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CISCO ANNOUNCES 2016 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, which recognizes the top quality union construction projects in various categories, also honors the efforts of an area educator, Illinois public body and labor advocate. A formal presentation to the winners is scheduled at the association's annual breakfast meeting on Friday, January 27, 2017 at Maggiano's Little Italy in Schaumburg, Illinois.

"We are proud to recognize these projects, project teams and organizations for this prestigious award," said CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen. "We broke last year's record for the most entries in the history of the program, and clearly all of the entries are winners as the quality and community impact of each of these projects were evident to our Board members, who had the difficult task of choosing in each category. 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."

The top project in the New Construction/Chicago (above \$20 million) category went to Wolf Point West, 343 West Wolf Point Plaza in Chicago. The 48-story, 509-unit, LEED Silver Class A apartment complex includes four levels of below ground parking and units ranging from one to three bedrooms. First class amenities feature an outdoor pool and deck along the river, spa with hot tub, river view fitness center, media and business centers, and a one of a kind river edge park offering access to the Chicago River and lakefront.

The project, completed in April 2016, was submitted by Ullico; General Contractor was McHugh/Clark Construction Joint Venture, and the Lead Architect was BKL Architecture, LLC.

The top vote-getter in the category of New Construction/Suburbs (above \$20 million) was the University of Chicago Medicine - Center for Advanced Care, 14290 S. LaGrange Road in Orland Park. The 108,000 square foot healthcare facility is the University of Chicago's largest off-campus location. The building features 80 exam rooms with many services such as oncology, radiology, cardiology, pediatrics, women's health and more. The complex, on a twoacre site in downtown Orland Park, also includes a pharmacy and free-standing 530-space parking garage. The project is estimated to bring more than 80,000 visitors and patients in its first year of operation.

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The project, completed Oct. 20, 2016, was submitted by Leopardo Companies, Inc. The General Contractor was Leopardo/BOWA Joint Venture, and the Lead Architect was Tsoi/Kobus & Associates.

The top choice in the category for *New Construction – Chicago or Suburbs* (below \$20 million) was **The Chicago Public Library – Chinatown Branch**, 2100 South Wentworth Avenue in Chicago. The 16,000 square foot library sits at a key intersection and serves as a new civic, educational and social hub for Chicago's Chinatown neighborhood. The library is on track to achieve LEED Gold certification.

The design is bolstered by radiant cooling and heating, in-ground thermal storage tanks, a green roof and an in-ground storm water retention system. The exterior vertical shading fins provide shade to a glass façade controlling solar gain and glare while linking passersby to activity inside and library patrons to the surrounding cityscape. Much like a traditional Chinese courtyard plan, all spaces connect to a central atrium, minimizing the building's total footprint.

The project, completed in August 2015, was submitted by The Public Building Commission of Chicago. The General Contractor was Wight Construction and the Lead Architect was Wight & Company.

The top choice of *Infrastructure* projects went to **The Cermak-McCormick Place CTA Station**, 12 E. Cermak Road in Chicago. This Station serves the country's largest convention center and a stretch of the Green Line that has been without a station since 1978. The innovative tube design covers the platform and tracks.

The challenges to build the station were the most notable: Low cost, speedy construction, no track relocation, narrow right-of-way, and a memorable gateway. The station weaves itself around and through the existing tracks and allows for views of Chinatown, McCormick Place and Chicago's Loop. Sustainability was achieved through use of fly ash concrete, polycarbonate panels with a high recycled content and regionally quarried granite flooring.

The project, completed in March 2015, was submitted by F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen (FHP) on behalf of the Chicago Department of Transportation. FHP was the General Contractor and the Lead Architect was Ross Barney Architects.

Among *Rehabilitation* projects, the **Lane Tech High School Renovation**, 2501 W. Addison Street in Chicago, was the top vote-getter. This high school is the 6th largest in the country at 607,500 square feet on 30 acres. The renovation was performed in 3 shifts – 1st shift performing less disruptive finish activities, window replacement, patching and painting, while the 2nd and 3rd shift carried out the most disruptive work such as demolition, abatement and corridor activities.

Exterior renovation work included removal and replacement of 225,000 square feet of roofing with drains and new copper gutters; 2,568 windows, 92 exterior doors and complete restoration of 5,400 linear feet of steel lintels, 5,100 pieces of terra cotta and 100 percent grind and tuck-point of 163,000 square feet of masonry; and the iconic 4-sided clock tower.

Interior work included demolition of three existing chemistry labs, and removal and replacement of existing millwork, floors, walls, ceilings, electrical, plumbing and HVAC. Another 187 classrooms, 22 washrooms, 3 gymnasiums, library, natatorium, 25 offices and 1.5 miles of corridors were restored.

The project, completed Sept. 30, 2016, was submitted by Tyler Lane Construction on behalf of the Chicago Public Schools. The General Contractor was Tyler Lane Construction, and the Lead Architect was Bauer Latoza.

The top *Residential Construction* project chosen was **1000 South Clark**, located at 1000 S. Clark St. in Chicago. The project is a 29-story residential tower located in Chicago's South Loop neighborhood. At 567,000 square feet, the building features 469 one, two and three bedroom apartments, townhome and duplex units. The building offers modern spaces and versatile floor plans; floor to ceiling windows with impressive views and lake views.

As a result of the large footprint, residents are offered a number of indoor resort-style amenities including 10,000 square feet of fitness space, a 1/6-mile rooftop running track, basketball and racquetball courts, a 4th floor deck with fire pits and outdoor kitchens with grill stations. There is also a 29th floor sky deck and a 5,000 square foot outdoor dog run.

1000 South Clark was submitted by General Contractor Lendlease (US) Construction Inc., and the Lead Architect was Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture. The project was completed August 1, 2016.

Formal presentations to the winning project teams are scheduled at the association's annual breakfast meeting on Friday, January 27, 2017 at Maggiano's Little Italy in Schaumburg, Illinois.

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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.