



# Chicago United



## MINORITY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

THE FIVE FORWARD INITIATIVE™

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## Chicago United



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## Our Mission

To achieve parity in economic opportunity for people of color by advancing multiracial leadership in corporate governance, expanding the talent pipeline for executive level management, and growing minority businesses.

## Our Vision

To transform the Chicago region into the most inclusive business ecosystem in the nation.

## Our Core Values

Excellence  
Transparency  
Integrity  
Collaborative  
Inclusion  
Innovative

## BOARD MEMBERS

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# Minority Business Partnership: Five Forward

A program that builds a stronger regional economy through minority business development

Chicago United is the premier thought leader in advancing inclusion. Our signature programs, initiatives and research provide the tangible tools your company needs to transform culture within your organization.

Your Chicago United membership includes access to Minority Business Partnership: Five Forward™ initiative.

## Strategic Priority:

**Cultivating a thriving minority business community.**

- *To see more growth in the number of MBE launches and partnerships.*

## The Goals

1

**Restructure Five Forward™ and expand Minority Business Partnership.**

We will expand growth in the number of minority business enterprise (MBE) launches and partnerships. We will do this by collaborating with external partners which will aid in building capacity to help scale MBEs.

2

**Create a directive approach and customized plan for each partnership.**

We will connect MBEs to external collaborative partners that can assist with financial assistance, grant opportunities, and leadership development.

3

**Connect MBEs to business development resources.**

We will facilitate networking and partnership opportunities amongst MBEs and corporations, which sets the foundation for future partnering and business opportunities.

Through the Minority Business Partnership program, Chicago United will collaborate with strategic partners to provide MBEs programming, workshops and advice on capacity building. Additionally, we will connect MBEs with capital and government assistance for growth opportunities and strategic alliances.

Through our Five Forward™ initiative, we will continue to engage the corporate community in our common goal of strengthening the local economy and enhancing job creation. We will work one-on-one with your business to develop a customized plan that supports your business' diversity goals.

## Five Forward™ Committed Corporations

Abbott	BP America Inc.	Mesirow Financial
AdvocateAuroraHealth	ComEd/Exelon	Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas
Aon Corporation	Ernst & Young LLP	SDI Presence
Ariel Investments	Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago	University of Chicago Medical Center
Baxter Health Care Corporation	Health Care Services Corporation	Walgreens
BMO Financial Group (Harris)	KDM Engineering	Wynndalco Enterprises, LLC

## Five Forward™ Minority Business Enterprises

AmeriCloud Solutions, Inc.	Foscett Communications & Alarm Co.	Prado & Renteria
Anchor Staffing Inc	Grunstrom Landscape	R.M. Chin
Beavers Holdings/Affy Tapple LLC	Halsted Auto Diagnostic Clinic & Company	Sanchez and Associates
Benford Brown & Associates	Helix Engineering	SAVVY Technology Solutions, LLC
Blue Line Design & Construction	Inter City Supply Company Inc.	SDI Presence
Bowa Group Inc	IYKA Enterprises, Inc.	Sierra Public Safety Group (SPSG)
Brandenburger Plumbing, Inc	Jan's Enterprises Inc	Smart Technology Services
Bridgeforth Wolf and Associates	JMF Support Services	Spherotech Inc
Cabrera Capital Markets LLC	Kairos Worldwide	Supply Logistics & Procurement Services, LLC
Catalyst Consulting Group, Inc	Kamflex Conveyor Corp.	TechniSource Group
Chicagoland Truckin Inc.	KDM Engineering	Tecnica Environmental Services, Inc.
CKL Engineers	Kimco Facility Services	The Kaleidoscope Group
Community Interface, Inc.	Lambent Risk Management Services, Inc.	The Shred Authority
Creospan Inc	Loop Capital Markets	The Will Group
Cristina Foods	LSL Industries Inc.	The William Everett Group
Crockett Cookies	Midway Broadcasting (WVON)	Trice Construction Company
CRS Group	Milhouse Engineering and Construction, Inc.	Trinidad Construction
CS Insurance Strategies	Montenegro Corporation	Ujamaa Construction, Inc.
CSMI	MOTR GRAFX, LLC	US Messenger and Logistic Inc.
d'Escoto, Inc.	Nash Brothers Construction Co., Inc.	Valdes Engineering Company
Diamond Waste & Recycling Corporation	Pace Systems Inc.	Viva USA Inc.
DivIHN Integration Inc.	Paniagua Group Inc.	Washington Pittman & McKeever, LCC
EDI (Environmental Design International Inc.)	PBM Group, LLC	Wedgeworth Business Communications
EDMIK Incorporated	Planned Packaging of Illinois Corp. (PPOIC)	Wynndalco Enterprises, LLC
Enviroplus, Inc.	Powell Photography, Inc. (dba) Powell	Yep Nation
Evans Electric	Creative Services	
Farrell Group LLC	Powers & Sons Construction Company	

\*Minority Business Enterprises are not required to be a Member of Chicago United to participate.

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