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A Message from Carina



Since 1988, Americans have been commemorating Hispanic Heritage month to not only celebrate the rich history, and culture of Latinos, but acknowledge the many great contributions Latinos have made to our great nation. As a vibrant, perseverant, hardworking community with an entrepreneurial spirit, Latinos have helped shaped and strengthened the fabric of our communities, our cities, and our nation. They have enriched the story of our country, and as one of the fastest-growing demographic groups, Latinos play an important role in shaping our future.

For more than 40 years, Hispanic Heritage Month has been celebrated with pride and joy, all while highlighting the importance of diversity. As the proud daughter of Mexican immigrants and the first Latina Executive Director at the PBC, it has been my focus that the PBC provides favorable circumstances where small businesses, minority business enterprise and women business enterprise (MBE/WBE) and their leaders can gain valuable work experience that can make them more effective, sustainable and built capacity.

We do this by identifying ideal projects for smaller or MBE/WBE firms to serve as the prime contractor in addition to appointing MBE/WBE to program-wide professional administrative services.

The culmination of these projects provide more opportunities to construction and professional service companies as they expand their horizons through the myriad aspects of creating these new spaces for our clients. We highlight this diversity in this edition of Constructive News You Can Use as we spotlight a project partner whose work on Hancock College Prep High School helped to construct a \$67 million facility that will broaden the range of educational opportunities for our future leaders.

It is with great pride that we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and present our efforts in this publication. Please enjoy this edition of Constructive News You Can Use.

Sincerely,

Carina E. Sánchez
PBC Executive Director



PBC Board of Commissioners Add Lifelong Chicagoan to Membership

Kimberly Neely DuBuclet was sworn in as the newest member of the Public Building Commission of Chicago's (PBC) Board of Commissioners.

As a native resident of the South Side and a lifelong Chicagoan, DuBuclet serves on the Metropolitan Water Reclamation Districts of Greater Chicago's Board of Commissioners where she is Chairman of the Federal Legislation and Labor & Industrial Relations Committee. DuBuclet also serves as Vice Chairman of the Budget & Employment Committee, Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee, and the Stormwater Management Committee.

With her appointment to the PBC Board of Commissioners, DuBuclet becomes part of a governing body that advises the PBC on the construction and renovation of municipal buildings, facilities, and infrastructure in Chicago.

"I'm honored to serve as a member of the Public Building Commission Board of Commissioners. I look forward to bringing my experience to the board, as we continue to invest in and rebuild Chicago and make equitable investments that benefit all of Chicago's neighborhoods," DuBuclet said.

Previously, DuBuclet served as the Legislative and Community Affairs Director for the Chicago Park District where she worked with the community organizations and elected officials around the city and the state to improve parks and park programming throughout Chicago. As part of her duties, she closely monitored legislative activity

at all levels of government to assess the impact of proposed legislation on the Chicago Park District.

In addition, DuBuclet served as a Representative in the Illinois General Assembly where she represented the 26th District. While serving, she received an award from the Illinois Environmental Council for consistently voting with the environmental caucus.

"We are honored that Ms. DuBuclet has agreed to serve on the PBC's Board of Commissioners and join the nine other business and civic leaders whose dedication to the city and its communities has led them to volunteer their time to help shape Chicago's built environment," Carina E. Sanchez, PBC Executive Director said. "As a PBC Commissioner, Ms. DuBuclet experience and insight will further the PBC's vision of developing public projects that strengthen our neighborhoods."

DuBuclet graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where she earned a BS in Marketing. She finished her formal education by earning a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. In addition, Commissioner DuBuclet is active in numerous community organizations.



Students Network, Study and Learn at Newly Constructed Hancock College Prep High School

Mayor Lori Lightfoot, the PBC and other community leaders officially opened and toured the new John Hancock College Prep High School building in the Garfield Ridge neighborhood on Chicago's Southwest Side.

