

# PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

## Constructive News You Can Use



### A Message from Carina

The last couple of weeks have been an exciting time for the PBC as we continue to work on delivering a number of projects on behalf of our clients for citizens across Chicago.

During this time, we have been devastated by the stories of families who have been impacted by recent natural disasters. There has not been a conversation where the question of “what can we do to help?” has not come up. In this edition we have included a section which provides a number of organizations that are dedicated to assisting the many families who need our help now. We know that the road to recovery for families and individuals is a long and arduous one, but by providing them help and support, we can make the task a little bit easier.

The PBC continues to enhance the education, safety and recreation in neighborhoods across Chicago by building and renovating hundreds of sustainably-designed municipal facilities.

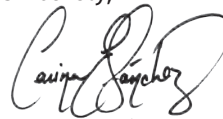
This fall, we broke ground for the construction of Richard J. Daley College’s new Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing Center. The City Colleges of Chicago’s new facility will prepare students for careers in the fast-growing fields of

engineering and advanced manufacturing. In addition, we officially broke ground at two Chicago Public Schools projects — Skinner West and Byrne Elementary Schools.

We couldn’t do any of this work without the dedicated companies we partner with daily. It’s with this in mind that we introduce a new section to this newsletter: the “Spotlight,” where we feature a contractor or professional service organization that exemplifies the true role of public development in making our city a better place.

Please enjoy the fall edition of *Constructive News You Can Use*.

Sincerely,



Carina E. Sánchez  
PBC Executive Director

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Find out more about our newest project at South Side High School!

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CONTRACTOR SPOTLIGHT:  
**Building the Industry**

*Steven Garth*

Teaching the next generation of construction workers the proper way to plan and conduct business has kept Steven Garth Sr., founder and CEO of Garth Construction Services Corp, busy since he started his business in 1973.

The profitable family-owned business, which he runs with his daughter, son-in-law and grandson, specializes in general construction, construction management and development, concrete and masonry and flexcor and precast installation.

In addition to the large game that is mounted on his walls in his private office, this avid hunter has also tracked and was awarded contracts ranging from Millennium Park and McCormick Place to Harold Washington Library and several Chicago Public Schools. However, he says working with the PBC has been one of the more pleasing organizations to work for.

“In the 1970’s I was contacted by the PBC and offered an opportunity. They saw that I did good work, so they kept calling me back,” Garth said. “I’ve done everything for the PBC including building schools, police stations, fire stations, you name it we did it. The PBC was my main bread and butter for some years. Whenever they needed a good contractor they would call me.

“So once I started getting regular work, I started wondering how can more Black contractors get offered these opportunities. So during a friendly card game with some other construction guys we founded Black Contractors United.”

Black Contractors United, which assists and advocates for African-Americans in the construction industry,



An article about Mr. Garth’s masonry business appeared in the August 29, 1988 issue of the Chicago Sun-Times.

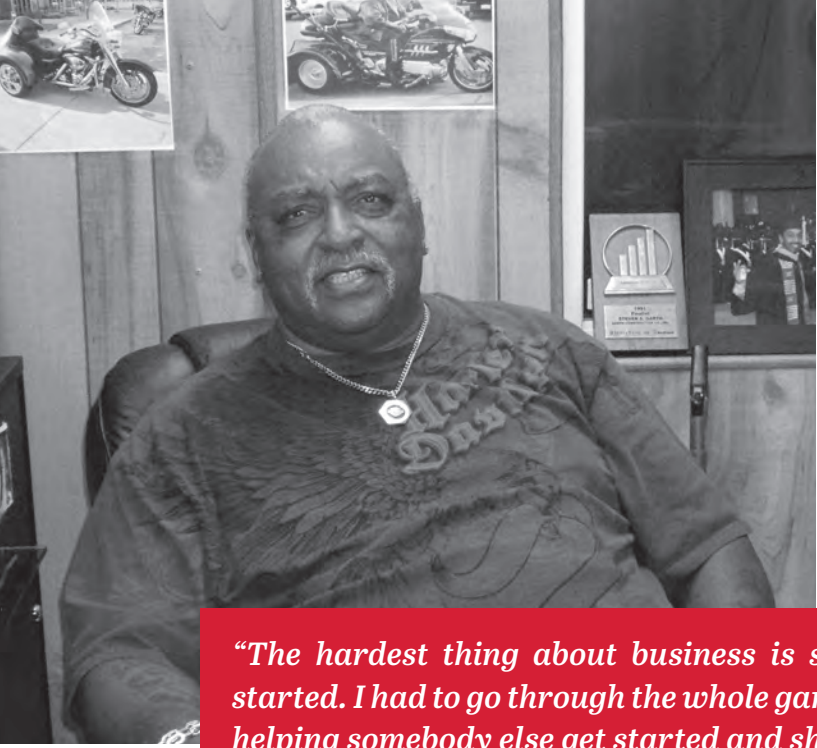
helps minority contractors review their financial operations, provides a voice for members on legislative issues and challenges facing their businesses, offers networking opportunities and helps facilitate relationships with others in the industry.

