

## Lendlease Chicago Hosts Healthcare Panel Discussion as Part of Speaker Series Initiative



*Left to Right: Peter Ousley, Lendlease; Mark Furlan, Lendlease; Mike LaMont, Rush University Medical Center; Dr. Suzet McKinney, Illinois Medical District; Jen Han, Ingenious Architecture; Erin Miller and Bert Brandt, Lendlease*

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Lendlease, one of the world's largest development, property, infrastructure and construction management firms, hosted its third Speaker Series event, an invitation-only panel discussion concentrated on bringing together the Chicago construction community and the Public and Private agencies that steer the work in this thriving city.

The July 27<sup>th</sup> event focused on the changes within the healthcare industry and how it impacts future construction of healthcare facilities in Chicago. The discussion covered topics such as innovation and the importance of collaboration at all stages of a healthcare facility project.

"As the healthcare industry evolves, Lendlease recognizes the importance of cultivating relationships with influential leaders to ensure we maintain a solid foundation for providing healthcare real estate services," said Bert Brandt, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Lendlease.

The panel discussion, facilitated by Peter Ousley, Lendlease Vice President and Project Executive, and attended by approximately 60 Chicago-area AEC experts, featured four (4) prominent Chicago healthcare industry leaders:

- **Mark Furlan**, Executive Vice President and Executive General Manager of Development and Leasing – Lendlease Healthcare Development LLC
- **Jen Han**, Vice President of Operations – Ingenious Architecture
- **Mike LaMont**, Vice President, Facilities Management – Rush University Medical Center
- **Suzet McKinney**, DrPH, MPH, Executive Director – Illinois Medical District

Peter Ousley opened the discussion with a question about trends in the healthcare market and how these changes affect the type of construction we are seeing. Mike LaMont explained that we will continue to see a trend in more outpatient, decentralized campuses to service customers as a result of technology, tele-medicine and home medical care. As decreasing costs and expediting care are two major drivers, Mark Furlan discussed how developers have started to create shared



service centers, such as an integrated sterile processing center at the Nebraska Medical Center campus which will allow five processing facilities to function more efficiently as one. Dr. Suzet McKinney shared on this idea of integration and new development, as she described emerging innovation districts, such as the Illinois Medical District (IMD), and the link between innovation and an increase in economic prosperity. She explained that when organizations gather together to generate innovation in communities, everyone benefits. Additionally, successful innovation districts are supported by amenities such as retail and residential mixed-use developments. Collaborative partnerships and strategic development help spur economic growth.

When asked about collaboration, Jen Han commented that this is a really exciting time due to technological advancements and knowledge sharing that allows us to foresee challenges and engage partners earlier on. She explained that, from a design perspective, the industry is becoming more data driven and it's important to "bring the right people to the table at the right time." From a developer's standpoint, Mr. Furlan says collaboration and approaching new business begins with defining the value of what each party brings to the table. All of the panelists agreed that transparency and communication are of utmost importance on any project.

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