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OCTOBER 2023 E-NEWSLETTER

Mayor Brandon Johnson Visit to Training Center

Thank you, [Mayor Johnson](#), for hosting an event to help HIRE360 build out our future Training Center at 26th and State. It was great to hear more of the Mayor's vision for Chicago and his focus on good jobs which aligns directly with our mission.

A tremendous thank you to our developer partners who came out to support the event including [Related Midwest](#), [Norfolk Southern](#), [Magellan Development](#) and [Sterling Bay](#). Also, a big thank you to our General Contractor partners who are helping get the construction work done like [Lendlease](#), [LR Contracting](#), [McHugh Construction](#), [Pepper Construction](#), [Power Construction](#), and [W.E. O'Neil Construction](#).

A huge thank you to our labor partners for all of their help including offering their apprentices to get the work done like [Mid America Carpenters Regional Council](#), [IBEW Local 134](#), [Illinois AFL-CIO](#), the [Chicago Federation of Labor](#), and the [Cook County Building Trades Council](#).

Appreciate the support of so many other including the [Chicagoland AGC](#) and [Wintrust Bank](#).



Workforce Development

National Apprenticeship Week

National Apprenticeship Week is a week-long campaign by the U.S. Department of Labor each year to promote the benefits and opportunities in apprenticeship programs nationwide. For this year's Apprenticeship Week, HIRE360 will host activities from

November 13 to November 19 to promote pathways into construction trade apprenticeships in the Chicagoland area. HIRE360 will be joined by representatives from the trades and HIRE360 workforce development staff supporting candidates seeking a career in the construction trades apprenticeships. Activities include:

- November 13 – Online Apply Start Date to the Plumbers JAC 130
- November 14 – Virtual Overview of the Trades
- November 15 – In-Person Ironworkers Local 63
- November 16 - Operating Engineers Local 150 and Plumbers JAC Open House
- November 17 – Financial Literacy Workshop “Financial Tools for the Tradesperson”
- November 18 - In-Person Tour at the Bricklayers Facility

For specific times and registration details, contact your case manager.

**Dates and locations subject to change*

IBEW Local 134 Tour

A special thank you to the [IBEW Local 134](#) for hosting HIRE360’s first cohort for the “Take Charge EV Program” generously funded through [ComEd](#). All qualified candidates applied to the IBEW Local 134 and took a tour of their facility. A big thank you to Maurice King and the IBEW 134 for your continued support.



HIRE360's EV Program Participants Visit CTA Site

HIRE360 candidates taking part in the [Take Charge: EV Charging Pre-Apprenticeship program](#) in partnership with [ComEd](#) in partnership with ComEd explored EV charging infrastructure across [Chicago Transit Authority's \(CTA\)](#) bus stations last week. The candidates had a firsthand behind-the-scenes experience in CTA’s electric buses and

charging facilities. Candidates learned about the technology behind the electric engine, battery power, charging station, and more. They had access to electrical engineers from the CTA and could ask questions to further their knowledge as they embarked on their potential careers in EV. Candidates also learned about the benefits of an electric bus, like being eco-friendly, quiet, and low-maintenance, in addition to the differences of the traditional bus.

Interested in joining the next Electric Vehicle training cohort? Email us at training@HIRE360Chicago.com.



Chicagoland Associated General Contractors Event

This month, the [Chicagoland Associated General Contractors AGC](#) held their annual Meat Raffle at H.O.M.E. Bar located at 1227 N. Rand Road in Arlington Heights. There, contractors were invited to come and enjoy good food, networking, the Bears game, comradery, and the famous Meat Raffle. The raffle was a fun way for individuals to try and win a plethora of prizes ranging from a handful of hotdogs and burgers to Greek chickens, bacon, and steaks. During all of this, the football game was going on where we unfortunately saw our Bears fall in the end. Nevertheless, the event was exciting and everyone left with at least a door prize. We look forward to next year's event.



Meet the GCs - Hawaiian Style

On October 3, HIRE360 attended the "Meet the GCs - Hawaiian Style", event hosted by the [Association of Subcontractors and Affiliates \(ASA Chicago\)](#). The ASA Chicago is a nonprofit association representing all trades in the commercial subcontracting industry and its affiliates. It was great to see HIRE360 Board Member and President of [McHugh Construction](#), Mike Meagher.



Upcoming Info Sessions and Tours

Have you ever wanted to work in clean energy construction? We have an excellent opportunity to join an apprenticeship with the [Laborers!](#) These opportunities are in the Kankakee area. Due to investments in clean energy in Illinois, the South Suburbs have multiple upcoming clean energy projects. As a laborer, you'll have the opportunity to perform a diverse array of tasks helping to build clean energy such as solar, wind and other clean technologies in the area. The growing clean energy industry is a future-focused way to start off a great career in construction building next generation energy infrastructure.

