2020-21 Emerging Leaders Program- Registration Open!

UNDERGROUND CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

NETWORKING - TRAINING - INDUSTRY EXPOSURE - FUTURE

Do you have an employee who you see as a future construction industry leader? Do you see yourself as a leader in the construction industry in the years to come? This program is for you!

UCA’s ELP will be held August 2020 until April 2021. Limited to the first 20 applicants & due no later than Aug. 21st! Sessions include training presentations, student presentations, site visits, networking opportunities & a lobbying trip to Springfield. Lunch is served at each session and ends with a networking hour.

Session topics will cover (but not limited to):
- Engineering/General Contractors/Subcontractors/Material Suppliers
- Insurance/Bonding / Safety/Risk Management
- Banking
- Advocacy/Legislative (lobbying organizations; IMSCA, TTIC, CWCC)
- Legal
- Organized Labor, Union Funds, Craft committees, IEPI
- Partner organization familiarization (CSC, MARBA, CISCO)
- Leadership Development
- Accounting (Project Accounting, P&L Statements, Quote to Cash Overview)
- AND MORE!

SAVE THE DATE!

UCA’S 41st ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, September 2nd, Cantigny Golf Club
President’s Editorial

As I sit and think about what to write, the first thing that comes to mind are all the association members, their families and employees and hoping that they are all healthy and not struggling personally. We are living through an extraordinary time, an unprecedented economic downturn brought upon us by the Covid-19 pandemic. Hopefully, we will all get through this with our ourselves, families, and companies in good health. We have all been through other life altering events in the last twenty years; 9/11, the war on terror and other downturns in the economy which affected the construction industry. I do not want to be naïve, but I am optimistic that our industry will come out of this and be strong.

The Underground Contractors Association is about its members; you are the association. Rely on the many resources that the association offers. Join in on the webinars and seminars, that associate members are hosting, to stay informed. Get involved with UCA’s bi-monthly Safety / Risk Management / Utility committee meetings and other continuing education webinars or lunch and learns. Reach out to staff if you have questions or need assistance, they will do the best they can to get an answer or connect you with someone who will. Use the directory to contact your peers or those that can provide valuable services.

UCA has had to adjust events and meetings this year as well. The Annual Spring Showcase in April has been cancelled. As a result, we are combining the trade show with the Annual Business Meeting, which is currently scheduled for Thursday, October 1st. The Annual Golf Outing scheduled for June, is now scheduled for September 2nd. More details will follow as the EO’s from the Governor and recommendations from health officials evolve. Committee meetings have been adjusted to webinar format. A shout out to Lambert Technology solutions for hosting secure Zoom meetings for the continuing education and bimonthly safety meetings. Staff has transitioned to using Microsoft Teams as a meeting platform for the other committee meetings.

As we all adjust to the changing times, there are some positives from this pandemic. I hope it has taught us is to appreciate things we have, especially the interactions we have with people. I hope to see you all in person soon and I will still be giving you a hug. Sorry.

Cindy
UCA President
J.A.C.K. Contractor Services, Inc.

Save the Dates!

Thursday, June 11th  Safety/Risk Management/Utility Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, September 2nd  Annual Golf Outing Cantigny Golf, Winfield

Thursday, October 1st  Showcase/Annual Business Meeting Venuti’s, Addison

For more information, please visit www.uca.org.
COVID-19 Resources

UCA has received many emails from our membership offering vital resources for their fellow members to utilize during these difficult times. UCA is very grateful for these shared resources and wanted to take the opportunity to say thanks to our members and industry partners for sharing:

- CISCO
- Corkill Insurance
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- Granite Inliner
- Greater Chicago Damage Prevention Council
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- Occ Doc One/ Physicians Immediate Care
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Safety Spotlight

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As the City of Chicago and State of Illinois have enacted measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT), Division of Infrastructure Management (DIM) reminds its stakeholders—including utility providers, construction companies, locators, and project managers—that public way management is an essential function. As such, DIM intends to operate its core work groups—OUC, Permitting, 811 Chicago, and Public Way Enforcement—in accordance with measures proposed by public health officials. To ensure that work in the public right of way proceeds in an effective, efficient, and safe manner, DIM will continue to require companies planning to excavate in the public right of way to obtain a permit and a dig ticket from CDOT prior to starting work. However, to accommodate COVID-19 mitigation measures, DIM asks users to adhere to the following procedures.

Public Way Permits

• Until further notice, all permit applications should be submitted electronically through https://ipi.cityofchicago.org/Permits.
• Public way stakeholders should only apply for a permit when they are ready to work. While this has always been the expectation, DIM ask that permit requestors understand that some public way stakeholders may have diminished workforces due to COVID-19
• Only those subcontractors who will actually work at a site should be added to a permit. For example, do not add multiple subcontractors who perform the same work to the permit. Again, this has always been the expectation, but is particularly important now.