“Through Black Contractors United, we weren’t producing handymen. We were producing contractors to compete in the system. Teach them the proper way to do work in the city and how to properly handle your business to survive,” Garth said. “Everything from the way you dress and the proper way you partner with another contractor to paying your taxes and union dues or going back to school to be able to read plan specifications, we try to give up-and-coming businesses the basis for what it takes to run your own business.”

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# ry for the Next Generation

Sr., founder & CEO of Garth Construction Services



“Mr. Garth is an example of the true role and commitment that a public developer like the PBC has in building communities by advocating for a diverse workforce,” Carina E. Sánchez said. “By ensuring that we have competitive business opportunities for Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE) in the delivery of our projects across all segments in the work that we do, we help to eliminate barriers and allow full participation by all persons regardless of race, sex or ethnicity.

All projects undertaken by the PBC are closely monitored to ensure compliance with the project’s MBE/ WBE goals. ★

*“The hardest thing about business is starting. I had somebody help me get started. I had to go through the whole gamut to be a businessman, so I don’t mind helping somebody else get started and show them how to do it the right way.”*

- Steven Garth Sr., Founder & CEO of Garth Construction Services



**B**lack Contractors United is just one of many Assist Agencies the PBC works with in order to reach out to businesses of all sizes. Assist Agencies are chambers of commerce and not-for-profit agencies that represent the interests of small, minority- and/or women-owned businesses. Our contract provisions encourage the employment of minority and female apprentices, journeyworkers and laborers on projects, increasing access to work opportunities, skill development and better wages for traditionally underutilized populations of the local labor force.

Other Assist Agencies are listed below.

ASSIST AGENCIES		
<b>BLACK CONTRACTORS UNITED</b> <a href="http://blackcontractorsunited.com">blackcontractorsunited.com</a>	<b>CHATHAM BUSINESS ASSOCIATION: SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, INC.</b> <a href="http://cbaworks.org">cbaworks.org</a>	<b>CHICAGO URBAN LEAGUE</b> <a href="http://thechicagourbanleague.org">thechicagourbanleague.org</a>
<b>CONSTRUCT CONNECT</b> <a href="http://bidclerk.com">bidclerk.com</a>	<b>CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER</b> <a href="http://prairiestate.edu">prairiestate.edu</a>	<b>FEDERATION OF WOMEN CONTRACTORS</b> <a href="http://fwcchicago.com">fwcchicago.com</a>
<b>HACIA</b> <a href="http://haciaworks.org">haciaworks.org</a>	<b>ILLINOIS BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b> <a href="http://illinoisblackchamber.org">illinoisblackchamber.org</a>	<b>LATIN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b> <a href="http://laccusa.com">laccusa.com</a>
<b>RAINBOW/PUSH COALITION</b> <a href="http://rainbowpush.org">rainbowpush.org</a>	<b>WOMEN’S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER</b> <a href="http://wbdc.org">wbdc.org</a>	<b>U.S. MINORITY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION</b> <a href="http://usminoritycontractors.org">usminoritycontractors.org</a>