We will be hosting an upcoming information session with [Laborers Local 751](#) on November 7th via Zoom. [Please register](#) today to learn more about these exciting opportunities. Following the information session, interested individuals are encouraged to apply online. More information will be provided.

[Elevator Constructors Local 2](#) - The Elevator Constructor Apprentice is responsible for assisting in the installation, maintenance and repair of the passenger and freight elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters and moving sidewalks under the direction of a Mechanic. We will be hosting an upcoming tour with Elevators Constructors Local 2 on

November 8th at 11am.

[Register today](#) to save your spot and learn more about these exciting opportunities!

Apprenticeship Program Openings

HIRE360 is excited to announce that our trade partners are accepting applications for their apprenticeship programs:

- [The International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150](#) will close on November 3 for the trade of Heavy Equipment Operator. Applications remain open for trades of Heavy Equipment Repair Technician, Geothermal Well Driller Operator, and Construction & Building Inspector. If you are interested, contact your case manager.
- [Sprinkler Fitters Local 281](#) will be accepting applications on November 8 & 9. The Sprinkler Fitters Local 281 are pipefitting specialists in fire protection. If you are interested in attending an in-person tour on Wednesday, November 1 and/or need a “Letter of Recommendation” contact your case manager.
- [Plumbers' JAC Local 130](#), UA will be accepting only online applications for admission to the Plumbing Apprenticeship Program starting November 13, 2023. For a “Letter of Recommendation” or if you are interested in joining us at their open on Thursday, November 16, between 4 – 7 p.m, please contact your case manager TODAY.
- [Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers District Council Training Center](#) applications are accepted year-round on Mondays through Fridays between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Application MUST be submitted in-person and are accepted year-round. If you are interested, contact your case manager.
- [Iron Workers Local 63](#) - Architectural and Ornamental is accepting applications year-round and you can [apply online](#). If you are interested, contact your case manager.
- [Iron Workers Local 63](#) - [Fence Erectors](#) Apprentices are accepting applications on **November 1** and you can [apply online](#). If you are interested, contact your case manager.
- [Electricians Local 134](#) – Construction electricians assemble, install, maintain, and test every aspect of electrical equipment and support componentry, including power distribution, power generation, energy storage, and renewable energy production components. Applications are accepted every Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. at their Alsip location. If you are interested in attending an in-person tour on Tuesday, October 31 and/or need a “Letter of Recommendation” contact your case manager.

- [Pipefitters Local 597](#) - The next application date for our welders in Local 597 is November 1. Your case manager can help you make a reservation to apply if you are interested in a high-tech career welding in a wide array of environments, from nuclear power plants to hospitals.

For those individuals interested in applying and needing a letter of recommendation, please contact your HIRE360 Case Manager today or email us at info@HIRE360Chicago.com.

Business Development

Save the Date!

The Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) program is hosting the “Get On Board: *Business-to-Business Exhibition*” on Wednesday, November 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Kennedy King College, 6301 S. Halsted Street, Chicago, IL. HIRE360 will be an exhibitor and available to provide information on how we can assist businesses that want to prepare to participate in the upcoming CREATE program projects. It's been great working with CREATE partner Norfolk Southern on their projects through this initiative. This half-day event will connect experienced DBES, (disadvantaged, minority and women business owners), seeking partnerships with major rail suppliers, contractors, design and engineering firms, and railroad contract and procurement executives for the upcoming CREATE program rail infrastructure improvements and other transportation initiatives in Northeastern Illinois. See the website or flyer below for details and registration.

Get On Board

Business-to-Business Networking Event



November 1, 2023
8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Kennedy King College
6301 Halsted Street, Chicago

The CREATE Program's Get On Board events foster networking for certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and other MBE or WBE businesses with rail-industry contractors specializing in engineering, design and construction. At this half-day event, you will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about DBE success stories from business owners working on the CREATE Program.
- Connect your company with experienced business owners partnering with major rail industry firms and learn about bid opportunities.
- Attend a workshop on how to become a certified railroad contractor/consultant and how to become DBE certified.

Whether you're a long-term collaborator or new to working with the CREATE Program, you'll want to join us to see how CREATE can benefit you!



Participants

Please click [here](#) or scan our QR code. The last day to register is October 30th.



Exhibitors

Please click [here](#) or scan our QR code to register. Registration deadline is October 20th.



createprogram.org

Save the Date!

MBE/WBE CONTRACT SERVICES OPEN HOUSE

LEARN MORE ABOUT TRANSWESTERN-MANAGED PROPERTIES, INCLUDING:

- MICHIGAN PLAZA
- 500 W. MADISON
- RICHARD J. DALEY CENTER
- 150 N. WACKER
- 69 W. WASHINGTON
- 77 W. WACKER
- CIVIC OPERA HOUSE
- 181 W. MADISON

THE CHICAGO RIVERWALK, MILLENNIUM PARK, MAGGIE DALEY PARK, AND MORE!

