Visit the Public Building Commission's web site www.pbcchicago.com to find current information about the wide range of construction under way in the City of Chicago.

From public fountains and playlots to police and fire stations, PBC construction activities can be found listed on the "Projects" link and include such details as addresses, ward numbers, descriptions, and the architects and contractors. Construction photos and project details are regularly updated here to show the progress being made on the next generation of public facilities in Chicago.

The PBC has joined with six other sister agencies within the city to present unified contract information on the site. All upcoming contracts, advertised bids and a complete calendar can be found in the "Building With the PBC" section. Once a contract is awarded, the amount of the contract, bid tabulation and minority and women-owned sub-contractors are also posted in this section. The roles of Owner's Representatives, General Contractors, Construction Managers, and Trade Contractors are outlined in "Building With The PBC," as well as the pre-qualification process to become eligible to serve in these capacities. Application forms can be easily downloaded directly from the site.

"PBC Alerts" have been designed to increase participation of all sub-contractors, especially MBE and WBE firms, in the contracting process. By signing up for these alerts, firms will be notified as soon as construction documents are sent out for bid, along with the dates and times for the pre-bid meeting and the bid opening. Directly after a pre-bid meeting, the list of firms that attended is added to the site.

Each month, all actions of the Public Building Commission are posted within minutes of the end of the board meeting. In addition, browsers can find timely press releases, as well as past financial reports and annual reports posted on the "About the PBC" section.

"Historical Highlights" offers perspective on past projects, including the PBC's first assignment — the Daley Center— and more recent endeavors, such as Chicago Police Headquarters, North Avenue Beach House, and renovation of the legendary Goldblatt's building. Meanwhile, more than 40 years of PBC projects can be found in the "History" section of the site. Here you can find information about hundreds of past and current construction projects undertaken by the PBC.

And, for those who are curious about the exciting developments at Millennium Park, an interactive map of the site is available. Clicking on an individual attraction, such as the Frank Gehry-designed outdoor music pavilion or the McCormick Tribune Ice Skating Rink, brings up its photo or rendering and a complete description of the project.

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Building the Chicago of the 21st century is the mission of today’s city government and the day-to-day work of the Public Building Commission of Chicago. The PBC helps mold our future in schools and green space, in police stations, playlots and public libraries. These are the anchors of our communities.

A world-class city of nearly 3 million people, whose labor and commerce fuel the economies of the State of Illinois, the Midwest and the nation, needs a strong foundation on which to stand. Renewing our infrastructure keeps us strong for the years ahead and will serve as our investment in tomorrow. Consider what we have accomplished in 2001, and where we are headed in the future.

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In May, the Department on Aging named five communities where senior satellite centers will be built by the PBC to serve our senior citizens, giving something back to those who helped build all we have today.

In August, we introduced sites for three new public library branches, on the West, North and Southeast of our plan for 20 library projects slated for completion by 2005.

Last fall, we opened the academic year by ringing the bell at a new Davis/Shields Elementary School. And, in October, we initiated construction of the new Paul Cuffe Elementary School on the fast track, so its students can hear their opening bell in the fall of 2003. Construction began on the Cermak Elementary School/National Teachers Academy and Carnegie was receiving the finishing touches on an addition scheduled for opening in early 2002.

At year’s end, we kicked off the winter ice-skating season in a spectacular location: the new ice rink in Millennium Park’s McCormick Tribune Plaza. Another eight acres of Millennium Park opened over the next six months.

A great city provides schools and libraries where its children learn, community policing assets and fire stations that protect the neighborhoods, and parks, playlots and green space that make the places where people live more inviting.

In Chicago, the future is being written by the hard work and determination of its citizens, and with the help of the PBC.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Daley
Mayor
Out of a West Side “brownfield” site grew the Chicago Center for Green Technology, a future-is-now facility created in 2001 as a national model of energy efficiency and environment-friendly design.

The Chicago Department of Environment took control of the property, at 445 N. Sacramento Avenue, in 1997, after a previous owner filed for bankruptcy. This brownfield site held more than 600,000 cubic yards of construction and demolition debris that the City cleaned up, recycling the stone and concrete into other public projects.

