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La Presidente y fundadora de Professional Locomotive Services, una empresa que se dedica a reconstruir locomotoras basada en East Chicago, recibe el premio de Latinas in Business. [Page 6.](#)



Ricardo Estrada

El Director Ejecutivo de Metropolitan Family Services, una de las organizaciones sin fines de lucro fundada en 1857 y que hoy asiste a más de 72,000 familias e individuos en Illinois es el recipiente de "Community Champion Award". [Page 18.](#)



FIVE YEARS WITH NEW FACES

Son empresarios, abogados, funcionarios de gobierno, agentes inmobiliarios, ejecutivos de corporaciones y de agencias sin fines de lucro, comunicadores y mercadólogos, gente procedentes de diferentes industrias y profesiones, pero con un rasgo en común: son hispanos de valía, movers and shakers, fogueados, con luz de la esperanza para quienes aún buscan abrirse paso hacia el éxito profesional. Y algo más: todos ellos coinciden por

vez primera en esta Edición Especial lanzada en ocasión del 5to aniversario de "Who's Who in Hispanic Chicago" con alrededor de 100 nuevos rostros que se suman a la Lista de Negocios Now, gracias a muchos miembros de la comunidad que han sido la base de la existencia de esta publicación por 11 años sirviendo al gremio empresarial latino de Chicago.



They are entrepreneurs, lawyers, government officials, owners of construction companies, real estate agents, corporate and non-profit executives, communicators, and marketers; people from different industries and professions, but with these traits in common: they are highly valued and highly trained Hispanic movers and shakers who shine a light of hope and

open paths for many still seeking professional success. And what's more, they all appear for the first time in this 5th anniversary special edition of Who's Who in Hispanic Chicago. About 100 new faces are joining our list thanks to nominations from our sponsors and many members of the community who have been the foundation of Negocios Now, which has been serving the Latino business community of Chicago for 11 years now.



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EDITORIAL

Los cinco años del Quién es Quién

Han pasado ya cinco años desde que lanzamos esta edición especial con una pregunta que hoy sigue en pie, ¿Quién es quién en el Chicago Hispano?

La interrogante no tenía otro objetivo que motivar a nuestros lectores a nominar lo que más brilla en nuestra comunidad y ponerlos todos bajo un mismo techo: Negocios Now.

La misma dinámica de este creciente grupo étnico, integrado por un ejército de mujeres y hombres talentosos y de alma emprendedora, hace que la respuesta a la interrogante siempre sea, felizmente, incompleta.

Y es la razón por la que Who's Who in Hispanic Chicago es cada año un desafío colosal en nuestro afán de reconocer el liderazgo hispano a quien lo merece y darlo a conocer al resto de la comunidad con esta edición única.

El esfuerzo ha tenido su recompensa al ofrecer a Negocios Now el privilegio de conocer de primera mano el excepcional quehacer profesional de un sinnúmero de latinos alejados de los reflectores mediáticos, y labrando su propia historia de éxito en sus respectivas áreas.

De ellos también hemos aprendido. Aprendimos de la sencillez de Juventino Cano, el empresario que llegó a producir 20 millones en cajas de cartón, luego de emigrar de un rancho en su natal Colima; nos contagiamos con el optimismo de Bob Ontiveros, aferrado al sueño de su llevar a su empresa, Group O, de \$700 millones a mil millones; disfrutamos la audacia de Paul Roldán para construir Hispanic Housing Development Corporation, abrimos los ojos con la noticia de *one billion dollar* en transacciones de Adela Cepeda; vivimos la emoción en lágrimas de entregar un premio póstumo al gran Minnie Miñoso y la ovación a Juan Andrade con su mensaje de esperanza al cierre de la pasada Gala del 2017.

Que Who's Who in Hispanic in Chicago se haya convertido en un evento único en la ciudad con una edición especial y una celebración, no solo es un crédito de nuestro equipo, sino de muchos en la comunidad que apuestan por el éxito de esta publicación. Esperamos seguir contando con ese apoyo en los próximos años.

¡Gracias!

The five years of the Who's Who

It has been five years since we launched this special edition with a question that still stands today, Who's who in Hispanic Chicago?

The question had the sole objective of motivating our readers to nominate the people who shine in our community and put them all under one roof: Negocios Now.

The very dynamic of this growing ethnic group - consisting of a legion of talented women and men with an entrepreneurial soul - happily makes the answer to the question always incomplete.

That is why Who's Who in Hispanic Chicago is such a colossal challenge every year. This unique edition strives to recognize deserving Hispanic leadership and make them known to the rest of the community.

Negocios Now has been rewarded in its effort with the privilege of learning first-hand about the exceptional professional work of countless Latinos who are building their own success stories in their respective areas outside the media spotlight.

We have learned a lot from them. We have learned from the simplicity of Juventino Cano, the businessman who earned \$20 million from producing cardboard boxes after emigrating from a ranch in his native Colima. Bob Ontiveros clung to his dream of taking his company, Group O, from \$700 million to a billion and swept us up in his infectious optimism. We reveled in Paul Roldán's audacity in developing the Hispanic Housing Development Corporation. Wide-eyed, we watched as Adela Cepeda achieved \$1 billion in financial transactions. At the close of the 2017 gala, we posthumously awarded the great Minnie Miñoso and stood in ovation, smiling through tears, after Juan Andrade's message of hope at the close of the last Gala of 2017.

Who's Who in Hispanic in Chicago has become a unique event in Chicago. The special edition and a gala celebration are not only a credit of our team, but also to many in the community who bet on the success of this publication. We hope to continue counting on that support in the coming years. Thank you!



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The High Voltage of MZI and Arthur Zayas Miller

In an interview with Arthur Zayas Miller by Negocios Now published a couple years ago, he advised other Latino entrepreneurs: "Don't be afraid of falling."

That advice helped this Army veteran lead his company, MZI Group, straight to the top, making it one of the main Latino contractors in the city of Chicago.

In 2018, ComEd chose MZI from seven local companies owned and led by people of color and women to receive the Community Champion award at the third annual Diverse Supplier Awards ceremony. This award recognizes MZI's continued achievements and excellence in construction and professional services, environmental stewardship, community building, and job creation.

Zayas Miller founded MZI in 1999, and since then it has done nothing but grow. Last year, the company invoiced more than \$60 million in revenue.

"I started MZI Group almost 20 years ago as an eager entrepreneur. In that time, we had never worked with a company quite like ComEd; they are not just a client, but a partner. In our partnership, MZI has transformed into the company it is today. We are a supplier with a focus on safety, community, and philanthropy," said Zayas Miller.

A Latino and veteran-owned electrical and mechanical construction company, MZI specializes in energy

infrastructure, utility projects, design-build, and facility services. The organization has worked on projects for numerous high-profile clients, including FedEx, Nordstrom, Metra, the University of Chicago, Chicago Public Schools, and the Chicago Board of Trade.

MZI works with ComEd -one of its most important clients- to improve and update the current electric infrastructure, including substations, skyscraper transformers, and the integrations of intelligent measuring tools.

ComEd has invested heavily in infrastructure, helping the growth of MZI and other companies that work for this Exelon company. MZI has been part of these upgrades, working on many skyscraper transformers, sewer infrastructure, and electrical substations throughout the city of Chicago.

The MZI Group certification as a Minority Business Enterprise, or MBE, also strengthened the company's continued relationship with ComEd.

In 2017, ComEd spent \$711 million - 36 percent of its total supply chain spending - on diversity-certified suppliers, an increase from the 33 percent of total supply chain expenditures in 2016. Last year, the company established 111 new diversity-certified supplier relationships for a total of 478. That same year, ComEd awarded MZI the Overall Performance for Construction and Material Services.