Richard J. Daley Center
50 W. Washington - East Lobby

Friday, November 10th

Session 1: 10:00am - 11:30am

Session 2: 2:00pm - 3:30pm

RSVP IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND

Email your name, company, and your session to

Maria.Loera@transwestern.com

by 5pm on October 27th

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WASTE DISPOSAL,
WINDOW WASHING,
AND MORE!

**RSVP
TODAY!**

Youth Engagement

Clean Energy Program with After School Matters

HIRE360 is partnering with [After School Matters](#) to serve as a workforce partner with [Prosser HS](#) and their new after school program. The program will focus on renewable energy and culminate in

the building of a hydroelectric vehicle, led by a teacher who leads a [CTE program](#) that teaches about Low-Voltage Electricity. The program kicked off in September and will continue in 10-week sessions this fall and spring 2024. We're excited to see how the students will progress in the program and we look forward to introducing them to great career opportunities!

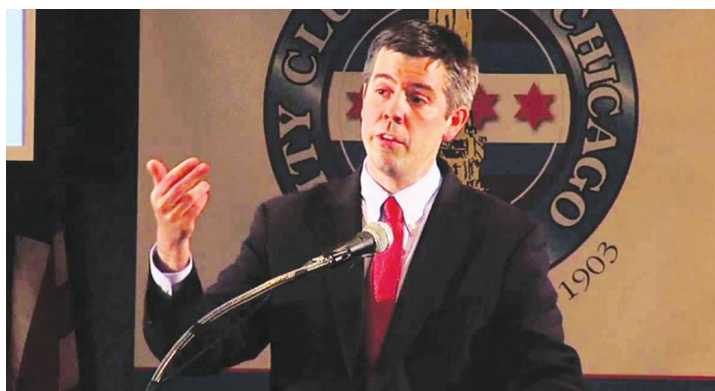


Our Mission Is to Expand Employment Opportunities

IN THE NEWS

Local organization HIRE360 diversifies workforce in fast-growing trades | Jessica Villagomez, Chicago Gazette

A local organization is working to increase the labor force in some of the nation's fastest growing trades. HIRE360, a Near South-based nonprofit, is partnering with several organizations across the city with hopes of diversifying fields



Jay Rowell, executive director of HIRE360, is working to increase the labor force in trades.

such as construction and pipefitting, said Jay Rowell, HIRE360's executive director.

[Read the full article here.](#)

Breakthrough

Partner Spotlight

Breakthrough provides comprehensive programs in Chicago's Garfield Park neighborhood. Our mission is to build connections, develop skills, and open doors of opportunity for our neighbors. Our work includes six focus areas: education and youth development, housing, health and wellness, economic opportunity, violence prevention, and spiritual formation. Breakthrough seeks to bring about a thriving community by engaging in all of these areas.

To foster financial wellness and economic stability in our community, Breakthrough offers career readiness and financial empowerment training. Graduates from the program are referred to additional vocational training and workforce development opportunities. One of those referral partners is HIRE360, which connects participants with apprenticeships in the construction field. Last year, Breakthrough provided resources and opportunities for economic stability and financial empowerment to 475 community residents.



Small Business Spotlight

Simply E & C Corp is an IBEW Local 134 union electrical contractor operating mostly in the Chicagoland area and surrounding suburbs. They offer a variety of electrical services for commercial and residential projects. HIRE360 has assisted Simply with access to capital, EEC Contractor certification, and networking opportunities as they scale up their capacity.

Services Offered

- **Building automation systems:** electrical systems that allow customers to control all electrical devices in their home or workspace remotely.
- **Fire Alarm systems:** An electrical system installed in home or workspace to protect your home from unsafe environments in your home or workspace.
- **Security & voice/data electrical systems:** electrical systems that allows surveillance and monitoring in your home or workspace. Also creating a line of communication to your communication equipment.
- **General electrical systems:** power distribution systems that

send power to your home or businesses.

- **Emergency Back-up systems:** generation systems and battery-operated systems.
- **Solar systems:** Electrical systems that generate electricity for the power from the sun. Simply E&C is committed towards reducing the carbon footprint and energy bills. As specialists in solar panel design, installation and maintenance, they have a long-term commitment to help lead away from expensive fossil fuels and towards cleaner renewable energies. Solar panel technicians work with both rooftop solar panels and ground mounted solar panels.

Simply looks to provide a long-lasting relationship at an affordable rate and to maintain consistency and simplicity with their customers.

Calvin Payne is co-founder and C.O.O. of Simply E & C Corp. He has over 18 years of experience in a variety of Electrical systems. With his experience we have an efficient and affordable way of assisting our clientele to achieve their goal with their electrical systems.

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