The new state-of-the-art building, 5437 W. 64th Pl., replaces the previous Hancock High School and includes 28 standard classrooms, diverse learning classrooms, two computer labs, four suites for subjects such as science, music, art, and health. In addition, the campus includes rooms for extracurricular activities where students can dance, practice sports and fitness, a gymnasium, library, media center, theatre, elevators for accessibility, and extra support spaces.

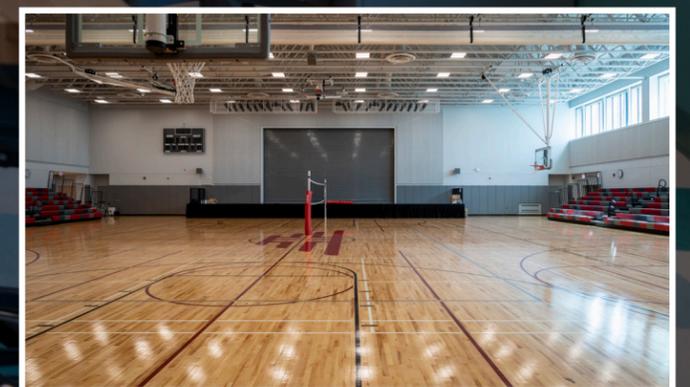
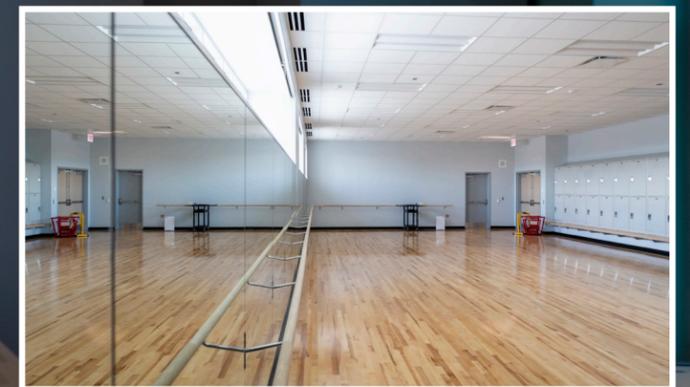
"This celebration serves as an important investment in the long-term success and bright futures of our students from the Southwest Side," Lightfoot said in a statement. "I, alongside Alderman Quinn, Dr. Jose Torres, and members of the community are beyond proud to deliver new, modern facilities and educational resources to support these students and their families just in time for the first day of school."

The 173,000 sq. ft. high school opened its doors on August 30th and can accommodate more than 1,000 students. The PBC managed the construction of the project, which was developed by the design-build team of K.R.M/ALL Joint Venture.

"The new John Hancock High School was built during a very unique time, and I am grateful for the wonderful team members who stepped up to support our agency, and each other. I often say that for the PBC, its bottom line is people, and how we invest in our communities. I thank our Design Build Team, KR Miller/ALL Masonry JV. Having a Minority Prime Contractor such as ALL Masonry, as part of the Joint Venture team, was paramount to this project. As a result, this JV team achieved over 40% MBE/WBE participation," Carina Sanchez, PBC Executive Director said.

Sanchez went on to say that this included 26 MBE/WBE firms for an investment of over \$25M. On the construction of Hancock, 111 community residents worked on the Project. They include a variety of trades and approximately 13,000 hours of trades work was completed by residents of the 13th Ward.

"As the public developer for the project, I am elated to deliver another facility that highlights the PBC's commitment to providing great public buildings for the residents of Chicago. I particularly enjoy when we get the opportunity to deliver a modern, cutting-edge facility, such as this one, where students can network, study and learn," said Sanchez. "The PBC is proud to complete the construction at Hancock College Preparatory High School. The new facility helps to reinforce the school's importance as a community anchor and vital part of the neighborhood. Students now have an opportunity to enjoy a space for learning and academic activities."



Contractor Spotlight

From Bricklayer to Owner of a Multimillion Dollar Company



Luis Puig, Jr.

President of A.L.L. Masonry Construction Group

Continuing the growth and enhancement of the company his father started in 1959, Luis Puig, Jr. has surpassed all expectations and transformed the family business, A.L.L. Masonry Construction Group, into one of the top masonry contractors in the state of Illinois. In addition, since being named President, Puig has positioned the business to serve its clients as a prime, general contractor with construction management and design-build capabilities for large-scale construction, affordable housing, and real estate development projects.