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United Scrap Metal, Inc. (Cicero, IL) - innovative recycling solutions.

OVERALL PERFORMANCE FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

KDM Engineering (Chicago, IL) - engineering and telecommunications consulting.

RIISING STAR AWARD:

Livewire Electrical Systems, Inc. (Calumet Park, IL) - electrical contracting, safety inspections, and construction.

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SUSTAINABILITY AWARD: Zones, Inc. (Carol Stream, IL) - IT hardware, software, and related services.

DIVERSITY ADVOCACY AWARD:

Meade, Inc. (La Grange, IL) - design, construction and maintenance of electrical power and natural gas distribution systems, and telecommunications technologies.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD:

MZI Group, Inc. (Chicago, IL) - electrical and mechanical construction, energy infrastructure, design build, and facility services.

TRANSFORMATION AWARD:

The Will Group (Chicago, IL) - lighting fixture assembly and testing, system assessment, and pole manufacturing.

Nicado Publishing lanza edición impresa de El Viajero Latino

Como parte de su estrategia de crecimiento, Nicado Publishing Company (NPC) lanzó la primera edición impresa de El Viajero Latino en Denver, Colorado, durante US Travel IPW, el evento de turismo más grande de los EE. UU.

Esta publicación exclusiva de turismo en español tiene como objetivo llegar a los latinos en los EE. UU. que aman viajar y explorar destinos en todo el país.

La primera edición presenta destinos como Florida, Los Ángeles y Chicago, así como cruceros, alquiler de automóviles, aeropuertos e información de aerolíneas. NPC fue apoyado en este esfuerzo por Aeroméxico, Choose Chicago, Greater Miami Convention & Visitors, Hyatt, el Consejo de Promoción Turística de México y Holland America Line.

“Nos ha sorprendido mucho la recepción de la publicación entre los representantes de la industria del turismo. Ellos entienden que tenemos una comunidad latina en crecimiento de 55 millones con un alto poder adquisitivo y que son amantes de los viajes”, dijo Clemente Nicado, el editor.

El Viajero Latino también forma parte de la División de Custom Media (Publicaciones a la Medida) de NPC. La segunda edición saldrá antes de la temporada de invierno.



Edición Especial de Negocios Now enfocada en Pilsen

Patrocinada por Wintrust Bank, Negocios Now publicará en julio una edición especial enfocada en el Pilsen.

Esta es la segunda edición que NPC publica de este barrio con acento mexicano, después de editar en 2013 una edición titulada “Pilsen, Open for Business”.

Como expresión de la diversidad del vecindario, la edición recoge historias de pequeños negocios del barrio, pero también de empresas no latinas, como la cementera Ozinga.

También aparecen entrevistas a ejecutivos de agencias sin fines de lucro claves en la comunidad, como Mario Pérez y Alex Esparza, directores ejecutivos del Hogar del Niño y de Eighteenth Street Development Corporation, respectivamente.

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Richard A. González, Presidente y Director Ejecutivo de AbbVie, una empresa farmacéutica con sede en Lake Bluff, Illinois, y entre las empresas más grandes del país que en 2017 tuvo ingresos por 28 mil 216 millones.

AbbVie dona \$100 millones a Puerto Rico

AbbVie, una compañía biofarmacéutica global basada en la investigación, anunció una donación de 100 millones de dólares a Puerto Rico, que se utilizarán en proyectos específicos a través de dos organizaciones sin fines de lucro, Direct Relief y Habitat for Humanity International.

El donativo será para reforzar el acceso a la atención médica y a la vivienda en la Isla. Ambas organizaciones recibirán cada una 50 millones de dólares.

Esta donación se une a los más de 4 millones de dólares que AbbVie aportó después de los desastres naturales sin precedentes de 2017 a las ciudades más afectadas en los Estados Unidos.

“AbbVie tiene un compromiso sólido con la gente de Puerto Rico, pues mantiene operaciones en la isla desde hace cerca de 50 años. Los dos huracanes acaecidos en 2017, especialmente el huracán María, fue devastador, pero estamos orgullosos de que, gracias a la visión, determinación y a la continuidad de

nuestras operaciones llevada a cabo por nuestros equipos en Puerto Rico, el funcionamiento de la empresa no se vio afectado y los pacientes que dependen de nuestros tratamientos pudieron continuar recibiendo”, afirmó Richard A. González, Presidente y Director Ejecutivo de AbbVie.

Agregó que junto con Direct Relief y Habitat for Humanity, AbbVie construirá una infraestructura de servicios de salud más fuerte y contribuirá significativamente a reconstruir hogares de familias puertorriqueñas que fueron severamente afectadas, en algunos de los municipios donde el huracán María causó grandes daños y devastación.

Para evitar interrupciones en los servicios que se prestan regularmente, Direct Relief proporcionará a los centros de salud fuentes de energía confiables, entre ellas energía solar, baterías que mantienen la energía y generadores de electricidad, lo que les dará la oportunidad de generar su propio abastecimiento de agua potable.



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We know the Hispanic contribution to this area is invaluable. Our communities are vibrant and full of culture; our businesses are strong and poised for growth. Hispanic neighborhoods across this area help strengthen our local economy and improve Chicagoland: Now, that's something worth celebrating. It's an honor to support Negocios Now Who's Who, an evening that acknowledges and honors the Hispanic contribution. Congratulations to everyone being honored and thank you for the important work you do. You're an inspiration to us all.

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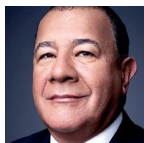
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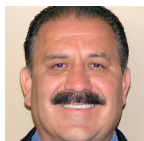
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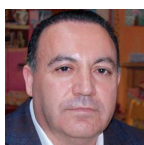
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Robert Aguilar serves as a CEO and CFO for Cabrera Capital Markets. He is responsible for all aspects of daily operations and overseas for several business groups for the company, including municipal finance, municipal securities trading, taxable fixed income, equity trading, and futures. Prior to joining Cabrera Capital, Robert served as Operations Manager for Schwarz Supply Source where he was responsible for twelve domestic and international distribution facilities in four countries.



RAYMOND ALMADA
President
Entity: ReyCo LLC
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Ray Almada opened ReyCo

LLC in December 2015. He is a former union painter specializing in high-rise swing stage scaffolding and painting high-rise exteriors in Chicago. ReyCo specializes in ground penetrating radar services, but encompasses many other services. Mr. Almada was born and raised in Chicago under the guidance of hardworking parents.



JULIO ARTEAGA
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Julio Artega started working in horticulture shortly after finishing school in 2003. In 2012, he founded Artega Landscapes, focusing on landscape construction. Today Artega Landscapes is one of the leading landscaping contractors in the area. Artega Landscapes is recognized for its experienced team and great service. His company is an active donor to the charity, Brillantes Caminantes.



OLGA CAMARGO
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Olga Camargo is CEO and Founder for

FARO Associates, a woman-owned business and nationally-certified Minority Business Enterprise, a specialist in operations consulting, risk management/insurance brokerage and advisory services. With a combined 45 years of experience, the experts at FARO Associates have delivered high-quality tailored financial services to businesses, nonprofits, and government across industries that include education, construction, and healthcare. Olga is a Commissioner for Public Building Commission, the National Board Chair for HACE, serves on the Metropolitan Planning Council and Northeastern Illinois University Foundation boards, and a member of the IL State Treasurer's Hispanic Advisory Council.

LATINAS IN BUSINESS AWARD

ADELA ORTEGA

Founder and CEO
Entity: Professional Locomotive Services, Inc.
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Adela Ortega has much in common with the very locomotives she rebuilds. She is a determined woman who pulls life's train along, overcoming all obstacles on the track to success.

