

Participant Profiles

CEMDI Connects:

Design Services+Developers

August 23, 2021



July 16, 2021

Dear CEMDI Connects Participant:

Thank you for attending the CEMDI Connects: Design Services + Developers meet-up on June 17, 2021. This CEMDI Connects meet-up, hosted in partnership with the Chicago Architecture Center (CAC), I-NOMA, and Arquitectos, was designed to encourage meaningful connections between emerging minority designers and development firms. Cultivating new collaborations is key to our collective success. To that end, we have compiled firm profiles from participants in the CEMDI Connects: Design Services + Developers meet-up. We hope you will reference the enclosed profiles and help build a diverse and creative real estate ecosystem in Chicago.

Sincerely,

CEMDI



CAC



I-NOMA



Arquitectos



About CEMDI

Chicago Emerging Minority Development Initiative (CEMDI) launched in 2020 with the goal to increase the number of minority developers active in Chicago. Led by Gwendolyn Hatten Butler, Graham Grady, and Leon Walker, CEMDI aims to enrich the local real estate development community ecosystem by advancing opportunities for equitable development and inclusive growth. Over the past year, CEMDI has hosted nine events aimed at supporting the real estate ecosystem and making connections. The CEMDI Connects series aims to provide unique learning and relationship building events for minority developers and professional service firms.



3BL DEVELOPMENT

Triple Bottom Line Development: People, Planet, Profit

Small scale residential development with a focus on impacting the black community in Chicago, beginning in Englewood.

Mission: Create vibrant, sustainable, affordable and walkable neighborhoods where people know their neighbors, and feel safe and at home.

Vision: A model of urban (re)development that involves the existing residents in the positive growth and change of a neighborhood.

- Why don't we know what's happening in our neighborhoods when new or re-development comes?
- How do we encourage growth without displacement?
- Can the wealth creation that real estate leverages, benefit a community and it's people, not just the developer?
- Is it possible for a community, a neighborhood, a block to create it's own vision for what it should become?

These are questions that 3BL is asking, and seeking answers to, in how we develop.

From a simple house flip to a multi-family apartment building, we believe that real estate can be a positive force in shaping a community.

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Aspire Real Estate Development was created to provide much-needed affordable and moderately-priced housing in our communities. With over 30 years of experience in the construction industry, I would utilize that experience to provide homes with an emphasis on quality, safety and security. The buildings would include environmentally friendly material and equipment made in the USA.

Aspire RED projects would also provide a working environment that enables construction workers and companies to hone their skills for participation on larger, commercial projects.

Engaging the residents in the INVEST S/W neighborhoods would make them feel like they are a part of improving their community. By communicating the proposed project plans, allowing them to provide input and informing them of the benefits, the residents will feel more like partners and not treat the developers like an enemy.

Aspire RED looks forward to a successful working relationship with all of the community development partners.



DAAM



DAAM is an award-winning professional architecture and design firm founded in 2016 on the principles of collaboration and cross-disciplinary practice in the areas of **Design, Architecture, Art** and **Making**. Our mission is to advance creative thinking-and-doing in the built environment through a "hands-on" interactive approach to design. From campus and neighborhood plans to building designs to custom joinery and details, the DAAM Team is committed to providing our clients, partners, and community with innovative, resilient, and beautiful solutions to meet each project's unique set of challenges.



Led by Elyse Agnello, AIA and Alex Shelly, AIA, DAAM collectively boasts over 25 years of diverse industry experience ranging from in-shop fabrication to on-site construction to real estate development to in-office architectural design, project management and custom design detailing. DAAM's Principals are also active in architectural education, having held adjunct lecturer positions at local universities and regularly serving on juries and design review panels. This diverse industry experience allows us to communicate effectively across project stakeholders, governing agencies, and the AEC team to make critical, timely, and cost-effective decisions that we believe are invaluable in delivering quality built work regardless of scale or type.



