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**June 19, 2019**  
**BOARD MEETING**

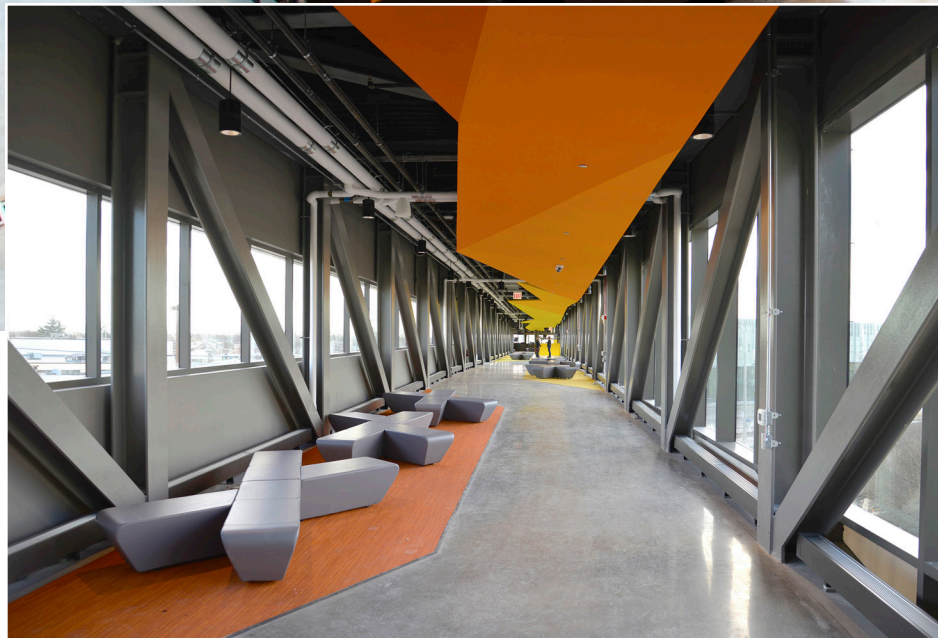
# Daley College MTEC

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2019 Merit Award Winner



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# Whitney M. Young, Jr. Branch Library

LEED Gold Certified

*PBC's 87th LEED Certified Project*



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## PBC's LEED-Certified Projects

- ✓ **5** LEED Platinum certified facilities
- ✓ **41** LEED Gold certified facilities
- ✓ **25** LEED Silver certified facilities
- ✓ **16** LEED certified facilities



# Engine Company 115

## Subcontractor Networking Session & Community Hiring Event



**PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION**  
**COMMUNITY HIRING EVENT**

Apply to work on the construction of the new Engine 115 Fire Station in West Pullman as well as other upcoming PBC projects

**Wednesday June 12, 2019**  
10 AM - 2 PM

**Friday June 21, 2019**  
10 AM - 4 PM

at **UNIVERSAL ENTERTAINMENT CENTER**  
11901 South Loomis Street | Chicago, IL 60643

**UJAMAA CONSTRUCTION INC.**  
**TRICE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

PARKING AVAILABLE. Attendees may park in Universal Entertainment Center's lot. Questions? Contact the PBC at (312) 744-3090 or pbcchicago.com



# Constructive News You Can Use

Q2 2019

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### A Message from Carina

As a public developer, the PBC tracks project delivery with an eye toward continuous improvement. Since 2011, under the leadership of former Chairman Rahm Emanuel, the PBC has completed nearly 300 projects, including 90 municipal projects (police stations, firehouses, park district facilities and libraries) and 195 education projects (public schools). These projects represent nearly \$2.7 billion in investments across the city. For a full list of these accomplishments, please check out page 7.

We have been able to achieve this success because of the understanding that the PBC holds a unique role in shaping Chicago's environment. Our work reaches into every corner of this city: the facilities we build or renovate act as anchors for Chicago's diverse neighborhoods, and our work presents tremendous opportunities to transform the

spaces where residents of all ages play, learn and grow.

Our accomplishments under Mayor Emanuel are evident in the four Chicago Public School ribbon-cutting events (including Dore Elementary School, pictured above) and the groundbreaking of the second largest fire station in the city that we feature in this issue of *Constructive News You Can Use*.

As we welcome a new Chairman to the PBC, rest assured that our commitment to the city remains our top priority. We have a solid foundation, and we continue to move in the right direction, ensuring a sustainable future that is invested not only in the communities where we build but also in the people who live in those communities.

PBC projects embody our commitment to our clients and the communities we

serve. The PBC is about people—their lives, their families and their work. The staff of the PBC is dedicated to upholding our mission through the construction of public facilities that support business growth, lead to job creation, and present ongoing opportunities for recreation, education and public service.

As you read the 2019 Q2 newsletter, I hope the news that we share illustrates our excellent stewardship of the public fund and demonstrates how we are creating quality spaces that every Chicagoan can enjoy.

Sincerely,

Carina E. Sánchez  
PBC Executive Director

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### CONTRACTOR SPOTLIGHT



## Bowa Construction is Creating a Future Pipeline of Construction Managers and Professionals

Bowa Construction prides itself on its platform as an organization that introduces African American youth to the construction industry. Recently, through an educational partnership with Urban Prep High School, a group of teens spent the day at the Bowa office learning about the different occupations that are involved in building offices, medical centers, restaurants and other commercial buildings.