When she founded Professional Locomotive Services, Inc. (PLS) in 1996 in Illinois, her business path had not been all that smooth. Today, the company is based in East Chicago, Indiana, and over twenty years old.

It was a rough world of men galvanized like iron rails. She barely had \$20,000 of capital that she took from her 401k retirement fund — and a newborn baby.

"It was difficult. During the first year, I brought the baby with me to feed him, but I also had to do many other things at the same time," she recalls.

Adela wore many hats as she began the PLS enterprise. She was the engineer, salesperson, administrative lead, marketing point person, accountant, strategist, and, soon, a single mother.

The challenge of starting her own business and the joy of being a new mother combined to impact her character. At the beginning of her divorce, she left a comfortable job in downtown Chicago and moved to Naperville where she was hired by a company in the railroad industry.

"The company leased railway cars to Mexican companies, such as Cementos Mexicanos (Cemex). Then, I started selling locomotive batteries, and one day my boss offered me an opportunity to sell locomotives. My heart beat loudly! I could not sell something I did not



know," she confesses.

Then and there, Adela entered her future. First, she learned to understand the market, who purchases locomotives, and who sells them. She spent hours studying and learning the business, researching diligently and with no Internet. The day she physically met the iron monster in person, she fell to her feet.

"It was like a love at first sight. I remember the moment they opened the door of the locomotive, and I heard the sound of the engine. At that moment I began to see my future. I said, 'I have to make one of these,'" she smiles.



EZEQUIEL (ZEKE) FLORES
Founder and CEO
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Zeke Flores is founder and CEO of Flying Concessions, an experienced airport retail, food and beverage concessionaire. He also is President of Flores Retail Corporation, a real estate company specializing in public-private partnerships, development, financing, brokerage, and advisory. Zeke knows first-hand the benefits of mentorship and is dedicated to providing educational opportunities for younger generations and talented employees.



ALEJANDRA (ALEX) GARZA
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Alejandra Garza is Founder and

Owner of AGG Consulting, a strategic marketing and consulting firm that provides services to businesses and non-profit organizations. Alex has also served on various boards of community-based organizations for over 15 years. She has provided leadership in organizational strategic direction, board governance initiatives, and marketing strategies. Ms. Garza is currently a member of the Chicago Board of Education and the Metropolitan Planning Council of Chicago.



CAMERINO GONZALEZ
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Camerino Gonzalez is the current



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Delia Gutierrez

McLaughlin is an entrepreneur with more than 20 years of successful experience with technology innovation, supplier diversity and vendor management. She uses that experience as a business student, a STEM advocate, and a lifelong learner. In business, she partners with Fortune 500 clients, manages relationships, and expertly navigates the corporate landscape. This year Delia was celebrated as Latina Style's Entrepreneur of the Year in Chicago. She was also selected for the Latino Entrepreneurial Program at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. In addition, she has served as Aon's National Chairperson for Latino Business Networking to create opportunities for minorities.



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Rico Martinez is a mechanical electrical engineer who has worked in the



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Sergio Muñoz is President of Tecnica Environmental Services. He has over thirty years of experience in performing AHERA inspections and complete environmental audits, air monitoring, project management and coordination, safety appraisals, and financing remediation projects. He was recognized by the Erie Neighbor House for supporting their mission and by HACIA as their 2017 Contractor of the Year.



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Samuel Sanchez is the CEO of Samco Enterprises, an accomplished hospitality company, where he oversees all facets of the business. Mr. Sanchez has served as Corporate Secretary of the Illinois Restaurant Association since 2015. He currently serves as CEO of EMC Construction, a construction company that offers job skill training and employment opportunities to the community.



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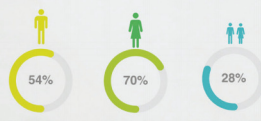
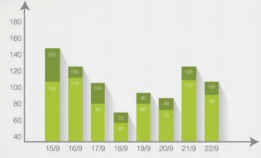


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Francisco Abitua started his plumbing company in 1996, working out of his garage with one helper. When the economy took a turn for the worse, he reinvented himself and expanded to Sewer, Water & Concrete Manufacturing. All three divisions average 50 to 70 employees under his supervision. Currently his business is part of many important projects such as Illinois Tollway, O'Hare, Chicago Public Schools, and I.D.O.T. In 2015, Francisco received the Contractor of the Year Award from HACIA (Hispanic American Construction Industry Association).

contractor focusing in the healthcare, educational, commercial, transportation and institutional sectors. After eight years in project management and senior management positions in the construction industry, Mr. Escarpita saw the necessity to launch Escarpita Construction with a motto "to leave a legacy of a better worker, a better community, and a better construction experience." In 2014 Escarpita was awarded the "Contractor of The Year Award" by the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association.



FRANCISCO GONZALEZ PULIDO
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Francisco Gonzalez Pulido is an international architect based in Chicago where he leads FGP Atelier, which he founded in 2017. FGP leads a team that designs buildings across a range of scales and typologies. FGP Atelier is currently working on several multimillion projects in Mexico and China. Francisco is a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects and the International American Institute of Architects.



JOSE A. DUARTE
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Jose Duarte founded Blackwood Group LLC in 2007. Blackwood Group confidently emerged from the recession to become a fast-growing, Hispanic-owned full service builder and developer. Mr. Duarte is a licensed professional engineer who serves as a Board Member for both the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA) and the City of Chicago Department of Buildings Board of Appeals.



CARLOS HUDDLESTON
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Carlos Huddleston joined Gonzalez Companies, LLC in June of 2007. In 2010, Mr. Huddleston became a minority owner and purchased the majority ownership of Gonzalez Companies in 2014, assuming the position of CEO. As CEO, he currently manages all of Gonzalez Companies construction-related activities. Mr. Huddleston has managed and coordinated large construction contracts ranging in value from less than a \$1,000,000 to over \$110,000,000. He has extensive experience in project management, construction management, resource allocation, logistics, scheduling, and contract payment.



JORGE ESCARPITA
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CEO / Entity: GSG Consultants, Inc. / **Website:** www.gsg-consultants.com

Guillermo Garcia, Arturo Saenz, and Ala E. Sassila have created a dynamic and diverse engineering and consulting firm.

Since 1992, GSG Consultants, Inc. has developed a leading minority-owned and disadvantaged business enterprise (MBE/DBE) providing services in the transportation, building and facilities, and land development markets. GSG was established with the mission to deliver value-added consulting services by embracing the core principles of integrity, quality and reliability. These principles served initially to set the direction for the company and continue today to drive growth and delivery of services.

They have fostered growth through leadership, vision, and participation in an expanding array of markets over 25 years in the industry. The company has worked extensively with the City of Chicago, including the Chicago Public Schools system, the Public Building Commission of Chicago, and the Chicago Housing Authority, Illinois Tollway, Illinois Department of Transportation and Chicago Transit Authority. For over 25 years, GSG has worked to build a firm that is truly unique among their peers. They have built a reputation of quality by consistently

delivering exceptional services in a range of technical disciplines. They have built a tradition of trust through servicing essential infrastructure, buildings, and facilities. They protect their client's investments and mitigate business risks. GSG provides clients with significant cost savings by reducing construction and maintenance costs, eliminating regulatory penalties, and avoiding litigation. GSG strives to use sound business practices that help safeguard the environment, conserve energy and resources, minimize waste, and limits negative impact on the environment.

With corporate offices in Chicago, GSG is strategically located to deliver services throughout the Midwest and beyond. The company is licensed to practice engineering in 17 states including Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Ohio, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Montana, and North Dakota.

But if one factor had to be chosen above all others, their drive for success is what differentiates them most. No effort is spared to do what it takes to make their clients and their projects successful. Working with GSG means working with individuals who are committed to achieving the goals of their clients.



