

A close-up photograph of a person wearing safety glasses, focused on a task. They are using a Milwaukee compact power tool, which is emitting a bright light and a shower of sparks. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the worker and the tool. The text "Live Stream Will Begin Shortly" is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

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# Board of Commissioners Meeting

December 9, 2025

EMS Update  
Meeting



Kells Park  
Update  
Meeting

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION OF CHICAGO

# Kells (George) Park Fieldhouse

726 North Kedzie Avenue

PS3096

## Aldermanic Update

November 20, 2025 at 11:00am



Mayor Brandon Johnson  
Chairman

Ray Giderof  
Executive Director



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## The PBC Hosts a Series of Successful Pre-Submission Conferences

The PBC continues to host pre-submission conferences to ensure clear communication, reduce risk mitigation and level the playing field among all stakeholders before submission are received.

The meetings allow all prospective respondents to receive the same detailed information about the project's objectives, plans, specifications, and quality standards directly from the PBC. This ensures everyone operates from a shared, accurate understanding of the work required. Since September 1st the PBC hosted the following pre-submission conferences

- On September 11th, the PBC hosted a well-attended non-mandatory pre-submission conference in conjunction with a Request for Proposals for Project Development Services.
- On September 16th, the PBC hosted a non-mandatory virtual pre-submission conference in conjunction with a Request for Proposals for Construction Document Printing and Online Hosting Services.
- On September 23rd, the PBC hosted a non-mandatory virtual pre-submission conference in conjunction with a request for proposal for Construction Signage Services.
- On October 14th, the PBC hosted an in-person non-mandatory pre-submission conference at the Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center in conjunction with a Request for Proposals for Design-Build Services for DFSS Bronzeville Regional Senior Center.
- On November 5th, the PBC hosted a non-mandatory virtual pre-submission conference in conjunction with a Request for Proposals for Construction Document Printing and Online Hosting Services.



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## PBC Executive Director is an Honoree at the 34th Annual USMCA Millennium Builders Awards

For his outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to equitable public development, PBC's Executive Director, Ray Giderof, is the recipient of the United States Minority Contractors Association's (USMCA) 2025 Honorable Thurgood Marshall Legacy Award.

scholarships by the USMCA STEM Education Foundation, to select a group of deserving students – including college-bound youth pursuing STEM degrees, students attending trade school, exceptional high school students and students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

"I am profoundly honored to receive the Honorable Justice Thurgood Marshall Legacy Award. To be recognized in connection with a man whose life's work shaped justice, equality, and opportunity in this country is deeply humbling. Justice Marshall used his influence to open doors for those who had been shut out - and that is a value I try to live by every day without any apologies," Giderof said.

This prestigious award acknowledges the values that lie at the heart of USMCA's mission to expand opportunities for minority contractors and professionals throughout the construction industry.

"This year's theme "Construction Reimagining - Survival for Success," celebrates the resilience, innovation and forward-thinking leadership exemplified by honorees like Ray," Rev. Larry Bullock, President/CEO of USMCA, said. "The industry contributions that Ray have made played a vital role in advancing USMCA's mission and left a lasting impact on communities across the country."

The evening also included a presentation of



*"For more than 30 years, I've devoted my life to the design and construction industry. I've approached every project, every partnership, and every day with intentionality, passion, and purpose," Giderof said. "I believe our greatest legacy is not the buildings we complete - it's the people we lift as we build."*

# Behind the Build

Jaylan Womack



The PBC remains committed to empowering the next generation of architects, engineers, and builders by connecting young talent with the resources, mentorship, and real-world experience they need to thrive in a high-demand industry.

One of those emerging leaders is Jaylan Womack, an Assistant Project Coordinator currently supporting the CDOT WPA Street Reconstruction Projects. Jaylan's interest in construction began the moment he saw a house being built.

*"When I saw videos of people building houses—and then later walked past a construction site where a real house*

*was going up—I said to myself, that's something I want to do. But I didn't know much about the options in construction or even where to begin," Womack said.*

Fortunately, during his senior year of high school, a guidance counselor recognized Jaylan's budding passion and encouraged him to enroll in Chicago Public Schools' Chicago Builds program.