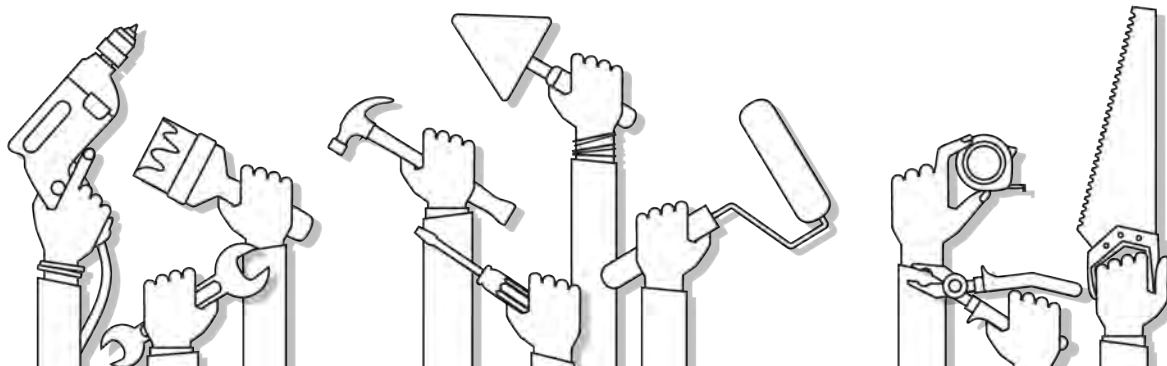
# Doing Business with the PBC

The PBC frequently offers contracting & professional service opportunities to local businesses.

budget, the PBC’s commitment to expanding MBE/WBE contracting opportunities helps to eliminate barriers to full participation by all persons regardless of race, sex or ethnicity.

Our open bid and solicitation process ensures fairness, competition and best value. The PBC makes certain there are competitive business opportunities for Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE) in our delivery of projects in both construction and professional services. In addition to delivering quality projects on schedule and within

Those interested in working with the PBC are encouraged to visit our [website](#) and register for [PBC Alerts](#)— your direct connection to upcoming PBC procurement opportunities. This free service emails you each time a contracting or prequalification opportunity becomes available. Upcoming opportunities are listed below. ★



CURRENT PROJECTS	TYPE OF SERVICE	ESTIMATED VALUE	BID OPENING
<b>Mt. Greenwood Elementary School Annex II</b> 10841 S Homan Avenue   Ward 19: O’Shea	General Contractor	\$10M - \$20M	11/03/2017
<b>Ebinger Elementary School</b> 7350 W Pratt Avenue   Ward 41: Napolitano	General Contractor	\$10M - \$20M	11/07/2017

UPCOMING PROJECTS	TYPE OF SERVICE	ESTIMATED VALUE	QUARTER
<b>Esmond Elementary School Annex</b> 1865 W Montvale Ave   Ward 19: O’Shea	General Contractor	\$10M - \$20M	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Prussing Elementary School Annex</b> 4650 N Menard Ave   Ward 45: Arena	General Contractor	\$10M - \$20M	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Chicago Park District <b>Capital Improvement Program</b>	General Contractor	Various	4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Job Order Contracting (JOC)</b>	General Contractor	TBD	4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Comprehensive Document Reproduction Services</b>	Printer	TBD	4 <sup>th</sup>



# Building Stronger Communities through Economic Sustainability

“There aren’t a lot of opportunities for women to break into the construction field, especially a woman who has been in and out of the workforce and not kept up with union dues. But hopefully the community hiring program will get me back in the door,” Beverly resident Linda Barnes said when talking about the site prep work for the Esmond and Mt. Greenwood Elementary Schools project.

Community workforce participation helps to ensure that residents of designated community areas surrounding PBC projects are provided opportunities to apply for employment. As part of the PBC’s efforts to promote and

sustain community hiring, the PBC is conducting intake sessions and working closely with elected officials, stakeholders and community partners to raise awareness of the community hiring program.

These efforts ensure the PBC’s commitment to economic sustainability is furthered with a workforce as diverse as the communities within Chicago. The PBC continuously seeks new and innovative opportunities to increase community and diverse business participation on projects.