REY RIVERA
President
 Entity: CSI 3000
 Website: csi3000.com

Rey and his organization, CSI 3000, have 20+ years of direct construction experience in field operations, project management, estimating, and operational management. Rey and his team have been recognized by Ernst and Young as the Entrepreneur of the year and America's Concrete Contractor. Rey currently sits on the Board for the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, is part of the Business Leadership Council for the National Latino Education Institute, and was previously Board President of the 18th Street Development Corporation.



GERARDO P. SANCHEZ
President
 Entity: Sanchez & Associates, P.C.
 Website: sanchezsurveying.com

Gerardo Sanchez is President of Sanchez & Associates. He has over 26 years of land surveying experience in the following areas: Pre-Design Surveys, Field Surveys and Management of Large Scale Survey Projects. Mr. Sanchez is a Licensed Professional Land Surveyor in Illinois and Indiana, as well as a member of the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) and board member of the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA).



MIKE SALTIJERAL
Owner / CEO
 Entity: Industrial Fence Inc.
 Website: IndustrialFenceInc.com

Mike enlisted in the Marine Corps at the age of 18. There, he received high expeditionary and commendation medals for his duty in Panama and the Persian Gulf War. When he returned to Chicago, he entered the construction industry. In 1999, Mike started Industrial Fence, Inc. with the simple idea to innovate the Perimeter Security Industry. Today, IFI has expanded throughout the Midwest and has partnered with Illinois Tollway, IDOT, City of Chicago & Department of Aviation, Exelon/ComEd, and many more. He is a Certified as a Minority & Veteran Owned Business and is currently serving as Illinois Vice Chairman of the Service Disable Veteran Organization Elite.



OTONIEL (TONY) SANCHEZ
CEO
 Entity: The Sanchez Group / Sanchez Paving Company, Inc.
 Website: sanchezpaving.net

Through his hard work and never-ending quest to expand through learning and performing, Tony Sanchez built Sanchez Paving to one of the premiere Minority-certified Contractors in the Chicagoland area. Now as CEO and President of The Sanchez Group, he now oversees an organization that continues to grow as a paving company. Recent additions include roadway concrete sawing, as well as a full service maintenance company at a local refinery. His leadership and work ethic have not only led the way to such growth, but individually he has set the example for each of his employees to promote success for all.



A Look Back on 5 Years of Who's Who



JOSE MALDONADO
Owner
 Entity: Old Veteran Construction, Inc.
 Website: ovcchicago.com



JUAN GABRIEL MORENO
Founder and President
 Entity: JGMA
 Website: jgma.com



JORGE A. MORENO
President and Owner
 Entity: CivCon Services, Inc.
 Website: civconinc.com



BRIAN ORTIZ
President
 Entity: Trinidad Construction, LLC
 Website: trinidadllc.com



RICHARD (RICK) RIVERA
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- Worked with over 120 Hispanic-owned firms, including 70 doing Tollway work for the first time.

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Chicago, IL 60617
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Chicago Housing Authority (La Autoridad de Viviendas de Chicago) ofrece viviendas estables, dignas, seguras y económicas a más de 62,000 familias e individuos de bajos recursos, así como brindar apoyo a las comunidades de Chicago.



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ANNE L. ALONZO
President & CEO
 Entity: American Egg Board
 Website: IncredibleEgg.org and aeb.org

Anne Alonzo is recognized as a global food and agriculture expert with an accomplished career spanning public, not-for-profit, and corporate sectors. She currently leads the American Egg Board, which is the commodity marketing arm of the U.S. egg industry and directs national campaigns in advertising, public relations and consumer education. In 2017, Anne was recognized for her community leadership when she was awarded Latino Magazine's BRAVA (Courage) Award for mentoring Latinas across the United States.



JOAN-CARLES BRUGUÉ Sr.
Manager Supplier Diversity
 Entity: AT&T Inc.
 Website: att.com

With over 20 years of service to AT&T, Mr. Brugué has developed a strong background in the areas of financial management, operations planning, analysis, and project management. He is responsible for stakeholder management, as well as appraising key corporate initiatives and technology transformation trends. Mr. Brugué also serves on the Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council Executive Board.



ADRIANA DUEÑAS
Senior Vice President
 Entity: Alliant/Mesirow
 Website: alliant.com

Adriana Dueñas is an expert in evaluating plan designs and financial structures to determine the most appropriate employee benefits platform for clients. She utilizes her stable relationships with insurance carriers to negotiate the best comprehensive coverage. In 2016, she became a partner at Alliant Insurance Services after Mesirow Insurance Services merged with the company. She serves on the board of the Michael Rofe Pancreatic Cancer Foundation. And also is a member of the National Association of Health Underwriters and Chair of the Chicago Employee Resource Group - Women at Alliant.



DEMETRIO 'D' GARCIA
VP, Partner - Global Business Development
 Entity: Golden Hill Foods LLC
 Website: www.goldenhillfoods.com

Demetrio is a

seasoned executive with over 30 years' of national and international experience in business, engineering, operations, and business development. Engineer turned entrepreneur, he is a Partner and Head of Global Business Development with Golden Hill Foods, a specialty food ingredients, spices and flavors company serving the food manufacturing and supply chain industry. A native of Chicago and graduate of the University of Illinois, he is a master networker and connector and continues to invest in local and national civic, business and non-for-profit organizations, as well as mentoring young and professionals for success.



CÉSAR A. GONZÁLEZ
Senior Vice President
 Entity: Northern Trust Company
 Website: northerntrust.com

César González is Senior Vice President, Relationship Manager/Specialist at Northern Trust in Chicago. González joined Northern Trust in 1998, supporting client financial and regulatory reporting for institutional client segments. His twenty years of experience in the financial industry includes relationship management and supporting investment managers on behalf of clients. Most recently, González returned from a two-year assignment in Northern Trust's India Operations office, serving the India Head of Client Accounting. González has also served on the boards of Chicagoland nonprofit organizations that focus on community outreach, housing and educational services area. He is also the Latin Heritage Leadership Council President.



ROBERTO R. HERENCIA
CEO
 Entity: BXM Holdings, Inc. / Byline Bank
 Website: bylinebankcorp.com

Since November 2010, Roberto R. Herencia has been President and CEO of BXM Holdings, Inc., an investment fund specializing in community banks. He is also the Chairman of the Board of Byline Bank. He led the \$205 million recapitalization of the Metropolitan Bank Group in Chicago. Mr. Herencia is a consultant with over thirty years of broad experience in the banking industry and has received numerous awards for his civic contributions, including the Distinguished Corporate Citizenship Award from the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs.



ANNETTE MARTINEZ
Vice President, Communications
 Entity: ComEd
 Website: comed.com

Annette Martinez is Vice President of Communications

JOSE LUIS PRADO

CEO
 Entity: Evans Food Group
 Website: macs-snacks.com

Since 2016, Jose Luis Prado has been Chairman and CEO of Evans Foods Group. Evans is headquartered in Chicago and is the world leader of pork rinds snacks and foods. Evans is owned by Wind Point Partners, where Prado is a co-investor. Prado is also a former President of Quaker Oats North America, a \$2.7 Billion division of PepsiCo, Inc.

The first Mexican to lead a major PepsiCo business in North America, Prado retired from PepsiCo in 2014 after a distinguished career spanning thirty years, six countries and two continents including Mexico, Spain, Caribbean, Andean and South Cone in Latin America Prado serves at the Boards of two public Companies: The Northern Trust Corporation based in Chicago, IL and Brinker International headquartered in Dallas, Tx.

Prado is deeply committed to the community. He serves on multiple boards including the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Global Advisory Board of the Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Lyric Opera, Instituto Mexico at the Woodrow Wilson Institute, the National Museum of Mexican Art and on the Board of the Latino Corporate Directors Association.

