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Training Center Update

Hi there-

Hope your New Year is off to a great start.

I'm excited to share some incredible news with you. MacKenzie Scott, novelist and philanthropist, has generously donated \$3 million to HIRE360.

This gracious and significant contribution from Ms. Scott has been allotted for the initial phase of constructing HIRE360's Training and Business Development Center. In Phase 1, we will renovate 40,000 square feet of the facility. This includes conference and meeting spaces, construction training rooms, a solar training center, office space for diverse contractors and suppliers, and a dedicated playroom to help eliminate childcare as a barrier to careers. Additionally, the center will feature two commercial training kitchens, spaces dedicated to diverse suppliers, and versatile event spaces to facilitate a comprehensive approach to community and business development.

We are coupling Ms. Scott's support with donations from dozens of suppliers, contractors, apprenticeship programs, and contributions from the state and federal governments and the philanthropic community. In order to finish the project, we still need to borrow \$3M to purchase the property and complete Phase 1 of the renovations. This over \$8 million initiative is set to open its doors in Spring 2024 and provide community residents with a solid path to good-paying, middle-class, union jobs.

While Ms. Scott's generous gift has brought us much closer to our goal, we still need more funds and donations to complete the first phase of the renovation.

Your support is crucial, and you can contribute by visiting <https://hire360chicago.com/donate/>.

We plan to kick off Phase 2 later this year, which includes renovating an additional 14,000 square feet of the facility for more training space.

In the meantime, I hope you will take a moment to appreciate as much as I have this incredible recognition of everything we have accomplished together so far.

But there is so much more to be done and we can't do it without your help.

Thank you for all your support.

Jay



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