



PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

Constructive News You Can Use



A Message from Carina

Welcome to *Constructive News You Can Use*, the Public Building Commission of Chicago's newsletter. This publication will keep you up-to-date on what we are doing, where we are heading and how you can get involved.

Since our inception, the PBC has enhanced the education, safety and recreation in neighborhoods across Chicago and Cook County by planning, designing and building schools, parks, libraries, police stations, fire houses and other municipal buildings.

The support we receive from our clients and community partners has allowed us to build upon a track record of completing projects on schedule and within budget. Since 2011, we have completed nearly \$1.9 billion worth of capital construction projects in the city and surrounding areas.

We remain focused on the range of work underway in 2017 and look forward to new and exciting capital improvement projects with the Chicago

Transit Authority, Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Library and the City Colleges of Chicago.

We are also working with the Chicago Public Schools on several projects that are currently in the planning and design phase. In addition, PBC has helped to expand and enhance security networks along with implementing energy efficiency initiatives aimed at providing improved energy use and cost savings at city-owned buildings and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

As we move forward, striving to be an exemplary agency for future development, we hope that with this newsletter we can keep you better informed on PBC projects and initiatives.

Sincerely,

Carina E. Sánchez
Executive Director
Public Building Commission

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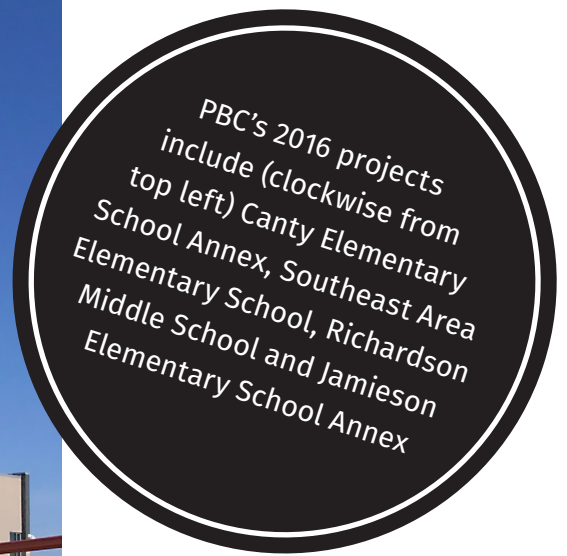
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2016 Success Fuels E



The Public Building Commission has committed to reporting our year-end statistics in the first quarter of the year to ensure our reporting is more in line with the speed of our work.

During the March 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting, we were pleased to provide highlights of the Year-in-Review and illustrate the accomplishments achieved in 2016.

The PBC completed \$185 million in capital improvement projects in 2016. This includes four new annexes and two newly-constructed schools on behalf of the Chicago Public Schools, as well as renovation projects at two branch libraries and \$15 million in technology and infrastructure improvements on behalf of the OEMC, helping to improve public safety while increasing network capabilities and communication.



Future Development





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Payton gives kids
from across the city
an opportunity to
think big, dream big,
realize big.
- Mayor Rahm Emanuel

The report contains a map that depicts all the projects the PBC completed from 2011 through 2016. These completed capital construction projects equate to nearly \$1.9 billion, another example of the PBC's commitment to provide great public buildings and spaces that foster sustainability within our communities.

While the new, renovated and upgraded facilities we developed with our clients offer long-term benefits to our neighborhoods,

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our 2016 projects have also had a broader impact on the communities we serve. 3,138 people earned more than \$31.5 million working on PBC projects completed in 2016—and many of those employed were residents of the community areas where the projects were constructed.

When reviewing the report, please note the community residents who reflect on their experiences working on various PBC projects and the economic impact our projects had in 2016.

More than \$143 million has been paid to date on 2016 projects. Of that, minority-owned business enterprises received more than \$42 million or approximately 30% participation while women owned business enterprises received more than \$11 million or approximately 8%.

We hope you enjoy learning about the projects we have completed for our clients in 2016 and the diverse communities in which we have worked. ★

— “ —
We are just so lucky to
have a great neighbor-
hood school like this.

— ” —
- Allison Freeman,
Jamieson mom



— “ —
Working at Edwards
was one of the best
work experiences I've had
on a construction job.

— ” —
- Janet Mercado,
Flagger and Laborer



Opposite page: Walter Payton College Preparatory High School Annex; top left: Jamieson Elementary School Annex; bottom left: Edwards IB Fine & Performing Arts Dual Language School Annex

2016
PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION
YEAR IN REVIEW

[Click here to view our 2016 Year in Review.](#)



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PBC Creates Award



This beautiful, modern design is a model for what a neighborhood library should be, and it is the latest success story in the new chapter we are writing at Chicago Public Library.

- Mayor Rahm Emanuel

Since January 2017, the PBC, the Chicago Public Library and the Design-Build team of Wight & Company and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP have been recognized with three construction industry honors for our work on Chicago Public Library's Chinatown Branch. These awards mark the 13th construction industry honor for our work on this library and are a prime example of the positive impact the buildings, renovations and infrastructure projects we complete has had on Chicago and Cook County communities.