He is also a member of the Commercial Club, Economic Club and Executive Club of Chicago and recently he has joined the Latino



Donor Collaborative Board. He has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (Cum Laude), Master of Science in Systems and Planning and Master of Business Administration.

for ComEd, which delivers electricity to nearly four million customers across Northern Illinois. Her team is responsible for external and internal communications including public relations, brand advertising, and employee engagement. With more than twenty years of experience in strategic communications, Annette oversees ComEd's efforts to tell its story and engage its stakeholders. Prior to joining ComEd, she was the Director of External Relations for AGL Resources, the nation's largest natural gas-only distributor. She also served as the Director of Communications for Nicor Gas and Assistant Commissioner of Communications for the Chicago Department of Aviation, where she led all communication initiatives for Midway and O'Hare International Airports. Martinez serves as a board member of Casa Central.



HERBERT (HERB) MAZARIEGOS
U.S. Chief BSA/AML/OFAC Officer
 Entity: BMO Financial Group
 Website: bmo.com

Herb

Mazariegos is the U.S. Chief BSA/AML/OFAC Officer for BMO Financial Group. He is a board-appointed officer and member of the U.S. Management Committee. Most recently, Herb led the successful completion of the anti-money laundering regulatory remediation activities in the U.S. He is also the executive sponsor of GenBMO Employee Resource Group that focuses on the career development of the bank's multi-generational employees, especially millennial. Prior to joining BMO, Herb was the Global Head of Bank of America's Financial Intelligence Unit. He was responsible for AML and Economic Sanctions intelligence operations, systems, monitoring, and surveillance covering over 40 countries. He led strategic anti-money laundering efforts across compliance, risk, global banking and operations. He is a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS), Project Management Professional (PMP), and Six Sigma Black Belt.



PABLO MERHEB
Industry Lead, Consumer Packaged Goods
 Entity: Facebook/Global Marketing Solutions
 Website: facebook.com

Pablo Merheb is Industry Lead in Global Marketing Solutions at Facebook. His team is responsible for helping brand-building organizations integrate Facebook's family of apps and services with the consumer packaged goods industry. Pablo helps serve on the leadership team for the Facebook Chicago office. He co-leads Latin@ Chicago Facebook's Latino/Hispanic ERG group and is actively involved in recruitment. Prior to joining Facebook, Pablo served as a marketing executive at PepsiCo. Career highlights include launching a sub-brand of Tostitos dips; leading the repositioning efforts for the Lay's Kettle Cooked brand; and managing the Super Bowl XLIV activation for Tostitos.

He began his career in management consulting working on a variety of strategic projects for Fortune 500 companies.



PETER MUNTANER
Manager, Support Center
 Entity: Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas
 Website: accel.peoplesgasdelivery.com

Peter Muntaner currently manages the support center of Peoples Gas, which serves close to a million customers. Peter is a highly skilled professional program director with extensive experience in all areas of operations, including call center performance management, policy and procedure development, training, customer service, profit and loss reporting; budgeting, forecasting, and regulatory compliance. Prior to that, he was the Director of Consumer Services, where his policies and procedures for all public utility customer service and regulatory operations resulted in over \$15 million in direct savings to consumers.

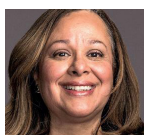


DAVID OLIVENCIA
Managing Director, Journey to Cloud | Health & Public
 Entity: Accenture
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David Olivencia is a business strategy and information technology executive who has delivered significant business outcomes to Global 500 organizations and prominent international non-profits, transforming organizations and accelerating growth. David is a sought-after speaker who has presented in prominent forums including the U.S. Congress, National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD), NASDAQ Opening Bell,



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ADELA CEPEDA
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 Entity: Public Financial Management, Inc.
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Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary
 Entity: Tampico Beverages
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ANTONIO GUILLEN
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 Entity: Wintrust Financial Corporation
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FIDEL MARQUEZ JR.
Senior Vice President, Legislative and External Affairs
 Chief Governmental and Community Relations Officer
 Entity: ComEd
 Website: ComEd



OSCAR MUÑOZ
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 Entity: United Airlines
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JOSÉ PEÑA
Group Head, Retail Banking
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Great Minds in STEM, among others. David serves on the Advisory Board of the Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute (CHLI) with 10 members of the U.S. Congress and several Fortune 500 executives. Appointed by U.S. Vice President Mike Pence, David also serves the State of Indiana as a Commissioner for the Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Division.



PAULITA PIKE
Partner
Entity: Ropes & Gray
Website: ropesgray.com
Paulita Pike represents mutual funds and their boards, as well

as investment advisers and fund service providers throughout the country. She advises her clients on a broad range of issues, including governance structures and practices, compliance, advising mutual fund managers, investment advisers, and fund boards on cybersecurity issues and best practices for data protection. Ms. Pike is an Adjunct Professor at Notre Dame Law School and Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law.



EMMA RODRIGUEZ-AYALA
Partner
Entity: Faegre Baker Daniels LLP
Website: faegrebd.com
Emma is a

legal, compliance, and operational risk management advisor to clients across the investment management industry. After Hurricane Maria, Emma led a month-long effort to evacuate the sick and elderly from Puerto Rico. In 2017, Emma was selected as a Chicago United Business Leader of Color. Emma serves on the Chicago Board of Directors of iMentor, a nationwide organization that builds mentoring relationships to empower students from low-income communities to graduate high school and succeed in college.



JOSÉ R. SÁNCHEZ
President and CEO
Entity: Norwegian American Hospital
Website: www.nahospital.org
José Sánchez, a licensed

social worker, took over as CEO of Norwegian American Hospital in 2010 when it was nearing bankruptcy. He steered the organization into the black, where it has remained for the last five years, fixed a number of operational problems, and fostered trust among local doctors and patients. Emergency room visits have risen dramatically and the hospital now has expanded cardiology, oncology and gastrointestinal services. He is committed to pursuing collaborative and innovative solutions to combat local healthcare challenges and

improve the quality of services provided to more than 112,000 Norwegian American Hospital patients each year.



SUSAN SANTIAGO
Senior Vice President
Entity: Hyatt Place and Hyatt House
Website: hyatt.com
Susan Santiago is responsible for the structure,

development, strategy, and operations of Hyatt Place and Hyatt House hotels and franchise operations of Hyatt-branded hotels globally. Santiago is a hospitality veteran who has held ascending positions in the food and beverage industry throughout the U.S. and Canada. Santiago is co-executive business sponsor for HyPride and has served as a member of the Diversity and Inclusion Council for Hyatt. Recently, Santiago was honored as the Most Powerful Latina in Corporate America.



YOLY M. VALENCIA
Senior Vice President
Entity: BMO Financial Corporation
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Yoly Valencia's

outstanding fifteen-year career at BMO Financial Group began as a Trust Administrator and advanced to her current position as Assistant Vice President, Portfolio Planning Manager. She is responsible for space planning, project validation, and overall strategic planning within corporate real estate in the U.S. Yoly's commitment to the Latino community is evident through her active participation in the Association of Hispanic Professionals, a non-profit organization focused on positively impacting the development and visibility of Hispanic professionals and students.



GEORGE WALZ
U.S. Chief Compliance Officer
Entity: BMO Financial Corporation
Website: bmo.com
George Walz

is Senior Vice President and U.S. Chief Compliance Officer at BMO Financial Corp. He is responsible for the strategy, leadership, oversight, and delivery of compliance risk management programs covering U.S. operations. George also serves as a technical expert on risk based supervision of financial intermediaries for the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, and International Organization of Securities Commissions. Through

these organizations, he has delivered educational workshops in Europe, Central America, and East Africa and worked on projects with regulators to strengthen risk-based supervision in countries including Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Costa Rica and Panama.