View our upcoming community hiring events [here](#). ★





# PBC Cares: Disaster Relief Efforts

In the wake of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria and the recent earthquakes in Mexico City, our thoughts are with the victims and families affected by natural disasters. The City of Chicago has offered its support to the impacted regions and is providing resources as needed. Mayor Emanuel encourages Chicagoans to consider supporting organizations assisting with relief efforts and the long recovery ahead in Texas, Florida, Louisiana, Georgia, Puerto Rico, Mexico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and other affected areas. If you are interested in volunteering or donating to relief efforts, we have identified outlets for your consideration. ★



## **GENERAL DISASTER RELIEF**

- [National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster](#)
- [American Red Cross](#)
- [FEMA](#)
- [International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies](#)
- [Doctors Without Borders](#)

## **HURRICANE MARIA**

- [Puerto Rico Red Cross](#)
- [Puerto Rico Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster](#)
- [US Virgin Islands Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster](#)
- [Unidos Por Puerto Rico](#)

## **EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO**

- [Mexican Red Cross](#)
- [Topos](#)
- [Project Paz](#)
- [UNICEF Mexico](#)
- [Global Giving](#)

## **HURRICANE HARVEY**

- [Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster](#)
- [Houston Recovers](#)
- [Volunteer Louisiana](#)

## **HURRICANE IRMA**

- [Volunteer Florida](#)
- [Volunteer Georgia](#)
- [Hurricane Irma Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster](#)



# Breaking Ground for





**T**he Public Building Commission is excited to partner with Chicago Public Schools to develop annexes for schools on Chicago’s west and southwest sides.

PBC Executive Director Carina E. Sánchez joined Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Alderman Walter Burnett, CPS CEO Forrest Claypool and Skinner West Principal Deborah Clark to break ground on the 36,000-square-foot annex at Skinner West Elementary School. The four-story annex will provide 22 new classrooms, including a computer lab, science lab and art room, as well as a multi-purpose room that can accommodate up to 120 students for lunch.

“The Skinner annex will create the extra space and facilities necessary for students and teachers so that they can continue to concentrate on their studies,” said Mayor Emanuel. “Now even more Skinner students will have the opportunity to earn a first-rate education for years to come.”

# Our Future Leaders

SWWB LTD is the Architect of Record for the project and FH Paschen will serve as the General Contractor, delivering a quality facility to the Near West Side community.



**M**ore than 120 Byrne Elementary School students greeted Mayor Emanuel, Alderman Michael Zalewski and PBC Executive Director Carina E. Sánchez for their annex groundbreaking.

This PBC project is slated to broaden the range of educational opportunities for our future leaders by providing 16 new classrooms, including a science lab, music room, library and dining/multipurpose room, as well as removing three existing modular units and installing a new artificial turf play field.

Ilekis is the Architect of Record and FH Paschen will serve for the General Contractor for the Byrne annex project. ★

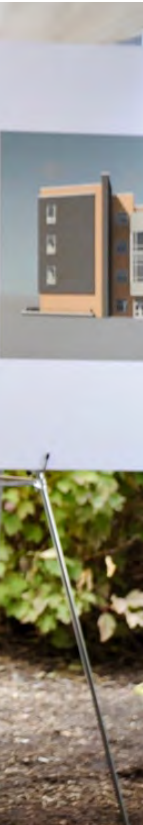


*“Both new annexes support the Mayor’s vision of providing high-quality public education for every child in every neighborhood, to ensure they all have access to an education that will aid in their success—whether it is in their academic, professional or civic life. As a mother to a CPS fourth grader and member of the Local School Council at my son’s school, nothing gives me a greater joy to know that we are partnering with CPS to develop these new annexes that will help ease overcrowding and provide students with the resources necessary for a 21<sup>st</sup>-century education.”*

- Carina E. Sánchez, PBC Executive Director



Previous spread: breaking ground at Skinner West Elementary School. This spread, clockwise from top left: PBC Executive Director Carina E. Sánchez speaks at the Skinner West event; PBC Project Engineer Lavell Campbell, PBC Executive Director Sánchez and PBC Project Manager



clockwise from top left: breaking ground at Byrne Elementary School; Mayor Rahm Emanuel greets students at Skinner West Elementary  
Commissioner José Maldonado joins Skinner West Principal Deborah Clark, Assistant Project Manager Paulo Hernandez, Paschen  
manager Randy Williams at the Skinner West Event.

# Daley College Us



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**T**he PBC helped to break ground on Richard J. Daley College's state-of-the-art engineering and advanced manufacturing center.

The PBC helped to break ground on the Richard J. Daley College's future state-of-the-art engineering and advanced manufacturing center.