The grounds and building were renovated by PBC with health, safety and the environment in mind. The Center, opened in 2002, has a ground-source heat pump that uses the constant temperature of the earth to heat or cool the building, depending on the season. This pump system is about 40 percent more energy efficient than conventional heating and cooling systems, and the Center gets 20 percent of its energy from the sun, thanks to solar roof panels.

The Center’s storm water system directs rainwater on the grounds toward a series of ditches that slow down the water and filter impurities. With no curb around the parking lot, more rainwater flows onto the landscape where it can be absorbed. Rainwater from the roof is directed into cisterns with a capacity of 12,000 gallons and is used for landscaping irrigation as needed. Also, 37 percent of the building materials are reused or recycled.

PBC completed a replacement for the Southwest Mental Health Center in 2001, giving the Chicago Department of Public Health a new treatment facility at 1140 West 79th Street.

The 7,500-square-foot center features two doctor’s offices, an examination room, 10 therapist’s offices, a children’s therapy room and a multipurpose room. The $2.2 million project also provided parking for staff and patients.

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The PBC’s mission is to build attractive and functional structures that will serve the public for generations, and to provide cost-efficient project management services to its clients. The PBC Board of Commissioners provide supervision for public projects from land acquisition through all the stages of planning, design and construction.

Architects for the PBC have developed prototype designs for police stations, firehouses and branch libraries. This promotes efficiency in design and construction, while allowing architectural plans to be adapted to the needs of specific sites and their surrounding communities.

In a continuing effort to increase diversity among those who work on public projects and to provide opportunity for firms that are minority-owned and woman-owned, the PBC has streamlined its qualification process to encourage smaller companies to participate. The PBC enforces Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and city residency goals, and seeks a greater role for Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE).

Mayor Daley’s Skill Builders program, a training initiative administered by the PBC, helps economically disadvantaged Chicagoans train for apprenticeship tests in the building trades. The goal is to help participants gain work skills and qualify for good jobs in the construction industry.

During 2001, the PBC again exceeded its MBE and WBE participation goals of 25 percent and 5 percent, respectively. For the period ending December 31, 2001, MBE commitments in PBC construction contracts were 26 percent and WBE commitments were 7 percent. Also, for EEO participation, 40 percent of construction hours were credited to minority journeymen, apprentices and laborers; and 10 percent of the hours were credited to female workers. City residents performed 46 percent of the hours worked on PBC projects.
As Mayor Daley's Skill Builders program approaches its second year in 2002, more than 50 graduates already have been accepted into union apprenticeship programs, on the road to careers in construction.

Meanwhile, more than 100 Skill Builders are on application, waiting to take the tests that lead to entrance into apprenticeships. Skill Builders was designed to increase the number of Chicagoleans who enter the construction field. During a 14-week course, participants are prepared for taking the apprenticeship exams with a curriculum that was developed by union apprenticeship coordinators, the Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council, the Mayor’s Office of Workforce Development, and City Colleges of Chicago. In addition, students are exposed to the different trades with weekly field trips to local apprenticeship programs, while learning about a variety of construction topics firsthand through guest speakers in the classroom. Most importantly, the students are taught critical job-readiness skills throughout the program, including: punctuality, the importance of coming to class every day, proper dress, and safety skills.

The Public Building Commission continues to work with contractors on its municipal construction projects to sponsor Skill Builders into apprenticeship programs, and to hire Skill Builders who are ready to work. Several graduates of the program are currently working at the sites of Jones College Prep and Millennium Park—both PBC construction projects.

This working relationship between Skill Builders and contractors serves two very important functions—to help Chicago residents enter the construction trades, and to provide contractors with a reliable source for city resident apprentices. And, each Skill Builder graduate who is sponsored or hired represents the success and the future of this valuable program.

The Public Building Commission of Chicago is an independent agency whose commissioners serve in the vital capacity of overseeing construction of municipal buildings and other public facilities for the people of Chicago and Cook County.

The Mayor of Chicago serves as chairman and as one of 11 voting commissioners. Of the other 10 commissioners, one each is appointed by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, the Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Park District and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. The mayor appoints the remaining five.
The City Colleges of Chicago moved ahead on a replacement for Kennedy-King College and mapped $105 million in capital improvements for other city colleges in 2001, advancing the city’s commitment to educating the work force of tomorrow.

