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Lendlease Chicago Hosts Second Panel Discussion as Part of Speaker Series Initiative



Left to Right: Peter Ousley, Lendlease; Jimmy Akintonde, Ujamaa Construction; Fred d'Escoto, d'Escoto; Eileen Chin, R.M. Chin & Associates, Erin Inman, Primera Engineers; Jeffrey Riemer, Lendlease

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Lendlease, one of the world's largest development, property, infrastructure and construction management firms, hosted the second of its Speaker Series initiative, an invitation-only panel discussion, held in Chicago, IL. The Speaker Series is focused on bringing together public agencies, community based businesses, and other large prime contractors within the A/E/C industry.

This event focused on the success of Chicago's minority and women leaders within the construction industry. The discussion covered various industry related topics including the challenges associated with being a minority or women owned firm.

"We have a vested interest in our local community and cultivating a rapport with our network of colleagues across the City. We believe that the success of this informative event will help diversify our growing industry," said Jeffrey Riemer, Executive Vice President and Executive General Manager of Lendlease.

The panel discussion, facilitated by Lendlease Project Executive, Peter Ousley, and attended by approximately 50 Chicago-area AEC experts, featured four (4) prominent Chicago minority and women leaders:

- Jimmy Akintonde, President and CEO – Ujamaa Construction Inc.
- Eileen Chin, President – R.M. Chin & Associates, Inc.
- Fred d'Escoto, President – d'Escoto, Inc.
- Erin Inman, President and CEO – Primera Engineers, Ltd.

When the panelists were asked how they collaborate and find opportunities to work together, all four responded similarly in that collaboration begins with respect from their partners at all levels. "We look at collaboration in the sense of how we bring value to the

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greater team and strengthen our overall message,” said Eileen Chin. Erin Inman added, “For a project to be successful, all teams need to come together and understand each other’s perspective.”

When the panelists were asked how they view and define success, the overall response was a combination of personal and professional stances focused on challenges they often face. Jimmy Akintonde explained his view on success and noted, “Success is when you start being viewed as someone (or a firm) who does great work, and you’re not just there to check off boxes to meet requirements. I think success is knowing you can do it.” Fred d’Escoto described success as, “When another firm adopts your processes, you know you’re doing something right.”

About Lendlease

Lendlease is a leading international property and infrastructure group. Listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and with circa 12,000 (June 2016) employees worldwide, Lendlease’s capabilities span the property value chain.

In the US, Lendlease offers over 95 years of experience in the construction industry. In the past decade alone, the firm has provided construction services on over 2,500 projects for 1,100 clients nationwide. The company provides a full range of construction services including construction management, general contracting, program management, project management, design/build and consulting services.

We create innovative and sustainable property solutions, forging partnerships and delivering maximum benefits to clients, investors and communities. Safety is our number one priority and Lendlease is committed to operating Incident & Injury Free wherever we have a presence.

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