The 57,000-square-foot space will educate students on modern equipment and prepare them for the technological changes happening in the manufacturing and engineering industries as firms move to create integrated, "intelligent" factories. The new facility



will help prepare students to seize the projected 660 annual job openings in engineering and 1,400 annual openings in advanced manufacturing in Cook County over the next decade.

***“The Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing Center at Richard J. Daley College will prepare our students with the tools and resources necessary to succeed in a 21<sup>st</sup> century highly-specialized, technology-oriented economy. We are making unprecedented investments across our City College campuses to support graduates in seizing the thousands of opportunities in engineering and manufacturing.”***

- Mayor Rahm Emanuel



The new center will incorporate manufacturing high bay space, three classrooms, five engineering and manufacturing labs, two computer labs and administrative space. A pedestrian bridge connects the center to the college’s legacy building and will feature student collaboration spaces. The project expands the current manufacturing space at Daley College by 1.5 times, allowing 1,000 students per year.

The Public Building Commission will oversee the construction of the center, which has been designed with input from City Colleges’ faculty and industry partners. The project is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2018, which will allow students to use the space beginning in January 2019. ★



*Previous spread: rendering of the new Daley College Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing Center; Mayor Emanuel speaking at the groundbreaking event; breaking ground at the new site; aerial rendering of the new center.*



Manufacturing Center. This spread, clockwise from top left: interior rendering of the new facility; PBC Executive Director Carina E. Sánchez speaking at a podium (left) and its pedway bridge across Pulaski to the legacy Daley College building.

# Picasso Sculpture 50 Year Celebration Announcement of Daley Plaza's Availability



Chicago's iconic Picasso sculpture, located in the Richard J. Daley Center's Plaza, turned 50 this year. During an August commemorative event, led by Mayor Rahm Emanuel, the 1967 unveiling was re-enacted with the daughter of poet Gwendolyn Brooks delivering the poem her mother composed for the occasion.

Over the years the appreciation for the sculpture has grown. Even though people still debate what the sculpture resembles, it has become a popular meeting place. It's much of a symbol of Chicago as anything else.

Therefore it is fitting that fifty years after Pablo Picasso's sculpture was unveiled there, the city's sprawling Daley Plaza is ushering in another big change – renting out the space for private events.

The Plaza, which has acted as one of the city's defacto town squares for decades, can now be rented for private events such as weddings, festivals and corporate events.

The PBC's Board of Commissioners approved a resolution to open the Daley Plaza to private and commercial events. Carina E. Sanchez, Executive Director of the PBC, stated, "As the premier civic center,



