



Back of the Yard Campus



Universal Technical Institute



William Howard Taft High School

Construction Industry Service Corporation

Announces 2014 Project Of The Year Winners

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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.

The top project in the *New Construction/Chicago* (above \$20 million) category went to **Back of the Yards Campus: Chicago Public Schools High School and Branch Library**, 2111 W. 47th Street. The project was a first-of-its-kind collaboration built on a 10-acre campus. The new 212,000-sq.-ft. high school and 8,300-sq.-ft. library offers the community access to resources of the digital age, while the campus offers access to the surrounding open space and athletic fields. The three-story, steel frame and masonry building was designed to achieve a Silver rating under the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED for Schools Rating System.

The Chicago Public Building Commission teamed with General Contractor Sollitt/Brown and Momen Joint Venture and Architect STL Architects, Inc.

Winning in the category of *New Construction/ Suburbs* (above \$20 million) was the **Universal Technical Institute**, 2611 Corporate Drive West in Lisle. UTI's is a nationwide provider of technical education training for automotive technicians. The new campus project consisted of the redevelopment of an existing 20-acre site along with three new inter-connected building sections. The 200,000 sq. ft. building was designed to locate shop/auto laboratories for hands-on training, classrooms, administrative space, multi-purpose rooms, and a resource center.

Universal Technical Institute worked with General Contractor Leopardo Companies, Inc. and Architects PartnersBY Design, Inc.

Among *Rehabilitation* projects, the **William Howard Taft High School** in Chicago was the top vote-getter. Built in 1939, the high school's renovation was one of the largest such projects under the Capital Improvement Program for the Chicago Public Schools in 2014. The renovations included replacing 1,150 windows, raising 2,700 lineal feet of parapet walls, 4,200 lineal feet of lintel replacement, and 1,100 lineal feet of stone lintel replacement. The work included grinding and tuck pointing 98,000 sq. ft., replacing 98,492 bricks to match the existing masonry, and repairing three floors of interior walls and ceilings.

The entire project was completed during the summer school break and required over 130 union workers on site each day working around the clock on two and three shifts totaling 63,128 man-hours.

CPS worked with General Contractor Tyler Lane Construction and Architect Doyle & Associates.

The top *Residential Construction* project chosen was **OneEleven – 111 West Wacker**, a new 60-story luxury apartment building bound by Wacker Drive and Clark Street. The building is a 945,000 sf concrete structure with curtain wall exterior. The tower houses 32,000 sq. ft. of retail and restaurant space at the ground level and 504 luxury apartment units with 30,000 sq. ft. of amenity space, including pool and fitness center.

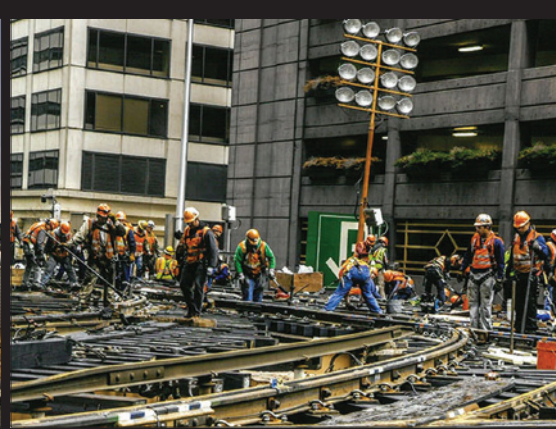
The owner/client was Related Midwest and their project team consisted of General Contractor Lend Lease (US) Construction, Inc. and Handel Architects.

The winning *Infrastructure* project went to **Chicago's Transit Authority Loop Track Renewal**. This \$34 million project was one of CTA's largest projects in the past few years and included replacing more than two miles of elevated rail and track components. With nearly 700 trains passing through the Chicago Loop on a daily basis, the junction at Lake and Wells streets is billed as the busiest railroad junction in the world.

Feature



OneEleven West Wacker



Chicago's Transit Authority Loop Track Renewal



Carol Stream Park District Fountain View

Work included replacing 11,500 feet of track, wood ties, tie plates, power, signal, walkways and platforms. The work was completed over the course of 17, 54-hour week-end work windows and two, 9-day work windows reducing 8 days and saving over \$500,000 in construction costs.

The Chicago Transit Authority provided its own chief engineer and teamed with General Contractor Ragnar Benson Construction, LLC.

The winner of the final category of *New Construction – Chicago or Suburbs* (below \$20 million) was **Carol Stream Park District's Fountain View Recreation Center**, 910 North Gary Avenue in Carol Stream. The new facility includes a 25-yard indoor pool, a warm water pool for therapeutic exercise, an indoor track, three basketball courts, a large multi-purpose room, an attached patio, a

7,500 sq. ft. fitness center and two exercise classrooms. The Fountain View Recreation Center is a 90,846 sq. ft. ADA accessible building that completes the master plan of the community's Town Center and meets the ever-growing needs of healthy lifestyle families in the area.

The Carol Stream Park District teamed with General Contractor Riley Construction; Williams Architects and Structural Engineer Thornton Tomasetti, Inc.

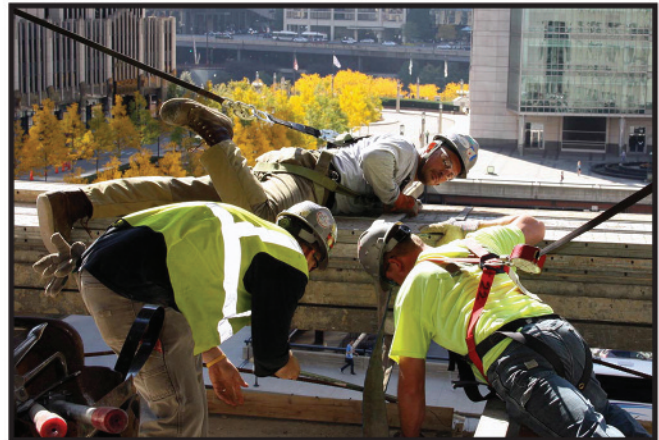
The individual winners in the Pride in Construction Program were: **Educator of the Year**, Cal Ramirez, Teacher, Manley High School; **Labor Advocate of the Year**, Joe Costigan, Director, Illinois Department of Labor; **Public Body of the Year**, State of Illinois Senate, to be accepted by Sen. Kimberly Lightford (D-4th), Asst. Majority Leader

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