YASMINE WINKLER
CEO
Entity: United Healthcare Community & State - Central Region
Website: uhc.com
Yasmine Winkler

is Chief Executive Officer of the Central Region for UnitedHealthcare Community & State. In this role, she oversees approximately thirty percent of Community & State's total business. Yasmine's experience across many disciplines and market segments in health insurance has given her a unique ability to develop and match health insurance business solutions to the needs of the marketplace. Before joining UnitedHealth Group, she held several positions in the healthcare industry. Yasmine was named on Fortune Magazine's 2017 and 2018 list of 50 Most Powerful Latinas in Corporate America.

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GILBERT VILLEGAS
Alderman (36th)
Entity: City of Chicago
Website: CityofChicago.org



JESUS "CHUY" GARCIA
Cook County Commissioner, (7th)
Entity: Cook County Board of Commissioners
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LUIS GUTIERREZ
U.S. Representative (4th)
Entity: United States House of Representatives
Website: www.gutierrez.house.gov



VERONICA ALANIS
Director of Strategic Initiatives
Entity: CTA
Website: transitchicago.com

Veronica Alanis has been the CTA's Chief of Strategy, Data, and Technology since March 2016. Veronica leads three departments: Technology, Data Analytics, and Strategic Business Initiatives. These departments are responsible for developing, maintaining, and supporting the technologies that CTA employees and customers rely upon every day including the 32,000+ cameras throughout the CTA system and real-time bus arrival information, as well as onboard bus announcements. Her accomplishments include the Red Line South Reconstruction Project, the transition to the new Ventra fare system, and improving Ventra customer service channels.

Chief Investment Officer (CIO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for Illinois State Treasury. On behalf of Illinois State Treasurer Michael W. Frerichs, he directs the Treasury's combined \$31 billion investment portfolio, \$300 billion in related banking operations and financial services, and a \$4 billion agency budget and financial reporting unit. From impact investments to sustainability, diversity & inclusion, he aims to maximize portfolio returns and bolster the Illinois macro and micro economy. Garcia chairs the Investment Committee for Northeastern Illinois University Foundation and serves on the Executive Committee. Mr. Garcia has also been named one of the "Top 100 under 50" Executive Leaders by Diversity MBA Magazine and was recognized as a "Rising Star" by the National Society of Hispanic MBA's.



GUSTAVO GIRALDO
Chief of Diversity and Strategic Development
Entity: Illinois State Tollway
Website: illinoistollway.com

Mr. Giraldo has served as the Illinois Tollway's Chief of the Department of Diversity and Strategic Development since 2011. He is responsible for leading efforts to assist and promote diverse participation in the Illinois Tollway's fifteen-year, \$14 billion capital program, Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future by seeking feedback from local communities, hosting networking sessions, and providing informational and technical assistance.

Mr. Giraldo also led the Tollway's efforts to expand existing diversity programs and introduce new initiatives to help small, diverse and veteran firms compete for Tollway contracts. That includes the Veterans Business Program, the Small Business Initiative, the Partnering for Growth (P4G) Program for Professional Services and the P4G Program for Construction.

Under Mr. Giraldo's leadership, a new Technical Assistance Program was developed in partnership with seven organizations with facilities throughout Northern Illinois. The Technical Assistance Program prepares both new and established firms to participate on highway and vertical construction projects with the Tollway.



MARIA GUERRA LAPACEK
Director of Legislative Counsel and Government Affairs
Entity: City of Chicago
Website: cityofchicago.org

As the Director of Legislative Counsel and Government affairs for the City of Chicago, Maria Guerra Lapacek serves as a liaison with elected officials, government agencies and community organizations at the local, state, and federal levels. Prior to this role, she was commissioner of the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection and served



JOSÉ R. ALVAREZ
CEO
Entity: Chicago Housing Authority
Website: thecha.org

José R. Alvarez serves as Chief Operating Officer (COO) for the Chicago Housing Authority, the second-largest public housing agency in the nation. José joined CHA in 2014 and has more than 15 years of executive experience in the public sector. Prior to arriving at CHA, José worked for Chicago Public Schools in key leadership roles. José currently serves as Vice Chair of La Casa Norte, a non-profit agency that provides housing and support services to homeless and at-risk population in Chicago.



DIEGO FERRER
Lead IT & Telecom communications Division
Entity: Chicago Department of Aviation
Website: cityofchicago.org/aviation/

Diego Ferrer has more than twenty-five years of technical experience in the IT Industry, including in strategic planning, systems design, development and maintenance, vendor management, engineering, networking, and office technologies. He currently leads efforts to develop solutions that improve the customer experience, reduce costs and enhance efficiencies in his division.



RODRIGO GARCIA
CFO
Entity: Illinois State Treasury
Website: illinoistreasurer.gov
Rodrigo Garcia serves as the

ROSA ESCAREÑO

Commissioner
Entity: Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection, City of Chicago
Website: https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/bacp.html

Rosa Escareño is a public servant with more than 20 years of government experience. She has been Mayor Rahm Emanuel's Deputy Chief Operating Officer since July 2011. In June 2017, Ms. Escareño was tapped to head the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection. Her expertise comprises four general areas: operations, policy, communications, and fiscal management. She is a Fellow of the Leadership Greater Chicago, Class of 2013 and volunteers for agencies supporting low income and immigrant residents.

several other roles in city government.



SADZI MARTA OLIVA
Commissioner
Entity: Illinois Commerce Commission
Website: icc.illinois.gov

Sadzi Martha Oliva was appointed by Governor Bruce Rauner to a five-year term as ICC Commissioner. She was General Counsel for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. She also worked at the Department of Children and Family Services as the chief administrative law judge and in several other roles in state government.



ELI REYNOSO
Chief Technology Officer
Entity: Chicago Park District
Website: chicago.parkdistrict.com
As Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of the Chicago

Park District, Eli Reynoso is responsible for overseeing all technology aspects of the largest municipal park in the nation. He works to grow the Park District with technological resources and provides leadership and direction to IT and IO departments to attain goals of the strategic plan.



JUAN SALGADO
Chancellor
Entity: City Colleges of Chicago
Website: http://www.ccc.edu
Juan Salgado has focused his 20-year career on improving



education and economic opportunities for residents in low-income communities. As Chancellor, he oversees Chicago's community college system, serving more than 80,000 students across seven colleges. Chancellor Salgado has been nationally recognized for his work, most recently as a 2015 MacArthur Fellow, one of the most prestigious innovation prizes in the United States.



CARINA SANCHEZ
Executive Director
Entity: Public Building Commission of Chicago
Website: pbcchicago.com

Carina Sanchez was appointed in January to lead the Chicago Public Building Commission, where she runs City Hall's construction division, handling building and some financing projects for city institutions. Most recently she was Deputy City Clerk and had previously worked for Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and in other state roles.



EVELYN SANGUINETTI
Lt. Governor of Illinois
Entity: State of Illinois
Website: www2.illinois.gov/ltg
Evelyn Sanguinetti made history

by becoming the first Latina Lieutenant Governor of Illinois as Bruce Rauner's 2014 running mate. Before becoming the lieutenant governor, Sanguinetti served as a member of the Wheaton City Council from 2012 to 2014. She holds a bachelor's degree in piano performance from Florida International University and a law degree from John Marshall Law School, where she



JOSE A. SANTIAGO
Commissioner
Entity: Chicago Fire Department
Website: cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cfd.html

In February 2012, Mayor Emanuel appointed José A. Santiago as the Fire Commissioner of the Chicago Fire Department. Mr. Santiago manages nearly 5,000 sworn-in members and an annual budget of over \$560 million. He has made the Chicago Fire Department a leader in fire service by implementing best practices, including sweeping changes to the incident command policies with the use of innovative technology. Santiago served in the United States Marine Corps for over 32 years.



