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Workforce Development

This month HIRE360 partnered with the <u>Plumbers Local 130</u> to host an informational session for candidates interested in applying to the Plumber Local 130 Apprenticeship program which began accepting applications starting January 24, 2021. We had over 100 candidates that attended the session and had an opportunity to ask questions about the requirements necessary to become a Plumber apprentice. We look forward to coupling this informational session with a virtual tour of the Plumbers Local 130 training facility that we will host on February 10, 2021 at 1PM. If you are interested in learning more about applying to the Plumbers Local 130's apprenticeship program please email us at <u>info@HIRE360Chicago.com</u>.

Additionally, today we're celebrating Mingo Hudson, who was accepted into the Carpenters Apprenticeship program as a Helper for Noland Sales Co. Represented by the Carpenters Floor Installers Local 1185, Noland Sales floor installers work with a wide variety of products, primarily in commercial and industrial environments. Mingo will learn about installing products including carpet, hardwood floor, linoleum, vinyl and laminate flooring. We're very excited for Mingo as he takes his first steps in this great new career!

Business Development

HIRE360 has again partnered with <u>CRF-USA</u> to assist our contractors with the second round of <u>Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)</u> funding. The program provides eligible businesses and nonprofits with access to low-interest and partially-to-fully forgivable loans with no personal guarantee or collateral required. Eligible small businesses, nonprofits, veterans' organizations, and tribal businesses can use these funds to help pay business payroll, utilities, and other operating expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic. This new round of funding also includes a "second draw" option for businesses that have already received a PPP loan. Contractors can apply <u>here</u> and our Business Development team will work to address issues with the application. Alternatively, you can learn more by emailing <u>businessdevelopment@HIRE360Chicago.com</u>.

Our Salesforce database has been expanded to include our business development work so look for additional reports with this data in the months to come.

Bonding for your Business

HIRE360 is partnering with <u>Community</u> <u>Insurance Center</u> and <u>GBG</u>, Inc. to provide businesses valuable information from industry experts. The presenters will focus on why bonding is important and how to obtain or increase bonding for your company.



Join presenters, Matthew Cooper, President of <u>Community Insurance</u> <u>Center</u> and Michael-Charles Hilson, Vice President of <u>GBG</u>, Inc. for a virtual presentation on **Tuesday**, **February 16 from 4 pm - 5 pm**. <u>Register here</u> to participate.

HIRE360 and CMSDC Chicago Developers Virtual Conference



HIRE360 and the <u>Chicago Minority Business Supplier</u> <u>Development Council</u> are hosting a virtual discussion on "Building Bridges Breaking Down Barriers". Leading developers will present upcoming projects, opportunities for contractors and suppliers, in addition to expected timelines.

This is a two-day conference scheduled for late April 2021. More information including registration instructions will follow.







Partner Spotlight

Small Business Spotlight

Revolution Workshop's vision is to advance social and economic equity in all communities. That is why they provide free skills training for unemployed and underemployed adults seeking a career in construction. With a shared commitment to providing sustainable careers in the construction industry to the community, HIRE360 and **Revolution Workshop recently** signed an agreement to assist with placing Revolution Workshop participants in unionized construction positions.

Founded in 2015, <u>Chicago Voice</u> <u>and Data</u> (CVADA) is a Hispanic, female-owned and MBE, WBE, BEP DBE & ACDBE-certified company, that provides low voltage electrical work. Their services include installation and maintenance, voice and data, audio/visual, access control, and fire and security systems.

CVADA is proud to employ dozens of hardworking, minority Chicagoans from all over the city. CVADA is a fully insured and licensed IBEW Local 134 Union Contractor, with the capabilities and resources to deliver projects of any scale.

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