On January 27th, the library was awarded the Construction Industry Service Corporation's (CISCO) **2016 Project of the Year Award for New Construction under \$20 million**. Founded in 1988, CISCO is a labor-management group that brings

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together unions of the building trades and construction contractor associations representing more than 140,000 workers in the Chicago metropolitan area. The library was recognized for its excellence in union construction and for serving as a new civic and social hub for the city's Chinatown neighborhood.

The library was also acknowledged by the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) with the **2016 DBIA National Award of Merit**. This award celebrates people and projects that raise the bar for well-executed design-build projects and is a testament to the collaborative partnership achieved between the PBC, CPL and the design-build team of Wight & SOM.

Finally, on February 28th, LISC Chicago honored the Chinatown Library Branch with the **2nd Place Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Award for Architectural Excellence in Community Design** during the 23rd Annual Chicago Neighborhood Development Awards (see photo, left).

Established in 1995, the Chicago Neighborhood Development Awards (CNDA)

recognize outstanding achievement in neighborhood real estate development and community building. The Driehaus Foundation supports the preservation and enhancement of the built and natural environments through historic preservation in neighborhoods throughout Chicago, encouragement of quality architectural and landscape design, and conservation of open space.

The library, with its Feng Shui inspired design, enhances the surrounding urban setting and serves as a visual neighborhood magnet: a transparent, welcoming institution by day and a glowing lantern at night that bridges the "old" Chinatown to the south and the "new" Chinatown that has evolved north of Cermak.

Representatives from the Chicago Public Library, the Design-Build team of Wight & SOM and the PBC were on hand to accept these prestigious awards. ★



“This is more than just a place for books; it's a center for community learning. It represents a new vision for our neighborhood libraries and shows that when you create a dynamic public space it will activate a neighborhood.

- Brian Bannon,
Chicago Public Library Commissioner



Chinatown Branch Library has received accolades for its innovative design, sustainability and programmatic use:

American Institute of Architects & American Library Association - **Library Building Award** and **Award of Excellence: Distinguished Accomplishment in Library Architecture**

American Library Association & International Interior Design Association - **Honorable Mention: On the Boards** and **Best of Competition Award**

American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Illinois Chapter - **Excellence in Engineering Award**

The Architect's Newspaper - **Building of the Year: Midwest**

Building Design + Construction Magazine - **Building Team Award: Gold**

Chicago Building Congress - **Merit Award**

Design-Build Institute of America - **National Award of Merit: Civic/Assembly**

Illinois Sustainable Technology Center - **Illinois Governor's Sustainability Award**

International Federation of Library Associations & Institutions - **Finalist: Systematic – Public Library of the Year**

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 - **National Award of Excellence for Outstanding Environmental Clean-Up Program**

Urban Land Institute, Chicago Chapter - **Public Investment Vision Award**

US Green Building Council, Illinois Chapter - **Intent to Matter: Green Building Innovation Award**

Wired Magazine - **"Settle into 10 of the Most Beautiful Libraries on Earth" (#7)**



PBC Board Adds Respected Financial Executive to Membership

Chairman Rahm Emanuel has appointed Olga Camargo to the PBC Board of Commissioners. Camargo, a respected financial executive, previously served on The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Board. She is currently Managing Partner at Toroso Investments, LLC, a New York-based investment firm, where she advises clients in the public and private sectors, as well as not-for-profit organizations and foundations of financial investments opportunities and retirement plans. Throughout her life, Camargo has been deeply committed to public service, having served on the Plan Commission, the Metropolitan Planning Council Board of Governors, the City's Affirmative Action Advisory Board and the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership. ★

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I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving our great city. I am a proud Chicagoan and take pride in helping our city improve the quality of life for all residents. PBC projects serve to make this happen, along with enhancing economic vitality and sustainability. I look forward to being an active participant as a Commissioner of the Board of the Public Building Commission.

- Olga Camargo

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Doing Business with the PBC

The PBC is uniquely structured to plan, design, construct and manage facilities and infrastructure for the County of Cook, City of Chicago and its Sister Agencies.

The process of adding new public facilities or infrastructure to a community is a complex one, involving a variety of professions. Outreach and education are critical to these efforts, and we are constantly developing new means, including deploying the technological tools available to us, to draw people and businesses into our programs and projects. From community hiring

and local residency requirements to MBE/WBE participation and equal employment opportunity goals, the PBC is at the forefront of programs that enhance the rich diversity of Chicago and Cook County.

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



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CURRENT PROJECTS	TYPE OF SERVICE	ESTIMATED VALUE	ANTICIPATED BID OPENING
Lincoln Park High School Renovation 2001 N Orchard Ave Ward 43: Smith	General Contractor	\$5M - \$15M	5/2/2017
Lake View High School Renovation 4015 N Ashland Ave Ward 47: Pawar	General Contractor	\$5M - \$15M	5/4/2017
Byrne Elementary School Annex 5329 S Oak Park Ave Ward 23: Zalewski	General Contractor	\$5M - \$15M	5/31/2017

UPCOMING PROJECTS	TYPE OF SERVICE	ESTIMATED VALUE	QUARTER
South Loop Elementary School 1601 S Dearborn St Ward 3: Dowell	General Contractor	\$20M+	2 nd
Sheridan Math & Science Academy Annex 533 W 27 th St Ward 11: Thompson	General Contractor	\$5M - \$15M	2 nd
Chicago Park District Capital Improvement Program General Contractor Prequalification	General Contractor	Various	2 nd



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