The capital plan undertaken by the PBC calls for $30 million in improvements at Harold Washington College. The downtown school will undergo a total renovation of its classroom space, lobby and facade.

Students at Malcom X College will benefit from renovation work at its West Side Learning Center. Laboratory facilities will be upgraded at Richard J. Daley College, on the Southwest Side, while Olive-Harvey College will see major improvements to its commercial driver training facility and construction of a new entranceway.

Meanwhile, land acquisition and demolition work are making way for a new Kennedy-King College, to be built at 63rd and Halsted streets in the Englewood area. The new school represents a commitment to the community and its higher education needs.

Photo: Wright College art lab
A commitment to quality on the part of Mayor Daley and the commissioners who work with him on the Public Building Commission of Chicago produced results in 2001 that will grow Chicago's public assets in the century ahead.

Building new and replacement schools is far more than assembling bricks and mortar and steel. In Chicago, it is part of our pledged commitment to public education.

Replacing aging police stations, which the PBC has been doing since 1999, and fire stations with new facilities reinforces our commitment to give our frontline public servants the tools they need to better serve our communities.

For decades, we have wondered, “How will Chicago look in the 21st century?” The answer is taking shape in the work of the PBC and its staff. Public libraries, schools, campus parks, playlots, 19 new or renovated police stations and nine new fire stations are planned or already in the works.

In 2001, we began carrying out $105 million in capital improvements at City Colleges of Chicago, including new classrooms, laboratories and exterior work. Planning moved forward for a new Kennedy-King College campus in Englewood.

Millennium Park started opening to the public, with a new underground parking garage in February of 2001 and an instantly popular skating rink that has been attracting families since it opened in December. And an ambitious reconstruction of the Grant Park South underground parking garage went forward, along with the rebuilding of six lanes of South Michigan Avenue above the garage.

The Chicago Center for Green Technology, 445 North Sacramento Avenue, was built by the PBC in partnership with the city’s Department of Environment on a “brownfield” site acquired by the city in 1997 and cleared of construction and demolition debris. Recycled materials make up 37 percent of the structure, which features solar panels that provide 20 percent of the building’s energy and a ground-source heat pump system that provides energy-efficient heating and cooling year round.

All of these undertakings in the last year, backed up by the PBC’s commitment to quality, will move Chicago forward in the years ahead. New schools, police and fire stations, libraries and parks contribute to the city’s quality of life.

As a result, Chicago is becoming a more livable city day by day.

Sincerely,
Eileen J. Carey
Executive Director
In 2001, the PBC rebuilt Michigan Avenue from Van Buren to Adams as part of the $35 million Grant Park South underground garage reconstruction project. At Mayor Daley’s urging, the PBC accelerated the surface work to finish earlier and minimize inconvenience to local businesses, visitors and neighbors.

The 40-year-old Grant Park South structure is expected to reopen in the fall of 2002. The Grant Park North and Millennium Park garages already have opened for public parking.

Construction began in 2001 on the Hayes Park Natatorium in Chicago’s Ashburn neighborhood. Community residents will enjoy a new swimming pool and an exercise room when this handicap-accessible facility opens in early 2003.

The first of its kind in Chicago, Hawthorne Park Family Entertainment Center is under construction and set to open by 2003. This one-story, handicap-accessible building, located on the city’s South Side, will feature a public bowling alley, roller-skating rink, video arcade complete with prize booth, snack bar, and a children’s birthday party area. Auburn-Gresham residents are actively working as laborers, apprentices, and journeyworkers at the site, in an effort to bring a sense of community ownership and participation to this project.

A brand new fieldhouse opened to the North Lawndale community, at 3559 W. Arthington, in 2001. This was a public/private joint-venture project between the Shaw Company and the Chicago Park District, and constructed by the Public Building Commission. As a result, area residents now have access to recreational opportunities year-round by using the competition-size swimming pool, basketball courts, and gymnasium at the Homan Square Community Center. In addition, a Neighborhood Technology Resource Center, located inside Homan Square, offers individuals the chance to learn basic and advanced computer skills, how to fix computers, build a web site, and search for jobs online.
Mayor Daley and police officials presided at the February 3, 2001 opening of a new 18th District headquarters, known as the Near North District, at 1160 North Larrabee Avenue. This was the fourth new police station opened by Mayor Daley in addition to the new police headquarters facility, located at 35th Street and Michigan Avenue.