PEDRO SOTO
Chief of Staff
Entity: Chicago Public Schools (CPS)
Website: cps.edu
As Chief of Staff to Dr. Janice Jackson, Pedro is responsible for ensuring the

uniform implementation of District policies across CPS. He has also led budgetary and operational strategy throughout the District, and has more than two decades of operational, educational, and budgetary experience with CPS. He is a firm believer in parent, teacher, and student advisory councils, as well as educational task forces that provide CPS with valuable analysis and keeping the lines of communication open.



ANDREW VELASQUEZ
Deputy Commissioner
Entity: Chicago Department of Aviation
Website: www.flychicago.com
Andrew Velasquez

serves as Managing Deputy Commissioner of Safety and Security for the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA). He is responsible for leading the multi-layered security strategy that enables more than 100 million passengers to travel safely through O'Hare and Midway Airports each year. Prior to joining the CDA, Velasquez served as an Administrator of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He also serves as a part-time adjunct faculty instructor for the University of Chicago's Master of Science in Threat and Response Management program and lectures nationally and internationally on a wide range of emergency management and homeland security topics.

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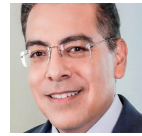
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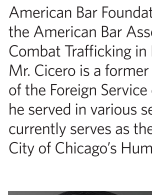


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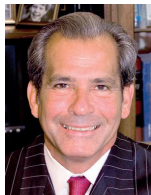
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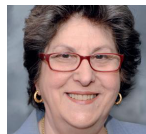
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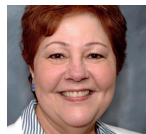
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Ric Estrada is President and CEO of Metropolitan Family Services (MFS). Founded in 1857, Metropolitan is one of the oldest, largest, and most respected human services agencies in Illinois. MFS assists more than 72,000 families and individuals annually through seven community centers in Chicago, Evanston, Skokie, the southwest suburbs and DuPage County. This year, Mr. Estrada is the Negocios Now Who's Who in Hispanic Community Champion Award recipient, which he will receive at the Gala on July 13 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

MFS has empowered families to learn, to earn, to heal, and to thrive since 1857. Founded as the Chicago Relief and Aid Society, the organization has helped families get through devastating hardships, such as poverty, world wars, epidemics, and natural disasters.

Estrada graduated from Loyola University in Chicago with a BS in Psychology, and minors in Theology and Philosophy. He said that Loyola's Ignatian values, combined with his time in the seminary, directed him toward a career in the social enterprise sector.

As CEO of MFS, Mr. Estrada works to provide social services and programming to Chicago families and communities. The organization offers economic support, education opportunities, counseling, and legal services. Estrada has also created social impact as the First Deputy Commissioner of the City of



Chicago Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) and Executive Director of Erie Neighborhood House.

Estrada said his time at MFS has taught him a lot about how to scale impact.

"MFS is big enough to make a difference and test solutions at scale," Estrada said. "We've served 72,000 people and are on track to serve even more."

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Alicia Gonzalez is the former Founding Executive Director of Chicago Run, a local non-profit that provides free physical fitness programs to over 18,000 Chicago Public School students. In 2009, she was named Emerging Health Leader from the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group. She also received the 2016 Community Leadership Award from President's Council on Fitness, Sports, & Nutrition and the 2017 Crain's 40 Under 40 Award. In May 2018, she transitioned to become the Executive Director of Chicago Cubs Charities, where she will continue to promote access to sports and safe places to play for Chicago's children and youth.

Foundation (MHF), a Chicago-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization that implements mariachi music programs in underserved CPS schools. In 2017, Mr. Maldonado received a Latin GRAMMY nomination for an album released by MHF's flagship student program called Mariachi Herencia de Mexico. He is also Partner and Managing Director at Valdés & Moreno Inc., a Latino-owned investment banking and full service institutional brokerage firm that underwrites and trades all types of municipal bonds, corporate debt, equities, U.S. Agency and U.S. Treasury securities, private equity, and provides financial advisory services to corporate and public entities.



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Katya has been Executive Director for Enlace Chicago since 2015. Katya works in partnership with the Board of Directors to plan, organize, steward, motivate, and manage Enlace in the areas of education, health, immigration, and violence prevention. Katya is a board member of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and serves on the Advisory Council for the City of Chicago Office of New Americans. She is also a member of the Latino Policy Forum Immigration Acuerdo.



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PHIL BARREDA

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Phil Barreda has not only been an inseparable friend of Negocios Now since its beginning, but he has been a friend of many small businesses in their quest to survive and grow in the face of adversity.

For more than a decade, Barreda has been the Executive Vice President of the Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc. (MSDC), an entity that helps companies complete the Minority Business Enterprise certification process, thereby opening them up to growth opportunities. He also served as interim president of the national MSDC during its search for a permanent president.

Phil was named Executive VP of Chicago MSDC in 2006 and has served in all aspects of business support and development since then, including membership expansion, access to capital, and strategic business alliances. He had been with Harris Trust and Savings for thirteen years before joining MSDC.

Founded in 1968, CMSDC is a premier organization for increasing business opportunities between major buying organizations and minority-owned businesses.

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 Rafael Alvarado has been a realtor for over 29 years. He is best known for training over 600 realtors to conduct their Real Estate business with professionalism and efficiency. Rafael is continuously training, advising, and supporting agents today at Shield Real Estate. Rafael has actively supported the community he serves. The Chicago Association awarded him their President's Award in 2007. The Illinois Association of Realtors has also recognized him for Outstanding Service. He has served on the Board of Directors for both the Chicago Association of Realtors and the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals.

inbound and outbound international clients. She has brokered over 300 transactions throughout her career - from helping clients in short sales and foreclosures to finding million-dollar homes. Over the course of her career, Genie has generated more than \$70 million in business. Recruitment, training, and other brokerage management responsibilities have also been a large part of her career. She has been affiliated with Century 21 Real Estate since 2014. In 2010, the Chicago Association of Realtors (CAR) recognized Genie with the Realtor of the Year Award.



JOE CASTILLO
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 Joe Castillo is a second-generation realtor who obtained his real estate license when he turned 21. Over the years, Joe's role has expanded to include title-managing broker and owner. Under his leadership, Mi Casa has grown steadily, topping 1,000 transactions and over \$160 million in sales for 2017 and making it a top-40 office in Chicagoland. Every year since 2010, the Chicago Association of Realtors (CAR) has recognized Joe as a Top 1% producer in all of Chicago.



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 Jessica Barrera is the Founder and CEO of West Town Realty. Due to the constant changes in the real estate market, Jessica is actively involved in realtor organizations to keep her clients updated on Real Estate opportunities. She has been a real estate broker serving in Chicagoland and the surrounding suburbs since 2006. She currently serves as President-Elect for the National Association of Real Estate Professionals. She's also a member of the Chicago Association of Realtors.



ALEX CHAPARRO
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GASPAR FLORES
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 Gaspar Flores is founder of Su Familia Real Estate. With help and support from his wife, Gaspar was able to dedicate himself full-time to real estate. Community involvement and Real Estate policy are critical and imperative issues for Gaspar. He served 3 years on the Chicago Association of Realtors Board of Directors representing the communities he serves. Gaspar has been in the top 1% of Realtors in the Chicagoland area for the past 15 years. He has been recognized as one of the most influential Hispanic Real Estate Brokers in the country every year since 1995.



EDUARDO GARCIA
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 Eduardo "Eddie" Garcia was born in Pachuca, Hidalgo. He and his family settled in Cicero in 1990. At 21, Garcia attained his real estate license. In 2012, during the recession, Garcia founded Realty of Chicago with a single agent. Realty of Chicago closed \$3.4 million in its first year and closed \$126 million in 2017.