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Public Way Permits Cont.

• Work which may impact health care facilities (e.g., lane closures, potential for utility service disruption to the facility, etc.) will only be permitted in the case of emergency repairs.

Dig Tickets

• 811 Chicago will only accept emergency and no-show requests over the phone. All other ticket requests must be completed online through the 811 Chicago website - https://ipi.cityofchicago.org/Digger. 811 Chicago reminds users that only life safety issues and service outages qualify as emergency work. 0 Please include an email address with dig ticket request so that you are alerted to any changes in the status of your request.

0 Once a user creates a dig ticket, and that ticket is accepted by 811, the user can request edits, cancellations, and remarks.

• Dig tickets must be requested at least two business days prior to excavation, but can be requested up to 14 days in advance. Requesting tickets more than two business days in advance allows locators adequate lead time to mark the dig site. In addition, if you are working across multiple blocks, you can stagger the dig dates so that they clear as the crews move down the street. For example, if you have a permit for three blocks of work, you can request tickets so that the first block will clear in three business days, the second block in five days, and the third block in seven days (or whatever schedule best accommodates the crew’s intended work pattern). By staggering work, it is more likely that the marks will be fresh by the time your crews get to the work site and you will limit unnecessary remarks (which further delay the start of work).

0 When submitting a dig ticket request, please set the dig date and time in accordance with the time crews will be on site to start the work.

0 It is essential that users submit dig ticket requests more than two business days in advance of planned excavation.

• Please request “no show” tickets for only those companies that did not mark the site by the dig date and time. Utility owners can respond to a locate request by indicating “positive” (meaning all clear) in the “notice history” (available on all dg tickets), notifying the ticket “contact” via phone call that the site is clear, or marking the site. If the utility owner has responded in one of these three ways, they should not be considered a “no show” unless visual evidence at the dig site confirms the presence of an unmarked facility. Reporting a “no show” for a utility that responded adequately is a violation of MCC 10-21 and could result in a citation. In addition, unnecessary “no shows” further strain the limited resources of locators during the COVID-19 workforce reductions.

By adhering to the guidelines above, companies working in the public way should be able to continue their work without overly taxing the resources of other public way stakeholders. CDOT will notify stakeholders if its services are further affected by COVID-19.
Safety Spotlight

POTENTIAL DANGER WHEN USING HAND SANITIZER

What Happened
A worker used an 80% alcohol-based hand sanitizer as recommended by current hygiene recommendations in the Site COVID-19 plan. Following the application to his hands, but before the liquid disinfectant had evaporated and completely dried, the worker touched a metal surface. On this metal surface, an accumulation of static electricity created an ignition source, and the sanitizer (ethyl-alcohol based) flashed, resulting in an almost invisible flame (blue) in both hands. The contractor managed to extinguish the flames but suffered from first and second degree burns to both hands.

Potential Cause(s)
1. Hand gels contain high concentrations of alcohol. Once the hand sanitizer was applied, the worker did not ensure the gel had completely evaporated before proceeding with work activity.
2. Alcohol vapors can flame or flash if exposed to an ignition source, switches, or any surface containing static electricity.

Corrective/Preventive Actions
1. When using alcohol based hand sanitizers allow for the sanitizer to dry/evaporate before resuming work activity.
2. Avoid touching any surface until the gel has completely dried. Stay away from any potential ignition source while sanitizer is still wet and follow the directions and warning labels on the sanitizer container or review the Safety Data Sheets.
3. If you are not sure about the use of alcohol based disinfectants, please use warm water and soap to wash your hands if available rather than using alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Information provided by: David Soderman, Safety Alliance

COVID-19 MOBILE TESTING

The Chicago FIX has joined with Curis Health Care to provide nasal swab for active infection testing and antibody blood detection for Covid-19 and 22 other respiratory pathogens. Depending on the corporation, we’ve set up using the Mobile Office (picture below) or at a favored facility. So far we’ve tested PepsiCo, Chicago Police Department, Perillo Motors of Downers Grove and Gold Coast. We have Christopher Glass, District 19 Tact Team, the city of Plainfield, Cintas, and of course Electric Conduit in the works.

The services are covered under most insurances with no out-of-pocket. We can test about 20 people / 2 person med crew / hour. We used 3 crews for Pepsico and were done in a few hours. We were there around 5am to capture as many employees during shift change.

Tests take a few days for results. Swab test are about 2 days and blood tests are about 4 business days.

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