Chicago Police infrastructure took a big step forward in 2001, with the start of construction on the new 20th District station, at 5400 North Lincoln Avenue, which is set to open in the fall of 2002. The new 20th District replaces the old Foster Avenue station, built in 1938.

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The first new fire station of the 21st century will rise on the South Side at 67th Street and Dorchester Avenue.

Also in the works are new stations to be built at 16th Street and Pulaski Road and at 59th and State streets. These new fire stations will replace buildings that originally opened in 1915 and 1929.

Replacing aging fire stations means better response to emergency calls from locations that can use the latest in firefighting technology. Our firefighters will have updated living quarters, and their new 15,000-square-foot fire stations will feature circular driveways to allow easier access for today's larger fire trucks.

Throughout Chicago are dozens of new or refurbished playlots —74, in all, at the close of 2001 — that offer children islands of fun and safety out of doors.

Under the $10.5 million playlot program funded by the Chicago Public Schools, the PBC builds some of its smallest projects, but they are a big benefit for families raising children.

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Throughout Chicago are dozens of new or refurbished playlots—74, in all, at the close of 2001—that offer children islands of fun and safety out of doors.

Under the $10.5 million playlot program funded by the Chicago Public Schools, the PBC builds some of its smallest projects, but they are a big benefit for families raising children.

The colorful playlots have slides, soft-surface outdoor flooring, swings and fun sets for climbing.

In 2002, another dozen playlots are in the works throughout the city.

In this decade, Chicago firefighters will work out of nine new fire stations as a result of PBC building projects that are moving forward.

Sites were selected in 2001 for five of the new fire stations, and land acquisition is under way.

The first new fire station of the 21st century will rise on the South Side at 67th Street and Dorchester Avenue.

Also in the works are new stations to be built at 16th Street and Pulaski Road and at 59th and State streets. These new fire stations will replace buildings that originally opened in 1915 and 1929.

Replacing aging fire stations means better response to emergency calls from locations that can use the latest in firefighting technology.

Our firefighters will have updated living quarters, and their new 15,000-square-foot fire stations will feature circular driveways to allow easier access for today’s larger fire trucks.
Mayor Daley and police officials presided at the February 3, 2001 opening of a new 18th District headquarters, known as the Near North District, at 1160 North Larrabee Avenue. This was the fourth new police station opened by Mayor Daley in addition to the new police headquarters facility, located at 35th Street and Michigan Avenue.

Chicago Police infrastructure took a big step forward in 2001, with the start of construction on the new 20th District station, at 5400 North Lincoln Avenue, which is set to open in the fall of 2002. The new 20th District replaces the old Foster Avenue station, built in 1938.

Under the mayor's Neighborhoods Alive 21 program, begun three years ago, the PBC is making 11 new police stations a reality. These new facilities replace some of the oldest in Chicago. The 10th District station, known as the Marquette District, was built in 1917—the year the United States entered World War I. Also on the West Side, the 15th District station, built in 1918, will be replaced. The new stations will provide 42,000 square feet of space—nearly double the size of some current sites—and feature community meeting spaces and modern technology.

One of these new district stations, the 22nd District station, erected in the Morgan Park area in 1938, will be built with an eye toward enhanced efficiency and conservation. One of the goals of the Morgan Park project is to earn designation from the U.S. Green Buildings Council for “Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.”

Photos: (top) New 20th District Police Station, (bottom) 16th District Police Station
In 2001, the PBC rebuilt Michigan Avenue from Van Buren to Adams as part of the $35 million Grant Park South underground garage reconstruction project.

At Mayor Daley’s urging, the PBC accelerated the surface work to finish earlier and minimize inconvenience to local businesses, visitors and neighbors.

The 40-year-old Grant Park South structure is expected to reopen in the fall of 2002. The Grant Park North and Millennium Park garages already have opened for public parking.

Construction began in 2001 on the Hayes Park Natatorium in Chicago’s Ashburn neighborhood. Community residents will enjoy a new swimming pool and an exercise room when this handicap-accessible facility opens in early 2003.