Our diverse portfolio is unified by a singular conceptual approach. Each project explores relationships between architectural design, contemporary technology, local resources and functional use. Our interactive and integrated approach to constructing quality built places and things permeates our work at every scale. We believe that the physical structure and space of architecture should be born of a dynamic dialogue between its creators and its end users. Our goal is to create designs that express our clients' programs, culture and mission and simultaneously reflect critically upon the important conditions of our times.



To that end, participatory design and ethical engagement tactics are indelibly woven into our work. Our team has extensive experience in guiding projects through collaborative review and approval processes involving multiple constituents and agencies. Over the past decade, we have proudly delivered custom-tailored design solutions that are flexible, functional, and sustainable for private, public and institutional clients alike. DAAM is committed to delivering our clients with the best comprehensive design solution possible within a given project's parameters.



Above all, we believe Design, Architecture, Art and Making are opportunities. They are a means of creating real asset value while providing essential resources to individuals, communities, neighborhoods, campuses, and cities. Leveraging our creative and expertise to seize these opportunities is at the core of every DAAM Project.



DAAM was recently named a Design Vanguard Award winner by *Architectural Record*, which recognizes emerging architectural practices around the world. DAAM's work to date has been featured in *Architectural Record*, *Chicago Architect*, *Dwell*, *Dezeen* and *ArchDaily*. Recently completed projects include Guild Row, LYTE Lounge and Shell House.



DAAM is a Business Enterprise Program (BEP) certified Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) recognized by the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois. We are pre-qualified by the Illinois Capital Development Board (CDB) and the City of Chicago's Invest South/West initiative. DAAM is a registered Professional Design Firm in the State of Illinois offering clients full professional services in architectural design, preparation of contract documents, and construction administration.



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DMAC Architecture is an Evanston-based studio with 25 years of experience in architecture, interior design, and product design. Our staff experience spans multiple typologies and scales across commercial, hospitality, retail and residential. In the last three years alone, we have produced over 1,000,000 sf of commercial space.

We understand working with INVEST South/West developers calls for research, engagement, dialogue and partnership with all stakeholders. Each neighborhood comes with its own history, challenges and opportunities. We seek out these stories to remember, learn from and reimagine an environment that is relevant, sustainable, and engaging.

What sets DMAC apart is our process-driven approach. We are a studio with no siloed departments. Our designs are rooted in their buildability. Everyone spends time working on the job site, building side-by-side with contractors, learning by doing. Unlike most architectural offices, we also have a full professional workshop with a 3D printer, laser cutter, and other equipment to mockup and test design ideas. This ability for tactile visualization helps facilitate "what if" explorations, key discussions with clients and collaborators, and ultimately design decisions for the best results.

While DMAC brings extensive design experience, we recognize many projects come with several dependencies that require diverse skill sets and voices. Key to every successful project is the right team in the right roles. We believe DMAC, working with partner collaborators, can deliver exciting new spaces and connections on time and within budget to reactivate Chicago's underserved neighborhoods in the tradition of Chicago's architectural exceptionalism.

1. 300 S. Riverside Plaza and Riverwalk Proposal, Chicago.
2. Midtown Athletic Club & Hotel, Chicago.
3. 300 Green Bay Road Adaptive Reuse, Highland Park.

Firm Overview

Future Firm

Chicago, IL

OVERVIEW

Future Firm is a Chicago-based architecture practice that designs spaces, big and small, for people to come together in new ways. Founded by Ann Lui and Craig Reschke in 2015, the practice spans diverse scales, including interiors, residential, commercial, and cultural projects. We focus on using design to synthesize the aims of multiple stakeholders, catalyze transformation for individuals and groups, and create flexible spaces for changing needs. We are a design-driven practice providing architectural services from concept to construction administration. Our design process is grounded in communication and collaboration with our clients.

Our projects range in scale and scope, from commercial interiors to residential projects to long-term architecture planning and strategy for complex projects. Each project places a focus on local needs, sustainable growth, and the principles of Design Excellence.