*"My senior year, I joined Chicago Builds," Womack said. "The program exposed me to HVAC, carpentry, welding, and electrical work. After graduation, I was*

*invited to Dawson Technical Institute through City Career Launch Chicago and became an apprentice."*

At Dawson Tech, Jaylan developed hands-on skills that strengthened his construction management education and deepened his desire to enter the field.



*"I learned how to troubleshoot, work well with others, and coordinate the many moving pieces needed to get a job done safely, efficiently, and effectively," he said.*

Jaylan sees this moment as just the beginning of a lifelong career in construction management.



*"This opportunity is a huge leap, a huge boost to jump-start my career. I'm thankful to the PBC for being open to helping under-represented youth become the next generation of architects, engineers, and builders."*

He takes his role—and the responsibility that comes with it—seriously.



*"I don't take this job lightly. There's a lot that goes into it. This opportunity has helped me to start to become someone people can depend on, and I hope to offer others the same support that so many have offered me."*

# PBC in the Community



On August 13th, the PBC joined the Chicago Department of Transportation, 15th Ward Alderman Raymond Lopez and community members to commemorate the start of WPA Street Reconstruction: W. 57th Street and W. 58th Street.



Also on September 11th, the PBC joined 19th Ward Alderman Matt O'Shea at a community meeting regarding the CDOT Works Progress Administration (WPA) Street Reconstruction Project in the vicinity of 114th Street from South Rockwell to Western Avenue. We will continue to work closely with the Alderman and community to maintain open lines of communication throughout the duration of the project.



On September 17th, PBC presented at the monthly meeting of the African American Contractors Association, another one of PBC's Assist Agencies. We shared details regarding PBC's current and upcoming procurement opportunities during the meeting.



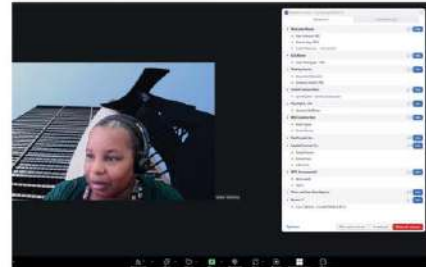
On September 25th, PBC presented at the meeting of the U.S. Minority Contractors Association, one of PBC's Assist Agencies. It was a great forum for PBC to inform the members regarding upcoming opportunities. PBC and the U.S. Minority Contractors Association will conduct follow-up meetings.



On September 10th, the PBC attended the 20th Annual Business Conference hosted by one of our Assist Agencies, the Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce. We were proud to be there along with Aviation Commissioner Michael McMurray, Chief Procurement Officer Charla Roberts, and the Illinois Capital Development Board Executive Director TJ Edwards in a segment regarding "Unlocking Procurement Opportunities."



On September 13th, the PBC was honored to join Mayor Brandon Johnson, 3rd Ward Alderman Pat Dowell, Family and Support Services Commissioner Angela Green, representatives from 2FM, along with hundreds of seniors, to announce the development of the new Bronzeville Regional Senior Center, located at 4711-4755 South Calumet Avenue.

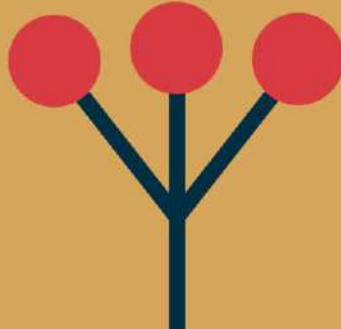
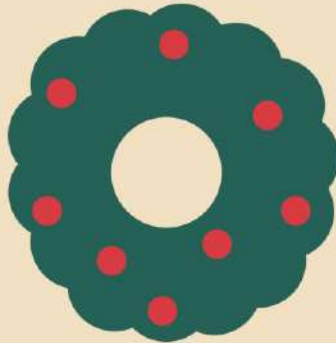


On September 22nd and 24th, virtual Community Hiring events were held for CDOT Works Progress Administration (WPA) Street Reconstruction projects and Capital Alley projects for twenty-two project locations.



On October 23rd, PBC presented at the Federation of Women Contractors' Meeting & State of the Industry Luncheon where we presented about upcoming opportunities and how promising contractors and professional service providers can participate in PBC projects.

Happy Holidays





**Thank you**