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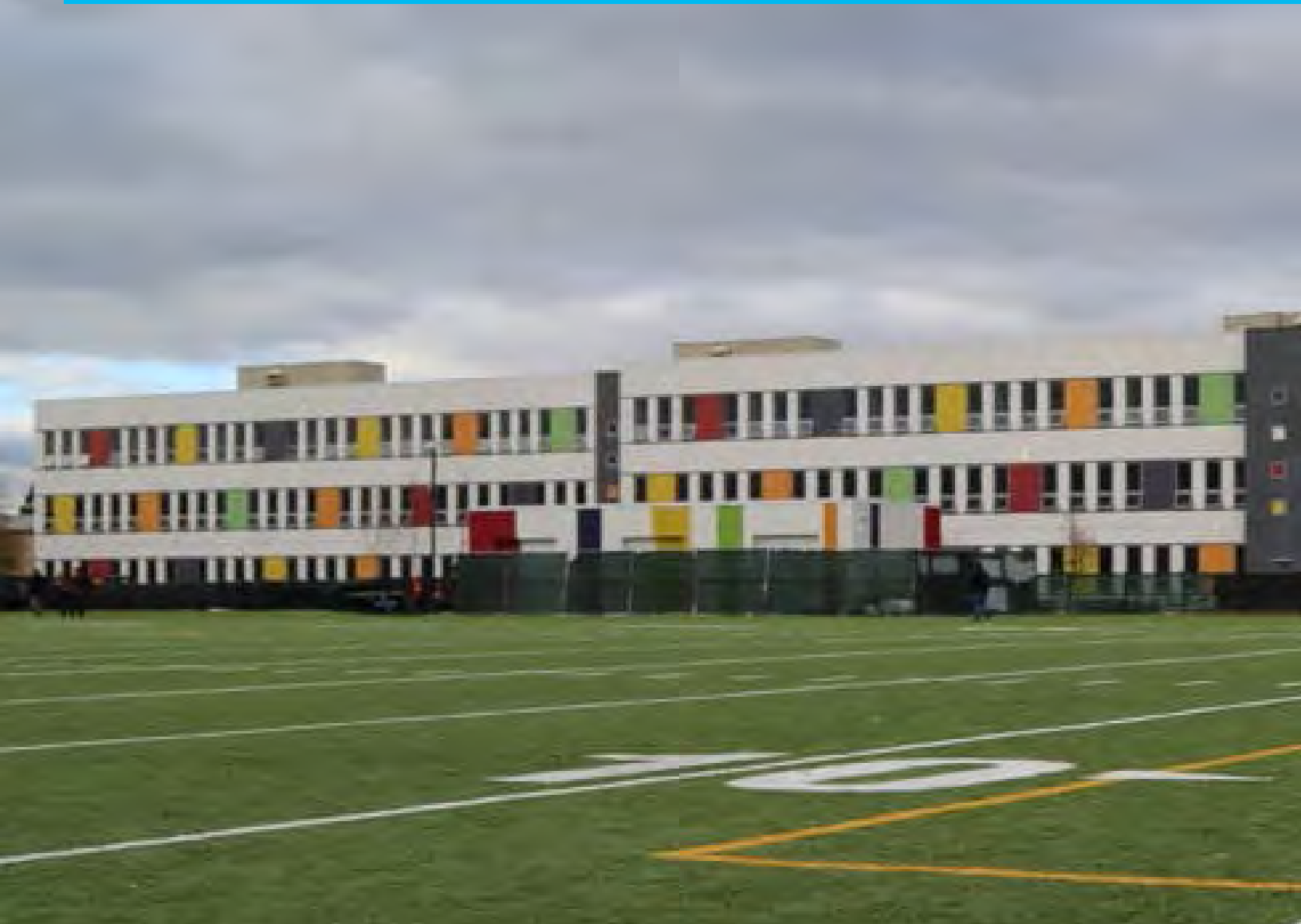
and one of Chicago's architectural highlights, there have been a number of requests to have weddings and other types of special events in the Daley Plaza." She continued, "Seeing how much interest there was in the Plaza, in December of 2016, the Public Building Commission of Chicago's Board of Commissioners approved a resolution that authorizes the expanded serviceability of the Richard J. Daley Center and Plaza to allow private and commercial events and activities. We are delighted to open up the Plaza so more people can have the opportunity to take advantage of such a remarkable space."

Sanchez notes that by expanding the Plaza's use will help to attract private and major corporate clients for events such as work outings, exhibitions and performances, markets and festivals, and wedding receptions. Not only will the Daley Plaza provide a truly unique and beautiful backdrop for an event, but the new activity will also generate revenue that will offset many of the Daley Center's operational expenses.