Catalyzing transformation through architecture and design for changemakers in their own communities.

Our approach toward long-term partnership with our clients through architecture and design includes implementing the concept of “Main Street” for storefront community theater, The Den Theatre, in Wicker Park in a 10-year masterplan for multi-phase renovation, currently under construction in Phase 1. On Chicago’s West side, Future Firm has been working since 2019 in North Lawndale on architecture projects across scales. Future Firm’s work also delivers architecture and design for small business on the South and West sides. This includes the recently completed Silver Room, a retail store and community space founded by Eric Williams, that is also host to the yearly Silver Room Block Party. Other ongoing projects on the south side include a design-focused tattoo parlor and a winery restaurant, currently under construction in Bronzeville, Chicago.

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Bronzeville Winery, Future Firm, 2021–Under Construction



The Silver Room, Future Firm, 2020

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Future Firm’s projects span multiple scopes and scales, including architecture, interior architecture, and planning.

Studio 5524, Edgewater, Chicago, IL, Completed 2018

A converted a century-old existing medical office building into an artist studio, gallery, and office space. This renovation focused on a minimal backdrop for the production of vibrant work.

Root Realty, North Center, Chicago, IL, Completed 2018

A new interior fit out for a small family-owned real estate development and management company. The “hot desk” open plan design with adjoining breakout spaces accommodates an expanding and evolving business model.

North Lawndale NCCDC Incubator, Chicago, IL, 2019–ongoing

Partnership with New Covenant Community Development Corporation, a non-profit organization that supports North Lawndale’s entrepreneurs and small-business owners, to develop a multi-use incubator space.



HOK OVERVIEW

HOK is a global design, architecture, engineering and planning firm. Through a network of 23 offices and 1,500 employees worldwide, HOK provides design excellence and innovation to create places that enrich people's lives and help clients succeed. *DesignIntelligence* consistently ranks HOK as a leader in sustainable, high-performance design and technology innovation. Our Chicago studio is a supporter of the Invest South/West initiative and we look forward to further engagement with Chicago's diverse array of design firms and communities.



DESIGN PHILOSOPHY AND APPROACH

HOK's mission is to deliver exceptional design ideas and solutions through the creative blending of human need, environmental stewardship, value creation, science and art.

Design is the art and science of defining and creating optimal, sustainable and beautiful environments for people. HOK's design solutions result from a collaborative process that encourages multidisciplinary professional teams to research alternatives, share knowledge and imagine new ways to solve the challenges of our built environment.

Human need is the foundation of our creative process. Everything we do responds to the needs and aspirations of our clients and our communities. We give form and meaning to rooms, buildings, landscapes and cities. At every scale, we understand the flow of human activity that energizes the spaces we design. We balance internal functions with external demands of site, climate and culture.

HOK's global practice compels us to be responsible stewards for the environment. As we shape buildings and landscapes, we preserve natural resources and celebrate sustainable values. We measure our work by its contributions to the well-being of the users and the place.

In science and art, success results from knowledge and intuition. Though research and analysis are essential, sparks of imagination ignite new discoveries. HOK's approach emphasizes this integrated design process. Our geographic and cultural diversity expands our knowledge, which our talented individuals transform into innovative design solutions that create real value.

We create this value for clients, users, communities and ourselves. From a robust exchange of ideas, solutions emerge that solve profound functional and technical challenges while creating lively, memorable and sustainable places for people. This is what motivates and unites us.

