members, who had the difficult task of choosing in each category. Amidst an unprecedented pandemic, general contractors, subcontractors, and the men and women who construct these buildings collaborated to stay safe, stay on time and withing budget to complete these outstanding projects.”

The top project in the *New Construction/Chicago* (above \$20 million) category went to **Navy Pier Hotel & Rooftop Venue** submitted by **McHugh Construction**.

The project consisted of two phases – hotel and a rooftop venue at Navy Pier. The rooftop venue occupies 52,000 SF of all seasons/indoor-outdoor bar and restaurant space on top of the terminal building between festival hall and the grand ballroom. The 223-room hotel occupies three individual, 7-story bays/buildings over 201,000 SF and 800-foot long on the south side of Navy Pier.

In addition, the project involved removing the existing building roof at each of the 3 bays, building a steel and concrete podium at level 3 to support 5 stories of light gauge metal framed panels with structural panel concrete floors. 51 micropiles were drilled through the existing pier and the lake down to bedrock. General contractor was McHugh Construction; lead architect was KOO LLC.

The top vote-getter in the category of *New Construction/Suburbs* (above \$20 million) was the new **St. Charles Police Department** in St. Charles, Illinois.

The 56,000 SF building itself incorporates a variety of high-end equipment and finishes. Brick, limestone, and natural stone were utilized. Painted concrete and metal panels helped reduce cost. Metal and bricks from demolition were salvaged and repurposed.

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Features include an evidence room with bar-coding system, and advanced lock-up facility, a secure area for attorneys to speak with suspects and an attached squad car garage. A training room, wellness center and community room for public use helped the facility focus on the health of employees and community.

General contractor was Riley Construction; lead architect was FGM Architects.

The top choice in the category for *New Construction – Chicago or Suburbs* (below \$20 million) was **University of Chicago Medicine – River East Ambulatory Care Center**.

The Ambulatory Care Center is an interior fit-out of approximately 42,000 sf of existing space located within a multi-tenant, mixed-use building called the Retail at River East. The ground floor clinic is 6,000 sf and consists of an immediate care center with exam rooms, triage and support space. The 36,000 sf second floor consists of several medically-related programs including Internal Medicine, Breast Imaging Center and much more.

Submitted by UChicago Medicine, the general contractor was Turner Construction; the lead architect was Perkins+Will.

The top choice of *Infrastructure* projects went to **CDOT Lake Front Trail – Phase 2**.

The Navy Pier Flyover Phase 2 Project consists of construction of an elevated pedestrian bridge spanning from the north side of Ogden Slip, through DuSable Park to LSD Chicago River Bridge for the Chicago DOT. The bridge is composed of an elevated steel composite bridge with a serpentine alignment, LED lights and electrical systems as well as wayfinding scope.

The structure consists of steel plates, rolled into 30-inch outer diameter sections, seamlessly welded into segments that were then heat-induction bent to span multiple bents. The bridge provides for safer walking and biking along the Lakefront trail near Navy Pier, which is one of the most heavily used portions of the 18-mile trail.

This project allows pedestrians and bikers to no longer have to cross two busy roadways which have historically been the location of a significant number of serious accidents.

Submitted by the general contractor and construction manager Kenny Construction, the lead architect was HNTB of Chicago.

Among *Rehabilitation* projects, the **Chicago Riverwalk Esplanade and Marketplace** was the top vote-getter, submitted by F.H. Paschen.

The scope of the work involving improvements along the Chicago River involved replacing and widening the Riverwalk path, adding brand new vendor spaces for Minority and Women Owned businesses, and placing an additional 75,000 sf of new landscape.

Phase 2 of this project included an electrical room build-out, furniture install, new electrical infrastructure to provide power to light fixtures and to vendor spaces, as well as conduit runs under upper Wacker and upper Michigan.

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Besides building in the middle of winter directly next to the River, working in such a confined space also caused problems that were overcome through duration of construction.

The Chicago Riverwalk is a popular attraction among visitors, as well as patrons. By expanding it and providing new landscaping, it not only makes it more beautiful, but also increases capacity.

The General Contractor was F.H. Paschen, with Muller & Muller being the lead architect.

The top *Residential Construction* project chosen was **NEMA Chicago** on South Indiana.

This multi-use tower, at 896 feet, is the tallest residential apartment-only building in Chicago. Rising to 76 stories at the south end of Grant Park, the 1.1 million square foot building will include over 800 residential units with sweeping views of Lake Michigan, Grant and Millennium Parks, and the city skyline. The residential tower is set on a 16-story-base that will feature a 15,000-square-foot landscaped pool and amenity deck for residents. The base also contains parking for over 500 vehicles and 12,000-square-foot of retail space. The building includes two tiers of apartments, the Signature Collection representing units up to Level 47, and the Skyline Collection on the upper floors (Levels 49-76) that feature larger floor plans, higher ceiling heights, premium finishes, and access to an exclusive set of amenities and services.

The building includes a total of over 70,000-square-foot of Amenity space, including a state of the art Fitness Center, Pilates Studio, Spin Studio, Wellness Studio/Center, Boxing Ring, Basketball and Squash Courts, a golf simulator, a 75' indoor lap pool, Spa Suite with (2) treatment rooms, and Men's and Women's Steam and Sauna Rooms. Additionally, the Skyline residences have a separate Amenity space at Level 48 with its own outdoor terrace, a private bar lounge, a separate event space with catering kitchen, boardrooms, and additional gym and private training spaces.

The project was submitted by the General Contractor McHugh Construction, and the lead architect was Rafael Vinoly Architects PC.

The individual award winners were Educator of the Year - Jill Nagel, Counselor, at St. Rita High School in Chicago; Public Body of the Year - Cook County Housing Authority; and Labor Advocate of the Year – State Representative Marcus C. Evans Jr.

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*Founded in 1988, the Construction Industry Service Corporation, CISCO, is a labor-management group that brings together unions of the building trades and construction contractor associations representing more than 140,000 construction workers and 8,000 union contractors in the six-county Chicago metropolitan area.*