The first of its kind in Chicago, Hawthorne Park Family Entertainment Center is under construction and set to open by 2003. This one-story, handicap-accessible building, located on the city’s South Side, will feature a public bowling alley, roller-skating rink, video arcade complete with prize booth, snack bar, and a children’s birthday party area. Auburn-Gresham residents are actively working as laborers, apprentices, and journeymen at the site, in an effort to bring a sense of community ownership and participation to this project.

A brand new fieldhouse opened to the North Lawndale community, at 3559 W. Arthington, in 2001. This was a public/private joint-venture project between the Shaw Company and the Chicago Park District, and constructed by the Public Building Commission. As a result, area residents now have access to recreational opportunities year-round by using the competition-size swimming pool, basketball courts, and gymnasium at the Homan Square Community Center. In addition, a Neighborhood Technology Resource Center, located inside Homan Square, offers individuals the chance to learn basic and advanced computer skills, how to fix computers, build a web site, and search for jobs online.
A commitment to quality on the part of Mayor Daley and the commissioners who work with him on the Public Building Commission of Chicago produced results in 2001 that will grow Chicago's public assets in the century ahead.

Building new and replacement schools is far more than assembling bricks and mortar and steel. In Chicago, it is part of our pledged commitment to public education.

Replacing aging police stations, which the PBC has been doing since 1999, and fire stations with new facilities reinforces our commitment to give our frontline public servants the tools they need to better serve our communities.

For decades, we have wondered, "How will Chicago look in the 21st century?" The answer is taking shape in the work of the PBC and its staff. Public libraries, schools, campus parks, playlots, 19 new or renovated police stations and nine new fire stations are planned or already in the works.

In 2001, we began carrying out $105 million in capital improvements at City Colleges of Chicago, including new classrooms, laboratories and exterior work. Planning moved forward for a new Kennedy-King College campus in Englewood.

Millennium Park started opening to the public, with a new underground parking garage in February of 2001 and an instantly popular skating rink that has been attracting families since it opened in December. And an ambitious reconstruction of the Grant Park South underground parking garage went forward, along with the rebuilding of six lanes of South Michigan Avenue above the garage.

The Chicago Center for Green Technology, 445 North Sacramento Avenue, was built by the PBC in partnership with the city’s Department of Environment on a “brownfield” site acquired by the city in 1997 and cleared of construction and demolition debris. Recycled materials make up 37 percent of the structure, which features solar panels that provide 20 percent of the building’s energy and a ground-source heat pump system that provides energy-efficient heating and cooling year round.

All of these undertakings in the last year, backed up by the PBC’s commitment to quality, will move Chicago forward in the years ahead. New schools, police and fire stations, libraries and parks contribute to the city’s quality of life.

As a result, Chicago is becoming a more livable city day by day.

Sincerely,

Eileen J. Carey
Executive Director
CITY COLLEGES

The City Colleges of Chicago moved ahead on a replacement for Kennedy-King College and mapped $105 million in capital improvements for other city colleges in 2001, advancing the city's commitment to educating the work force of tomorrow.

The capital plan undertaken by the PBC calls for $30 million in improvements at Harold Washington College. The downtown school will undergo a total renovation of its classroom space, lobby and facade.

Students at Malcolm X College will benefit from renovation work at its West Side Learning Center. Laboratory facilities will be upgraded at Richard J. Daley College, on the Southwest Side, while Olive-Harvey College will see major improvements to its commercial driver training facility and construction of a new entranceway.

Meanwhile, land acquisition and demolition work are making way for a new Kennedy-King College, to be built at 63rd and Halsted streets in the Englewood area. The new school represents a commitment to the community and its higher education needs.

Photo: Wright College art lab
As Mayor Daley's Skill Builders program approaches its second year in 2002, more than 50 graduates already have been accepted into union apprenticeship programs, on the road to careers in construction.

Meanwhile, more than 100 Skill Builders are on application, waiting to take the tests that lead to entrance into apprenticeships.

Skill Builders was designed to increase the number of Chicagoleans who enter the construction field. During a 14-week course, participants are prepared for taking the apprenticeship exams with a curriculum that was developed by union apprenticeship coordinators, the Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council, the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development, and City Colleges of Chicago. In addition, students are exposed to the different trades with weekly field trips to local apprenticeship programs, while learning about a variety of construction topics firsthand through guest speakers in the classroom. Most importantly, the students are taught critical job-readiness skills throughout the program, including: punctuality, the importance of coming to class every day, proper dress, and safety skills.