“I started working for my father when I was 14 years old. I did any and everything that was needed from laborer to runner. I’ve witnessed first-hand how the construction industry transformed not only communities, but also people living in those communities,” Puig said. “Following the path laid by my father, I’ve tried to build this business based on my commitment to engage with, and positively impact communities. Fortunately, during the past six years we have been able to grow our business by more than double.”

Since 2015, Puig has been responsible for managing the growth, overall operations, and resources of the company. As a result, during

peak season, A.L.L. Masonry Construction Group employees a diverse group of approximately 400 workers. Puig was able to utilize a large portion of this workforce during the recent joint venture with KR Miller for the completion of John Hancock College Prep High School.

“We were able to complete the job and meet the schedule established by the PBC with our own workforce of bricklayers and carpenters. This in-house resource sets us apart from other general contractors and Hancock High School is an excellent example of how well we utilize the talent we have in our organization,” Puig said.

Puig has a knack for identifying talent and for the second year in a row, A.L.L. Masonry is hosting the Spec Mix Bricklayer 500 Regional Competition where established and up and coming craftsmen and women have an opportunity to showcase their skills for cash and prizes. More information on the October 14, 2021, contest can be found here <https://www.specmix.com/spec-mix-bricklayer-500/2021-illinois/>

“This event helps fuel our outreach efforts to get these kids interested in the trades,” Puig said. “We are looking forward to hosting approximately 300 young people from a variety of different areas in Chicago, where we are offering them an opportunity to learn about masonry and see firsthand how rewarding this career can be.”

This is one example of how Puig is supporting the next generation of contractors and offering a



diverse group of individuals an opportunity to get a foothold into the industry.

“I’m also joint venturing with a lot of small minority firms - mentoring them to the next level,” Puig said. “Starting as a bricklayer and having the opportunity to work in all aspects of the family business, it has helped me appreciate the industry and give me the desire to mentor more young people. The Hancock project was a perfect example of how to run a successful project, interact with subcontractors and allow up and coming contractors an opportunity to learn and grow.”

Luis Puig currently serves on the board for the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the International Masonry Institute, Masonry Contractors Association of Greater Chicago, Illinois Concrete Producers Association of America, and he is an Illinois State Representative for the Mason Contractors Association of America. Luis also previously served as a board member of the Construction Industry Service Corporation.

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PBC Nears Completion of Salt Dome in Ukrainian Village

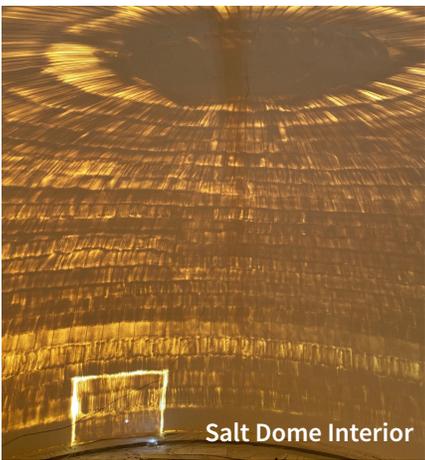


Known as the Grand Avenue Salt Dome Replacement Facility, the PBC is near completion on the city-owned salt storage and distribution facility at 2555 W. Grand Ave. The structure was commissioned by the city earlier this year to cover a previously exposed pile of salt used by the Department of Streets and Sanitation during icy conditions.

The Public Building Commission of Chicago, which is overseeing the project, is constructing the dome which will be able to store up to 60,000 tons of salt.

Since construction began in April, the dome has been the subject of neighborhood intrigue and jokes, with some calling it a “giant golf ball.”

“At a community meeting for the project in January, neighbors were generally supportive of the dome but pressed to improve the streetscape and vegetation along Grand Avenue,” Carina Sanchez PBC Executive Director said. “Upgrades to the site’s exterior are in the works and will take place next year and be done by June 30th.”



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