FELIX GONZALEZ
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 Felix Gonzalez is an Illinois licensed attorney who has been practicing law for over 18 years, primarily in real estate law. He represents clients on purchases, sales, foreclosures, short sales, and evictions. He has been a frequent guest speaker at real estate offices throughout northern Illinois, discussing issues that include how undocumented immigrants can safeguard their properties in the event of deportation or illness. Serving a predominantly Latino clientele, Felix has assisted thousands of family achieve the American Dream of home ownership.



CAMILO RODRIGUEZ
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 Camilo Rodriguez serves as a Senior Vice President at The Federal Savings Bank. He is a real estate developer and seasoned mortgage expert who is also a first-generation Colombian immigrant. Camilo and his team have taken distressed assets comprising more than 3000 units and turned them into fully marketable projects that resulted in more than \$250 million gross sales for his clients. Mortgage Executive Magazine has recognized Mr. Rodriguez as a Top 1% Mortgage Originator in the country from 2015 to 2017. He has also been recognized as a Top 250 Loan Originator in the country by NAHREP.



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 In 1995, Mauricio Sanchez & Ron Rivera founded Sanchez & Rivera Title. Sanchez & Rivera Title became the first Hispanic-owned title insurance company in the United States. Sanchez & Rivera Title expanded beyond Chicago and now serves clients throughout the United States and Mexico. Mr. Sanchez is an advocate for consumer education, entrepreneurship, Hispanic homeownership, and higher education in the Latino community. Mr. Sanchez currently serves as President of the Hispanic Bankers Foundation.



MABEL GUZMAN
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 Mabel Guzman is a Sales Broker for @properties. She has been advocating for clients since 1997 with a business focus on First-time Home Buyers. She is known for tell-it-like-it-is honesty and ability to build productive relationships. Mabel worked with the City of Chicago to ensure that more than 30,000 city homeowners had the opportunity to file tax appeals. Mabel is a member of the Women's Council of Realtors. In 2014 and 2015, she received

El concejal Gilbert Villages habla del "bilionario" proyecto North Branch

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Tollway de Illinois llega a un acuerdo con Pacific Railway

Después de dos décadas de discusiones, el Tollway de Illinois llegó a un acuerdo con Canadian Pacific Railway que daría acceso al aeropuerto O'Hare desde el área oeste, abriendo una oportunidad multimillonaria para empresas de la construcción y de diseño.

El acuerdo es un paso significativo para resolver los problemas relacionados con el enrutamiento del Tollway I-490 a través del Bensenville Yard y fue suscrito mediante una carta de intención para un arreglo final acerca del proyecto que se espera ejecutar en un futuro cercano.

"Este proyecto proporcionará un impacto económico

en el lado oeste del Aeropuerto Internacional O'Hare. Muchos latinos viven en esa área del aeropuerto y esto solo puede beneficiarlos, dijo Jorge Pérez, Director Ejecutivo de la Asociación de la Industria de la Construcción Hispanoamericana (HACIA).

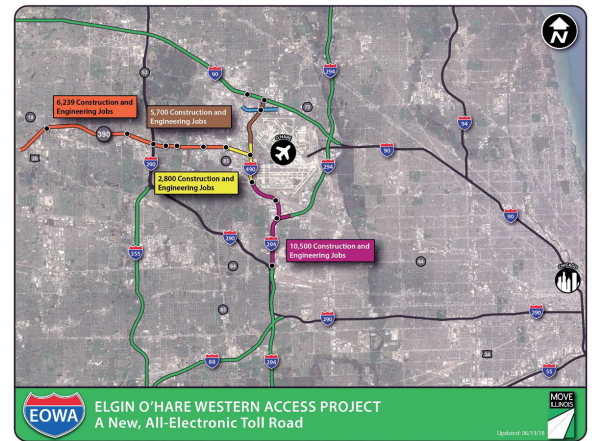
Además, -agregó- brindará oportunidades de diseño y construcción a los miembros de HACIA a medida que esta visión se convierta en realidad.

"Para Robert Schillerstrom, presidente de la Junta Directiva de Tollway el acuerdo beneficia a ambas partes." Es bueno para nuestra red de transporte y creará oportunidades eco-

nómicas y empleos".

Una propuesta de una autopista de acceso por el occidente de O'Hare ha sido discutida durante dos décadas, y el acuerdo del miércoles llega 10 años después de que el Departamento de Transporte de Illinois comenzara a hablar con Canadian Pacific para revisar las formas de cruzar el patio ferroviario.

Las rampas formarán parte de una circunvalación planificada alrededor de O'Hare, que conectará la ruta 390 de Illinois hacia el Este en dirección al aeropuerto con una nueva autopista Tollway norte-sur que se llamará Interestatal I-490 que iría a lo largo de la frontera occidental del



aeropuerto. Esto se conectaría con la Interestatal 90 al norte y la Tollway Tri-State hacia el sur.

Según el Chicago Tribune, el Tollway planea completar

todo el proyecto de \$3,400 millones para el año 2025. El nuevo sistema reducirá las demoras en las carreteras locales y acomodará tres veces más vehículos.



De 'Chicago Downtown' al O'Hare en 12 minutos

Así lo promete The Boring Company, la empresa del creador de los autos Tesla, a la ciudad de Chicago que dio luz verde para construir un futurista sistema de transportación

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Lo que otrora pudo haber sido un pasaje de una película de ciencia ficción, usted podría viajar en solo 12 minutos del centro de Chicago al Aeropuerto O'Hare trasladado a través de un túnel a 100 millas por hora.

Esa es la propuesta que presentó The Boring Company, la compañía de Elon Musk, a la ciudad de Chicago que dio luz verde al proyecto.

El alcalde Rahm Emanuel anunció la selección de The

Boring Company para construir y operar un servicio exprés al Aeropuerto Internacional O'Hare.

La compañía planea transportar pasajeros entre O'Hare y Block 37, en el Loop, en aproximadamente 12 minutos en cada sentido mediante la utilización de vehículos eléctricos que pasan por nuevos túneles gemelos.

La noticia vino acompañada por otra que probablemente muchos agradecerán: el proyecto será financiado en su totalidad por la empresa Musk, sin subsidio de contribuyentes.

"Traer motores económicos de Chicago mantendrá a la ciudad a la vanguardia del progreso, creará miles de empleos bien remunerados y fortalecerá nuestra gran ciudad para las generaciones futuras", dijo el alcalde Emanuel.

"Este proyecto transformador ayudará a Chicago a escribir el próximo capítulo de nuestro legado de innovación e invención", agregó.

The Boring Company fue una de las dos empresas finalistas seleccionadas para responder a una Solicitud de Propuestas emitida en marzo

por Chicago Infrastructure Trust (CIT), en representación de la Ciudad de Chicago.

La Ciudad buscaba una compañía para diseñar, construir, financiar, operar y mantener un servicio O'Hare Express. Ahora comenzarán las negociaciones de contrato uno-a-uno con The Boring Company y, después de este proceso de negociación, el acuerdo será presentado al Ayuntamiento.

"Estamos muy emocionados de trabajar con el alcalde y la ciudad para llevar este nuevo sistema de transporte

público de alta velocidad a Chicago", dijo Musk.

La comisión encargada de contratar los servicios, requería que la compañía escogida realizara el servicio exprés desde el centro de Chicago al aeropuerto O'Hare (ORD) en 20 minutos o menos, recordando más del 50 por ciento de los tiempos actuales de viaje.

The Boring Company planea reducir el viaje incluso más allá de 12 minutos utilizando vehículos automatizados que viajan a más de 100 millas por hora.

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