A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO DESIGN

We innovate by approaching projects from different angles. HOK's professionals bring integrated or individual services including:

- Architecture
- Consulting
- Experience Design
- Facility Programming
- Interior Design
- Laboratory Design
- Landscape Architecture
- Lighting Design
- Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing Engineering
- Planning + Urban Design
- Renovation + Restoration
- Space Management
- Structural Engineering
- Sustainability Consulting

INDUSTRY RANKINGS

Architectural Record Top 300 Firms
#1 Architecture/Engineering Firm

Engineering News-Record
Top 500 Design Firms
#1 Architecture/Engineering Firm

Top 100 Green Design Firms
#1 Architecture/Engineering Firm

Building Design + Construction
Giants 300 Report
#1 Government Sector Architecture Firm
#2 Architecture/Engineering Firm
#2 Airport Terminal Sector Architecture Firm
#2 Office Sector Architecture Firm

Interior Design Top 100 Giants #3

DesignIntelligence
#2 Most Admired Firm for Leadership in Technology Innovation

#2 Top Role Model in Sustainable and High-Performance Design

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JUAN GABRIEL MORENO ARCHITECTS

JGMA is a progressive architecture and design practice committed to inter-disciplinary collaboration, active community involvement and the enrichment of peoples' lives through attentive and dynamic organization of space and materiality.

FOUNDED

2010

OFFICE

CHICAGO
ILLINOIS, USA

TEAM

35
INNOVATORS

We are innovators in the field of architecture, dedicated to formulating consistently unique solutions to every design opportunity.

GEOGRAPHICAL REACH

Licensed architects in the states of:

ILLINOIS

KANSAS

CALIFORNIA

MICHIGAN

FLORIDA

PENNSYLVANIA

INDIANA

TEXAS

DESIGN SERVICES

ARCHITECTURE
INTERIORS
FURNITURE
GRAPHICS
WAYFINDING
SUSTAINABILITY
MASTER PLANNING
AND MORE

JGMA is a full service architecture studio and brings these services together, under one roof, with an incomparable design team.

FOUNDER + PRESIDENT

JUAN
GABRIEL
MORENO, AIA



Juan Gabriel Moreno is an award-winning architect and President of JGMA.

Mr. Moreno founded JGMA with the notion that architecture can have a transformative effect on people and the places they live.

CERTIFICATIONS

MBE State of Illinois CMS + Cook County
DBE Chicago Transit Authority + Illinois UCP
SDB U.S. Small Business Administration

AVIATION EXPERIENCE

PASSENGER TERMINALS
AIRLINE MEMBER LOUNGES
CONCESSIONS
CARGO FACILITIES
KITCHEN AND CATERING FACILITIES
GROUND SERVICE & MAINTENANCE FACILITIES
SUPPORT FACILITIES

AWARDS + RECOGNITION

CRAIN'S BUSINESS
"ESPERANZA HEALTH CENTER:
5 BEST DESIGNS OF 2019"
"ARCHITECTS RESHAPING CHICAGO"

ARCHITECT MAGAZINE
TOP 50 IN DESIGN

THE ARCHITECTURE MASTERPRIZE
FIRM OF THE YEAR, INSTITUTIONAL

AIA DESIGN AWARDS
8 TIMES: 2017, 2015, 2012

ALA DESIGN AWARDS
11 TIMES: 2018, 2017, 2015, 2013, 2012

URBAN LAND INSTITUTE VISION AWARDS
2018, 2016

RICHARD H. DRIEHAUS DESIGN AWARDS
2020, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2013

CHICAGO BUILDING CONGRESS AWARDS
2019, 2018, 2015, 2014

OWNERSHIP & FIRM ORGANIZATION

JGMA is established as a Corporation (S - Corporation)
Juan Moreno has 100% Ownership on the Company

Kwong Von Glinow

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Kwong Von Glinow, UB Studio, and Robert Burnier have joined together to form a collaborative, multi-disciplinary team of architects and artist. Our team has been selected as a Pre-Qualified Design Team for Design Excellence in the City of Chicago specifically for Invest South / West RFPs.

Our design collaborative offers a considerate and effective team that will bring design excellence through a diversity of voices:

- 1) most importantly, a shared value of design;
- 2) equal and respected voices to contribute to the project;
- 3) a cross-disciplinary approach between art and architecture; and,
- 4) specialized expertise and experience to deliver high-quality projects.

We are eager to collaboratively create spaces in the built environment that uplift communities in Chicago.