The Public Building Commission continues to work with contractors on its municipal construction projects to sponsor Skill Builders into apprenticeship programs, and to hire Skill Builders who are ready to work. Several graduates of the program are currently working at the sites of Jones College Prep and Millennium Park—both PBC construction projects.

This working relationship between Skill Builders and contractors serves two very important functions—to help Chicago residents enter the construction trades, and to provide contractors with a reliable source for city resident apprentices. And, each Skill Builder graduate who is sponsored or hired represents the success and the future of this valuable program.

The Public Building Commission of Chicago is an independent agency whose commissioners serve in the vital capacity of overseeing construction of municipal buildings and other public facilities for the people of Chicago and Cook County.

The Mayor of Chicago serves as chairman and as one of 11 voting commissioners. Of the other 10 commissioners, one each is appointed by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, the Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Park District and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. The mayor appoints the remaining five.
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Public Building Commission of Chicago (PBC) was created in 1956 as an independent governmental unit responsible for building and renovating public buildings and facilities for agencies in Chicago and Cook County.

PBC client agencies include the City of Chicago, the Chicago Public Library, the Chicago Park District, the Chicago Public Schools, the City Colleges of Chicago and Cook County Government.

The PBC’s mission is to build attractive and functional structures that will serve the public for generations, and to provide cost-efficient project management services to its clients. The PBC Board of Commissioners provide supervision for public projects from land acquisition through all the stages of planning, design and construction.

Architects for the PBC have developed prototype designs for police stations, firehouses and branch libraries. This promotes efficiency in design and construction, while allowing architectural plans to be adapted to the needs of specific sites and their surrounding communities.

In a continuing effort to increase diversity among those who work on public projects and to provide opportunity for firms that are minority-owned and woman-owned, the PBC has streamlined its qualification process to encourage smaller companies to participate. The PBC enforces Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and city residency goals, and seeks a greater role for Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE).

Mayor Daley’s Skill Builders program, a training initiative administered by the PBC, helps economically disadvantaged Chicagoans train for apprenticeship tests in the building trades. The goal is to help participants gain work skills and qualify for good jobs in the construction industry.

During 2001, the PBC again exceeded its MBE and WBE participation goals of 25 percent and 5 percent, respectively. For the period ending December 31, 2001, MBE commitments in PBC construction contracts were 26 percent and WBE commitments were 7 percent. Also, for EEO participation, 40 percent of construction hours were credited to minority journeyworkers, apprentices and laborers; and 10 percent of the hours were credited to female workers. City residents performed 46 percent of the hours worked on PBC projects.
Out of a West Side “brownfield” site grew the Chicago Center for Green Technology, a future-is-now facility created in 2001 as a national model of energy efficiency and environment-friendly design.

The Chicago Department of Environment took control of the property, at 445 N. Sacramento Avenue, in 1997, after a previous owner filed for bankruptcy. This brownfield site held more than 600,000 cubic yards of construction and demolition debris that the City cleaned up, recycling the stone and concrete into other public projects.

The grounds and building were renovated by PBC with health, safety and the environment in mind. The Center, opened in 2002, has a ground-source heat pump that uses the constant temperature of the earth to heat or cool the building, depending on the season. This pump system is about 40 percent more energy efficient than conventional heating and cooling systems, and the Center gets 20 percent of its energy from the sun, thanks to solar roof panels.

The Center’s storm water system directs rainwater on the grounds toward a series of ditches that slow down the water and filter impurities. With no curb around the parking lot, more rainwater flows onto the landscape where it can be absorbed. Rainwater from the roof is directed into cisterns with a capacity of 12,000 gallons and is used for landscaping irrigation as needed. Also, 37 percent of the building materials are reused or recycled.

PBC completed a replacement for the Southwest Mental Health Center in 2001, giving the Chicago Department of Public Health a new treatment facility at 1140 West 79th Street.