Based on their comments during the initial introduction, many of the students hadn't fully realized the amount of hard work and skill that goes into

construction. But if Bowa (which means 'rebuild' in Nigerian) has anything to say about it, their legacy is creating a future pipeline of construction managers and professionals while introducing the concept of 'rebuilding' to the entire community.

"We are committed to the community and to developing our people, as well as our ability to hire new, talented people to grow the organization," Nosa

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President of Bowa Construction

the construction industry while building capacity for the next generation of builders."

Ehimwenman's interest in construction began with his father, who rehabilitated and sold homes, but he truly found his passion while participating in an internship at Gilbane Construction. "I was really challenged during my first internship and fell in love with construction," Ehimwenman said. "I was exposed to every facet of construction and just wanted to learn and do more."

After working with Gilbane for a few years, Ehimwenman officially started Bowa Construction in 2012. He currently has 50 employees who are helping him move the organization to the next level.

"Every large corporation started with one employee," Ehimwenman said. "I've been blessed to find a group of individuals who buy into my vision and are willing to work hard to see that vision come true."

Bowa Construction is currently serving as the prime on PBC's Brooks College Preparatory Academy Athletic Amenities project and formed joint ventures to complete the McDade Classical Elementary School Annex and Dirksen Elementary School Annex projects (inset photos at right).

"We are excited about this opportunity with the PBC," Ehimwenman said. "It's great when a client wants to see you be successful beyond the projects that you are working on with them. Their support is giving companies like Bowa a platform to succeed."

Ehimwenman went on to say, "Bowa is not defined by our race. We are a very nimble, small business who is cost



efficient to our clients without them sacrificing quality. Once the 'African-American and small company' stereotypes are erased from businesses like Bowa—and we are given an opportunity—we can show you that we are a good construction company that does great work." \*

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facing page: Bowa staff meets with students from Urban Prep High School; this page: Nosa Ehimwenman, President of Bowa Construction, in the company's South Shore office; Bowa is working the following PBC projects (inset photos): Brooks College Prep Athletic Amenities, McDade Classical School Annex and Dirksen Elementary School Annex



### CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS



*New Elementary Schools at Dore & South Loop; New Annexes at Prussing & Ebinger Elementary*

## From the Northwest to the Southeast Side of Chicago—PBC Cuts the Ribbon at Chicago Public Schools Projects Across the City

The PBC was excited to officially open new school buildings at South Loop Elementary School and Dore Elementary School as well as annexes at Prussing and Ebinger Elementary Schools. These new facilities will contribute to the fabric of the community and provide students with the facilities to learn and succeed.

The new South Loop Elementary School building is a 120,000-square-foot, four-story facility with computer labs, science labs, art rooms, a gymnasium with stage, a student services center, a multipurpose room, and a rooftop play area. The site also includes a playlot, parking lot and landscaping.

"The new South Loop Elementary School is a sound investment in current and future students, and in our growing community," 3rd Ward Alderman Pat Dowell said. "Our students are achieving record academic gains and I look forward to seeing this growth continue in the new building."

The new building will accommodate Grades 4-8, and the existing facility will house Grades K-3. South Loop Elementary School now has the capacity to serve approximately 1,770 students.

According to a CPS statement, Dore Elementary School in Garfield Ridge was among the top most crowded Chicago

schools based on its utilization rate. Dore's new three-story, 114,500-square-foot, located at 65th Street and Nottingham Avenue, is home to computer and science labs, art and music rooms, a library and a gymnasium to accommodate more than 1,100 students. The new campus also includes a parking lot, play lot, landscaping and right-of way improvements.

The new annex at Ebinger Elementary School is a 32,000-square-foot, two-story facility with three special needs classrooms and seven standard academic classrooms. The annex also houses a science room, computer room, art room, and a multipurpose room with a kitchen and dining area.

"The new annex brings to life a community vision for the future of our Ebinger students, who are achieving record academic success," 41st Ward Alderman Anthony Napolitano said. "This important investment will help set the foundation for our students to thrive for generations to come."

Also at Ebinger, the existing modular classrooms were removed, and a new parking lot, playground and landscaping were added to the site. The kitchen and lunchroom in the legacy building were converted into two classrooms.

The new annex at Prussing Elementary School is a 23,000-square-foot addition with two standard classrooms, a computer lab, science room, art room, music room and kitchen and dining area. Prussing's existing modular buildings were removed, and a new parking lot, turf field and landscaping were added to the site.

"The Prussing annex brings the extra space and modern facilities necessary for students and students to focus on their education," 45th Ward Alderman John Arena said. "Prussing students now have a space that matches the first-rate education they are earning."

Improvements to the existing Prussing building included roof replacement, masonry repair, and the conversion of the kitchen and lunchroom into kindergarten classrooms. \*



*facing page: students in the hallway of the new Dore Elementary School; this page, from top: the new South Loop Elementary School, Dore's new building, the new annexes at Ebinger and Prussing Elementary School*

# Lindblom Math & Science Academy

Parking Lot

