



Chicago United



**MINORITY BUSINESS
PARTNERSHIP**

THE FIVE FORWARD INITIATIVE™

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Chicago United



2024-2025 CHICAGO UNITED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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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	ComEd, An Exelon Company	Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas
Advocate Aurora Health	EY	SDI Presence
Aon Corporation	Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago	University of Chicago Medical Center
Ariel Investments	Health Care Services Corporation	Walgreens
Baxter Health Care Corporation	KDM Engineering	Wynndalco Enterprises, LLC
BMO	Mesirow Financial	

Five Forward™ Minority Business Enterprises

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

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

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