Ardmore House
2021 AIA Chicago Small Project Honor Award



Swiss Consulate Offices at Chicago Hancock Tower

Our Design Team Collaborative

Our design team is formed by two architecture offices and an artist.

Kwong Von Glinow



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Latent Design is an award winning architecture firm and strategic urban design consultant founded in 2010 with a commitment to equitable community development in Chicago. Our collaborative process of define the context, design the content, and deploy a resolution, allows us to fully integrate all aspects of project into a comprehensive implementation strategy. We offer innovative design solutions to those in resource and budget limited environments by leveraging local assets to generate project opportunities. Our collaborations range from small scale tactical interventions, new construction community centers, adaptive reuse commercial, affordable housing, to neighborhood master plans and design speculations. We create vibrant spaces to live, work, and play.

We will listen, analyze and define innovative approaches to guide the existing spatial platform for community wellness, environmental excellence, and enjoyment between neighbors. As architects, we are acutely equipped to synthesize information from divergent sources and pinpoint common interests and solutions. As small business owners, we can innovate on resource management strategies and materialize entrepreneurial spark. As citizens, we will always strive for better shared spaces.

“Latent Design brought strategic thinking, partnerships, and potential to the project that would have gone unrealized.” - Sherida Morrison | Past Client

M/W/DBE

City of Chicago
State of Illinois CMS + Cook County

Registered Vendor with Illinois CDB
Prequalified with Illinois CDB
Self-Certified Architect
Design Excellence Selected Architect
NOF Selected TA Architect

Active license registrations: IL, WI, IN

CORE CAPABILITIES

- Architecture
- Interior Design
- Landscape Design
- Graphic Design + Wayfinding
- Urban Design + Master Planning
- Community Engagement
- Placemaking

SELECT PAST PERFORMANCE + CLIENTS

- University of Chicago
- Illinois State University
- Destination Medical Center + Mayo Clinic
- Arthouse Gary + Rebuild Foundation
- City of Chicago
- YMCA



YMCA Meta Media



Forge Lemont Quarries



Metro Family Services



Discovery Walk



Arthouse Gary w/ Theaster Gates

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serves as the Managing Member of Bronzeville Partners LLC and the President of its two civic organizations, the Bronzeville Community Development Partnership, a 30- year private non-profit community development corporation (CDC) and the Black Metropolis National Heritage Area Commission, a 501c3 organization actively revitalizing Chicago's historic African American community as an international tourism destination. Through her leadership over two decades, the Commission's advocacy has led to the completion of a formal feasibility study and a legislative nomination to the Department of the Interior for congressional designation.

Robinson, a marketing communications veteran, operated her own full-service firm, BR&R Communications Inc. for more than ten years directing consumer marketing and corporate communications and is recognized with numerous industry awards. She holds a B.S. in Communication Arts from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and has completed the required coursework at DePaul University for an MS from the School of New Learning focusing on *Heritage Tourism as a Sustainable Development Strategy for Urban Markets*. Robinson completed the Minority Business Executive Program, Amos Tuck School of Business Administration, Dartmouth College. In 2012 she became a Co-founder of the Urban Innovation Center, an incubator supporting social enterprise and civic entrepreneurship in Tourism, Technology and Transportation. She is the principal of PFR Chicago Inc. a community economic development (CED) practice implementing measurable social and equity capital investments.

A Fellow of Leadership Greater Chicago, Robinson is also advisor emeritus to the national board of advisors for the National Trust for Historic Preservation and serves on the Calumet Collaborative Steering Committee transforming the southeast Chicago lakefront and northern Indiana region. The BCDP is a collaborative partner with the Chicago Park District and Chicago Field Museum for the Burnham Wildlife Corridor with initiatives for nature trails, outdoor gathering spaces, public art and youth conservation. As a Community Economic Development specialist she holds professional certificates from NeighborWorks and other local agencies. She chairs the economic development committee for the Morgan Park Civic League and serves on the committee for trail-oriented development and community wellness around the Major Taylor Trail. Robinson resides in historic Bronzeville and is an arts patron and antique collector.

