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CISCO ANNOUNCES 2013 PROJECT OF THE YEAR WINNERS

Oak Brook, 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, which recognizes the top quality union construction projects in various categories, also honors the efforts of an area educator, Illinois public body and labor conciliator. A formal presentation to the winners is scheduled at the association's annual breakfast meeting on January 31, 2013 at Maggiano's Little Italy in Schaumburg, Illinois.

"We are proud to recognize these projects, organizations and individuals for this prestigious award," said CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen. "The projects we receive each year demonstrates that the union construction industry produces the best product anywhere in the world, and this year's entries and winners perfectly illustrates that point."

Entering its 8th year, the program in 2013 added two new categories: 1) Infrastructure – Chicago or Suburbs, which highlighted road, bridge, excavation or utility projects, and 2) New Construction – Chicago or Suburbs below \$20 million in total budget.

The top project in the *New Construction/Chicago* (above \$20 million) category went to **Sarah E. Goode STEM Academy**, 51 S. Homan Avenue. The project was a new 215,000 sf, three-story high school that received LEED Platinum certification. The building is a structural steel frame with concrete on metal deck on all levels including the roof.

The school amenities include new classrooms, computer labs, science labs, a full cooking kitchen and cafeteria, a fitness center, a library, an indoor pool and a gymnasium with a stage, lighting and sound system for theatre productions.

The Chicago Public Building Commission teamed with General Contractor F.H. Paschen S.N. Nielsen & Associates; Architect STR Partners and Engineers CE Anderson and dbHMS.

Winning in the category of *New Construction/Suburbs* (above \$20 million) was the **Elgin Community College – Health and Life Science Building**, 1900 Spartan Avenue. The new addition of the 160,454 sf Health and Life Sciences Building is part of Elgin Community College's (ECC) initiative to address employer-defined shortages of healthcare and allied health professionals. Funding for the project came from a 2009 bond referendum in the amount of \$178 million to build this and several other new buildings on campus.

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The ECC's Health Careers Building is slated to achieve LEED Silver certification in order to underscore the campus' commitment to environment stewardship. Construction of the building employed more than 700 union construction workers over a span of 21 months with zero lost days due to injury or accident.

Elgin Community College worked with General Contractor Lamp Inc.; Architects Kluber, Inc.; and Engineers Kahler Slater and AECOM.

Among *Rehabilitation* projects, the **Chicago Bears Halas Hall Additions** in Lake Forest was the top vote-getter. The home of the Bear's training and administrative facilities underwent many renovations including the front offices, meeting rooms, media rooms, weight room, pool and athletic training/rehab facility. Three main additions were built to expand the capabilities of the existing facility highlighted by a new kitchen, 150-person event center and a state-of-the-art broadcast studio.

The Chicago Bears Football Club's project team consisted of General Contractor Mortenson Construction; Architect Richard Preves & Associates; and Structural Engineer Virgilio & Associates, Ltd.

The top *Residential Construction* project chosen was **500 Lake Shore Drive**, a new 45-story apartment tower located in Chicago's Streeterville neighborhood, just steps from Navy Pier and Lake Michigan. The building features a sleek, modern curtainwall façade and 699,000 square feet of luxurious accommodations and amenities.

The building was designed to be LEED Silver for its sustainable site selection, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources and indoor air quality. The building also features operable windows to enhance the thermal comfort of its tenant.

The owner/client was Related BIT Lakeshore Owner, LLC and their project team consisted of General Contractor Lend Lease and Architect Solomon Cordwell Buenz Robert Pope & Associates.

In the first of the two new categories this year, the winning *Infrastructure* project went to **Runway 10C-28C at O'Hare International Airport**. The new runway is 10,800 feet long and 200 feet wide and was built as part of the O'Hare Modernization Program. The footprint of the runway overlapped with many airport facilities that needed to be relocated or displaced to accommodate the construction of the runway. These included a cemetery, a railroad, a waterway, two large cargo facilities, a detention basin (Lake O'Hare), an aircraft fueling station and many properties.

The \$1.3 billion project brought \$4 billion in economic activity including 1,000 construction and professional services jobs created annually over the project's 8-year duration and nearly 50,000 permanent jobs. Needed to build the runway were 940,000 square yards of pavement, equivalent to 30 city blocks; 1.4 million linear feet of electrical cable; and 7.2 million cubic yards of earthwork, which would fill Soldier Field 5 ½ times.

The Chicago Department of Aviation teamed with General Contractor Walsh T.J. Lanbrecht and Construction Manager Terrel Materials along with Architect O'Hare Airfield Engineers and Engineering Joint Venture of Jacobs and Millhouse.

The winner of the final category of *New Construction – Chicago or Suburbs* (below \$20 million) was **Hyatt Place Hotel**, 5225 S. Harper Avenue in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago. The new hotel is an 84,000 sf, 131-room facility constructed of red sandstone-colored porcelain tiles and zinc shingles and stands as the gateway to the Harper Court development. As the centerpiece of the development, Hyatt Place is Hyde Park's first new hotel in 50 years.

Hyatt Place Hotel is slated to become one of the first LEED for New Construction (LEED-NC) certified hotels in Chicago. It also received LEED for Neighborhood Development Gold certification, becoming the highest LEED-rated project of its kind in Illinois.

Owner of the Hyatt Place is Smart Hotels Olympia/Chicago, LLC and it teamed with General Contractor Wm. A. Randolph, Inc.; Legat Architects and Structural Engineers CSA Associates and Virgilio & Associates.

The individual winners in the Pride in Construction Program were:

- Educator of the Year, Glen Krause, Counselor, Evergreen Park High School
- Labor Conciliator of the Year, Wes James, Labor Conciliator, Illinois Department of Labor
- Public Body of the Year, Village of Bensenville, to be accepted by Village President Frank Soto.

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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.