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DECEMBER 2020 E-NEWSLETTER



HIRE360's Senior Policy Manager Mike Hartge has been appointed as the Secretary of the [IDES Apprenticeship Information Center](#) (AIC) Advisory Committee of Greater Chicago. The AIC Committee, made up of apprenticeship leaders from over 35 Chicagoland apprenticeship programs, dozens of community partners and other key stakeholders in the Illinois Apprenticeship system, is designed to help support access to information about apprenticeship opportunities and requirements. As Secretary, Mike will be responsible for ensuring that information about apprenticeship programs in Greater Chicago is accessible to community groups, candidates and other organizations that promote access to apprenticeships. Mike has been a longtime participant in the committee, working to help bring information about apprenticeship programs from the committee to community organizations throughout the Chicagoland area. This position places HIRE360 at the center of Illinois' apprenticeship system and will help HIRE360 serve its mission as the common front door for unionized apprenticeships.

Business Development

Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council

HIRE360 presented at the [Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council's](#) (ChicagoMSDC) MBEIC General Meeting in November. The meeting took place virtually as an introduction to the council's new partnership with HIRE360 Chicago. More to come on this exciting new partnership.



HIRE360 Branding and Marketing Webinar

The Business Development Team would like to extend a big thank you to [DC The Mad Hatter](#) for being one of the presenters at the Branding/Marketing Webinar on November 5, one of the many services offered by HIRE360's Business Development team to assist small businesses with growing and sustaining their business



through marketing/branding offers. DC Mad Hatter prides itself on providing detailed custom, personalized service with prompt delivery. With over 23 years in the industry and service to over 200 businesses (17 years as a premier vendor at Navy Pier), DC Mad Hatter is a certified minority and veteran-owned business.

Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives

Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives (CNI) is seeking to qualify firms to provide construction and skilled trade work (herein referred to as Contractor) for capital repair projects funded by the State of Illinois, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity through Rebuild Illinois Distressed Communities Program. This Request for Qualifications will be used to identify firms that may be hired by sub-grantees of the Rebuild Illinois Distressed Communities capital repair program to execute specific repairs authorized through a grant agreement between CNI and a business owner. HIRE360 Business Development has sent applications to 30 businesses that specialize in community construction projects.



Our Mission Is to Expand Employment Opportunities

IN THE NEWS

The Chicago Sun Times highlighted HIRE360 in the recent article “Builders, labor unions open doors for small contractors”. HIRE360 assisted business owner Herman Pride in gaining access to capital to grow his business. A big thanks to David Carlins, CEO of Magellan Development Group for pushing the creation of this collateral pool to

Builders, labor unions open doors for small contractors

Hire360 provides entrepreneurs, particularly minorities and women, the tools to manage a feast-or-famine business.

[David Roeder](#)

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Herman Pride, owner of Complete Mechanical Piping, outside a job site at 226 W. Jackson Blvd. where an office building is being converted into two Hilton-brand hotels.
Anthony Vazquez/Sun-Times

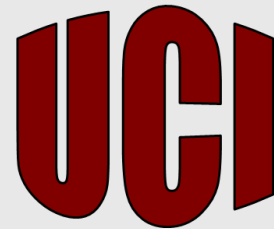
enhance contractors' credit.

[Read the full article here.](#)



Partner Spotlight

This holiday season, we'd like to highlight a partner doing great work for families who need some holiday cheer. [Kehoe Designs](#), a full-service event décor company specializing in weddings, corporate and social events, is hosting [The Holiday Shoppe](#) – a series of seasonal pop-up markets happening throughout the city. One of the pop-ups is being hosted at [Village Market](#), at 333 E. Benton Place here in Chicago. The pop-up shop offers trees, wreaths, garland and other festive home décor, as well as a selection of gifts for everyone in the family. HIRE360 is grateful to partner with Kehoe Designs, who is donating a portion of proceeds from The Holiday Shoppe to support HIRE360. Best of all, a HIRE360 candidate in need received a fully decorated Christmas Tree! Please join us in thanking Kehoe Designs for supporting HIRE360 and for spreading the holiday cheer this year! Plus a special thank you to



Small Business Spotlight

Unique Casework Installation, a licensed, bonded, and insured contractor located on the westside of Chicago servicing the Chicagoland area. Founded by owner Patricia Davis a Chicago native. Patricia and her staff together have in excess over 35 years of experience in construction. Their expertise is focused on Hospitals, Airports, Schools, Residential, Restaurants, Retail Build Outs, and High-End Commercial build outs. Unique Casework Installation is a certified City of Chicago Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Women Business Enterprise (WBE) Chicago Transit Authority Disadvantage Business Enterprise, Section 3 Business Concern, Central Management Services Minority Business (CMS) and Female Business Enterprises (FBE) firm holding certifications with various agencies. The core competencies are Casework, Millwork, Doors, Frames &

[Magellan Development](#) for connecting us to this great partner.

For more information about Kehoe Designs' service and their pop-up, be sure to check out their Instagram [@greenmarketgarden](#) and online at [kehoedesigns.com](#).



Hardware, Rough & Finish Carpentry, Drywall & Framing, Indoor & Outdoor Bleachers, Auditorium Seating, Lockers, Demolition, and Material Supplier. Unique Casework Installation is acknowledged for their integrity and ability to complete complex and simple projects by many General Contractors and Private Clients. HIRE360 assisted Unique Casework in keeping their workforce employed during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic by helping them to apply and receive the PPP and SBA loans.

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