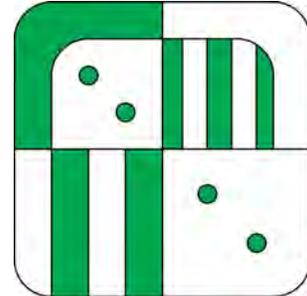
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Popol Vuh Corporation (PV Corp) is a residential & commercial development organization. Popol Vuh is the sacred narrative for the K'iché people of Mayan ancestry, meaning “The People’s Book”

Rooted in the Mayan principles of collaboration, empowerment, knowledge, education and community; PV Corp’s goal is to build, educate, facilitate and empower, residential and commercial spaces to write a “new page” in the history books for underserved communities. As a start-up, PV Corp is seeking for partners, designers, and investors that share our vision and can help ignite change along our communities.





Professional Services

Buildings

MEP
Life Safety
Lighting
Commissioning
Energy & Sustainability
Site Civil

Transportation

Planning & Studies
Roadway Design
Traffic Studies

Utilities

Dry Utilities
EV Design
Flood Mitigation
Natural Gas

Business Consulting

Primera Engineers, Ltd. (Primera) is a full-service, certified WBE firm (Women's Business Enterprise) dedicated to sustainable design and the pursuit of excellence using the latest technologies. We offer a wide range of professional services with a focus in three major areas of expertise: Buildings, Transportation and Utilities. Founded as a corporation in 1987, Primera Engineers understands the demands of working in the built environment and offers comprehensive analysis, planning, engineering and consulting services to a wide array of partners and clients. Based in Chicago we have successfully delivered projects across many surrounding cities, villages and counties to a long list of valuable clients, in both private and public sectors.

Primera knows Buildings.

Whether designing, building or maintaining, Primera has been leading the built environment industry since our inception over 30 years ago. Primera's full-service in-house capabilities include MEP design, civil and utility engineering with the addition of specialty service areas such as architectural design, life safety, lighting, commissioning, sustainability and energy services. Our client experience is far-reaching and includes projects for multi-family, commercial, healthcare, higher education, K-12 schools, government, aviation, laboratory, research campus, and municipal facilities.

Primera's team of experts are strong in finding solutions for many of the issues facing developers and building owners today. Our staff is comprised of professionals with extensive industry credentials including: Licensed Professional Engineer (PE); Licensed Architects (AIA); Certified Energy Manager (CEM); Building Energy Modeling Professional (BEMP); LEED Accredited Professionals (LEED AP), Project Management Professional (PMP), Certified Fire Protection Specialist (CFPS); and NICET certification for water-based fire systems (CET), Healthcare Facility Design (HFD) among others.

With over 200 employees, Primera's solution-focused design team is comprised of dedicated professionals who understand that each project is different. Our teams are flexible to meet the needs of the team in all phases of a development – from the initial planning, site utilities and roadways to permitting, building design and through close-out with commissioning of systems to bring to a successful conclusion of your project's vision.





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urban design
interior design
graphic design

Founded in 1999, John Ronan Architects is an internationally-recognized design firm based in Chicago and comprised of dedicated design professionals committed to producing architecture of the highest quality, marked by conceptual innovation, exploration of materiality, and a rigorous attention to detail. Working across a wide range of scales and project types, there is a searching quality to the studio's work which seeks to produce that which is compelling and memorable. The firm has a studio culture and its working method is research-based and collaborative and firm size is controlled to no more than twenty people in order to ensure the compelling and memorable design response to each commission the studio takes on. The firm offers a variety of design services (architecture, urban design, planning, landscape design, interior design and graphic design) and pursues an interdisciplinary approach to design which seeks out the leading experts and consultants as collaborators. To each project the office brings an exploratory attitude and a concern for issues of sustainability and building performance over time. The firm has been the recipient of three AIA Institute National Architecture Awards (for The Gary Comer Youth Center, Poetry Foundation and IIT Innovation Center), an AIA National Housing Award and an AIA/ALA National Library Award.