The 7,500-square-foot center features two doctor’s offices, an examination room, 10 therapist’s offices, a children’s therapy room and a multi-purpose room. The $2.2 million project also provided parking for staff and patients.
Building the Chicago of the 21st century is the mission of today's city government and the day-to-day work of the Public Building Commission of Chicago. The PBC helps mold our future in schools and green space, in police stations, playlots and public libraries. These are the anchors of our communities.

A world-class city of nearly 3 million people, whose labor and commerce fuel the economies of the State of Illinois, the Midwest and the nation, needs a strong foundation on which to stand. Renewing our infrastructure keeps us strong for the years ahead and will serve as our investment in tomorrow. Consider what we have accomplished in 2001, and where we are headed in the future.

In January, we approved sites for five new fire stations, the first of nine to be built in the coming years. As you read this Annual Report, construction is under way on Engine Company 63's future headquarters at 67th Street and Dorchester Avenue.

In February, we opened the new 18th District Police Station, one of 11 new stations being built under our Neighborhoods Alive 21 program. By the time this effort is completed, the city will have replaced or renovated 19 police stations.

In May, the Department on Aging named five communities where senior satellite centers will be built by the PBC to serve our senior citizens, giving something back to those who helped build all we have today.

In August, we introduced sites for three new public library branches, on the West, North and Southeast of our plan for 20 library projects slated for completion by 2005.

Last fall, we opened the academic year by ringing the bell at a new Davis/Shields Elementary School. And, in October, we initiated construction of the new Paul Cuffe Elementary School on the fast track, so its students can hear their opening bell in the fall of 2003. Construction began on the Cermak Elementary School/National Teachers Academy and Carnegie was receiving the finishing touches on an addition scheduled for opening in early 2002.

At year's end, we kicked off the winter ice-skating season in a spectacular location: the new ice rink in Millennium Park's McCormick Tribune Plaza. Another eight acres of Millennium Park opened over the next six months.

A great city provides schools and libraries where its children learn, community policing assets and fire stations that protect the neighborhoods, and parks, playlots and green space that make the places where people live more inviting.

In Chicago, the future is being written by the hard work and determination of its citizens, and with the help of the PBC.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Daley
Mayor
Visit the Public Building Commission's web site www.pbcchicago.com to find current information about the wide range of construction under way in the City of Chicago.

From public fountains and playlots to police and fire stations, PBC construction activities can be found listed on the “Projects” link and include such details as addresses, ward numbers, descriptions, and the architects and contractors. Construction photos and project details are regularly updated here to show the progress being made on the next generation of public facilities in Chicago.

The PBC has joined with six other sister agencies within the city to present unified contract information on the site. All upcoming contracts, advertised bids and a complete calendar can be found in the “Building With the PBC” section. Once a contract is awarded, the amount of the contract, bid tabulation and minority and women-owned sub-contractors are also posted in this section. The roles of Owner’s Representatives, General Contractors, Construction Managers, and Trade Contractors are outlined in “Building With The PBC,” as well as the pre-qualification process to become eligible to serve in these capacities. Application forms can be easily downloaded directly from the site.

“PBC Alerts” have been designed to increase participation of all sub-contractors, especially MBE and WBE firms, in the contracting process. By signing up for these alerts, firms will be notified as soon as construction documents are sent out for bid, along with the dates and times for the pre-bid meeting and the bid opening. Directly after a pre-bid meeting, the list of firms that attended is added to the site.

Each month, all actions of the Public Building Commission are posted within minutes of the end of the board meeting. In addition, browsers can find timely press releases, as well as past financial reports and annual reports posted on the “About the PBC” section.

“Historical Highlights” offers perspective on past projects, including the PBC’s first assignment — the Daley Center — and more recent endeavors, such as Chicago Police Headquarters, North Avenue Beach House, and renovation of the legendary Goldblatt’s building. Meanwhile, more than 40 years of PBC projects can be found in the “History” section of the site. Here you can find information about hundreds of past and current construction projects undertaken by the PBC.

And, for those who are curious about the exciting developments at Millennium Park, an interactive map of the site is available. Clicking on an individual attraction, such as the Frank Gehry-designed outdoor music pavilion or the McCormick Tribune Ice Skating Rink, brings up its photo or rendering and a complete description of the project.

If more information is needed about any current or past project, contact the Public Building Commission at: pbc@pbcchicago.com.
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