For more information about renting the Daley Plaza, [visit the website](#). \*



# Multiple PBC Projects Achi



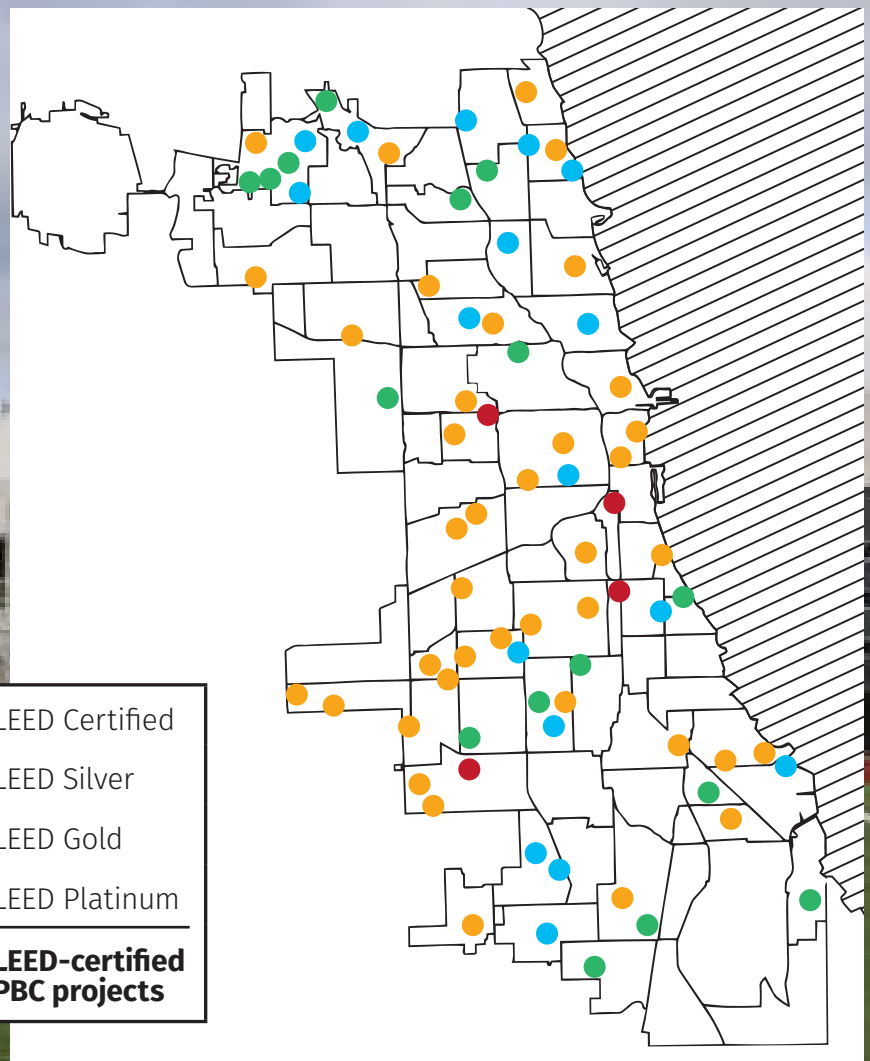
As a developer of public facilities, the PBC has developed a uniquely comprehensive approach to environmental stewardship. The PBC's commitment to sustainable development is integrated into every project the agency manages. These measures are not just good for the environment--they also lower operating and utility costs.

The PBC targets a minimum LEED Silver certification for all our projects, but we often exceed that level. Therefore it is with great pleasure that we announce that Robert J. Richardson Middle school, in Chicago's West Lawn community, has achieved LEED Gold certification.

Some of the unique features that

assisted Richardson in achieving GOLD status include the design of the mechanical systems, storm-water retention and reduced energy usage. Mechanically, the building is divided into four vertical zones with rooftop units to minimize horizontal duct distribution and reduce the size of horizontal ducts and, therefore, the height of the building.

# More LEED Certification



In addition, mechanical engineers designed the mechanical system using block load calculations to achieve higher energy efficiency in larger areas, such as the gymnasium and cafeteria. The area beneath the athletic field consists of stone and a drainage system, accommodating stormwater retention for the entire site. To reduce energy usage, LED lighting

is found throughout the school.

Richardson Middle School is PBC's most recent of six Chicago Public Schools projects to achieve LEED certification. The other five, now certified LEED Silver, are Cauty Elementary School Annex, Payton College Prep Annex, Edwards Elementary School Annex, Jamieson Elementary

School Annex, and Southeast Area Elementary School.

Due in large part to the PBC's commitment to green buildings, the City of Chicago leads the nation in municipally owned LEED-certified buildings with 96 facilities, 76 of which were developed by the PBC. ★



## TIME CHANGE NOTICE:

The November Board Meeting of the Public Building Commission of Chicago will be held on Tuesday, November 14, at 4:00 PM in the second-floor board room of the Richard J. Daley Center  
50 West Washington  
Chicago, Illinois 60602



### *Now May Be Your Opportunity to Work for the PBC*

The PBC is now accepting applications for a Staff Accountant. This position is responsible for the timely and accurate reconciliation of bank statements and accounts receivable, the creation of journal entries, the monitoring of PBC revenue bond activity and compliance, and assistance with the annual PBC audit.

Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to [jobs@pbcchicago.com](mailto:jobs@pbcchicago.com).

For more information, [click here](#). \*

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