The firm has also won an AIA National Housing Award and an AIA/ALA National Library Award for their Independence Library and Affordable Housing project in Chicago. We believe that everyone deserves good design, regardless of their economic circumstance, and we are committed to realizing this vision together with our development partners.



Independence Library & Affordable Housing



We create
spaces that
change people.



Dorchester Art + Housing Collaborative (top), Fulton West (bottom left, courtesy Tom Harris, Architecture by Genster), Riverwalk East (bottom right)

Founded in 1990, **site design group, ltd. (site)** is an award-winning landscape architecture and urban design firm based in Chicago, Illinois. The firm is led by four principals, Ernest Wong, Robert Sit, Bradley McCauley, and Hana Ishikawa. *site* is certified as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE). As landscape architects, urban designers, planners, arborists, architects, and creative thinkers, we are a staff of 35 diverse and innovative professionals. We are enlivened by our surroundings and strive to produce creative spaces that inspire, restore, and bring communities together.

Throughout our 30 years in business, we have made our name in Chicago for our leadership and innovation in landscape architecture and urban design, commitment to design excellence, and community-based approach. Each project brings a measure of social responsibility, placemaking, and land stewardship.

We place time and care towards detailing beautiful urban spaces and discovering dynamic public experiences within complex urban fabrics. With any given project, we utilize a design process that emphasizes effective communication, attention to detail, understanding of human scale, and evaluation of the past, current, and future needs of a given community to ensure design excellence.

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CAPABILITY STATEMENT

BUSINESS SUMMARY

Started in 2008, Studio ARQ, LLC is a full-service architectural firm with practice areas spanning the municipal, educational, healthcare, transportation, residential and commercial sectors. Our success with different building types is rooted in sound design practices, strong project management and a dedication to quality.

CAPABILITIES

Our leadership is experienced in all facets of the construction industry including work experience for owner organizations, public agencies, construction firms and designers. This has led to a deeper understanding of client needs and keen expertise when it comes to collaboration.

DIFFERENTIATORS

- Desirable blend of small firm attention with large firm capabilities
- Strong social and community centered values and commitment
- Responsive design solutions that reflect our owners' budget and program
- Proven delivery track record – services, time and budget
- Reputation for good follow through and project management

CLIENTS



Municipal

- Chicago Heights Park District
- City of Northlake
- Village of Bridgeview



Educational

- Public Building Commission of Chicago (PBC)
- Chicago Public Schools (CPS)
- School District 170



Healthcare

- Pilsen Wellness Center (PWC)
- Access Community Healthcare Network
- Minimally Invasive Vascular Center



Transportation

- PACE Suburban Bus System
- Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)
- CDA/MDW Concessions Program



Residential

- Chicago Housing Authority (CHA)
- IFF
- Hispanic Housing Development Corporation (HHDC)



Commercial

- British Swim School
- U-Haul Storage Facilities
- Medical & Recreational Cannabis Facilities

CREDENTIALS

Professional Licenses

- Registered Architect, State of Illinois
- Registered Architect, State of Wisconsin
- Registered Architect, State of Maryland
- Registered Architect, State of Kentucky

Supplier Diversity

- MBE: Cook County
- MBE: Central Management Services
- DBE: Chicago Transit Authority

Certifications

- Self-Certified Architect: City of Chicago Department of Buildings
- Pre-Qualified Architect for Swimming Facilities: Illinois Department of Public Health

Design Experience

- Design/Build
- CM at Risk
- Design Bid Build
- Design Architect
- Architect of Record

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Dwell
STUDIO



Founded in 1991 Chicago-based **Studio Dwell** and **Brooks + Scarpa** have completed over 10,000 units of housing and mixed-use commercial projects throughout the USA.

Working together as a collective of over 50 architects, landscape architects, designers and planners, we bring expertise in all aspects of design, budget control, project management and project delivery. Principal, project leader, and Chicago native, Mark Peters, AIA has been practicing architecture in Chicago for 28 years, having founded Studio Dwell in 2004. Recognition includes the Smithsonian Cooper Hewitt National Design Award, National AIA Firm Award, the National Collaborative Achievement Award and over 100 AIA Honor Awards, including 6 National AIA COTE Top Ten Green Building awards and 23 National AIA Design awards.



Brooks + Scarpa



Studio Dwell

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Solstice on the Park



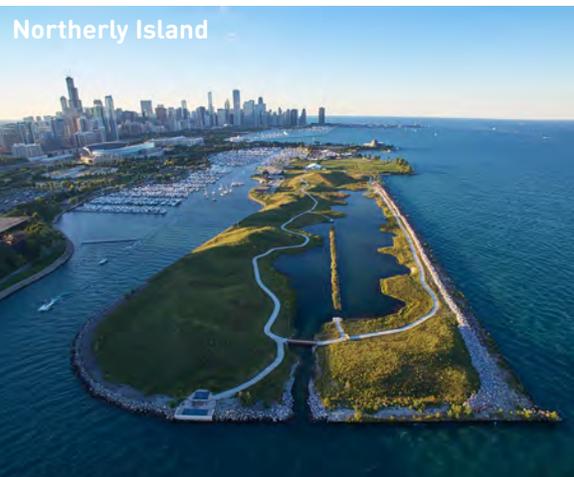
SOS Children's Villages
Lavezzorio Community Center



Nature Boardwalk at
Lincoln Park Zoo



WMS Boathouse at Clark Park



Northerly Island



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Residential Commons



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Founded in 1997 and led by Jeanne Gang, Studio Gang is an architecture and urban design practice headquartered in Chicago with offices in New York, San Francisco, and Paris. Working as a collective of more than 100 architects, designers, and planners, we create innovative projects that bring about measurable positive change for their users, communities, and natural ecology—a mission we refer to as “actionable idealism.” Our work, both in Chicago and beyond, is rooted in our deeply held belief that design has both the power and the responsibility to shape an equitable and inclusive future.

The INVEST South/West initiative has the potential to be deeply transformational for Chicago, and its significance to our communities cannot be understated. We share INVEST South/West’s commitment to realizing projects that embody principles of equity, inclusivity, diversity, and design excellence, and we would be honored to be included in this deeply important initiative.

organizational history

UrbanWorks is a nationally recognized Chicago architectural firm committed to producing socially and environmentally responsible designs for civic, community-based, private and commercial sector clients. **UrbanWorks** approaches projects with an aesthetic eye and functional expertise; effectively balancing complex user programs with tight budgets, aggressive construction schedules, accessibility, and newly developed energy concerns to create successful projects for contemporary community needs.

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Our experience in Architecture, Space Planning and Interiors projects covers both private and public sector clients, including U.S. General Services Administration, Cook County, Metropolitan Pier & Exposition Authority, Chicago Department of Aviation, University of Chicago, Northwestern University, University of Illinois Chicago, City Colleges of Chicago, Chicago Public Schools, Acero Schools, Preservation of Affordable Housing, Concordia Childcare, IFF, Field Museum, DL3, The Resurrection Project, Enterprise Green Communities and 900 N Michigan Shops, to name a few.

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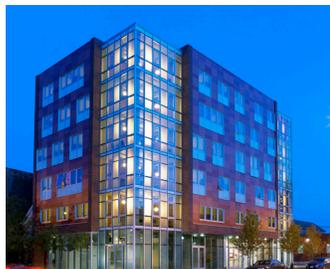
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certifications

Cook County: MBE/WBE Certifications
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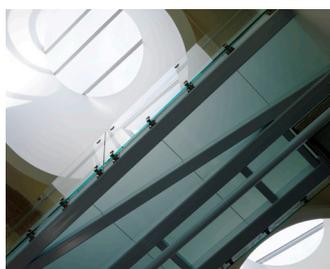
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