



crea construction



A PREMIER WOMAN-OWNED GENERAL CONTRACTING FIRM



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REA JOHNSON PRESIDENT



education

**University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign**
M.S., Mechanical Engineering
1997 – 1998

Georgia Institute of Technology
B.S., Mechanical Engineering
1994 – 1996

Spelman College
B.S., Mathematics
1991 – 1994

mission

CREA Construction, Inc. is Chicagoland's leading woman-owned construction company, providing quality general contracting services to our customers at market competitive prices by creating a successful partnership throughout the construction process. We are recognized industry wide by our customers and peers for our ethical business practices, unparalleled commitment to quality, and philanthropic endeavors. Our pledge is to achieve repeat and referral business through customer satisfaction in all areas, including sustainability, timeliness, safety, attention to detail and a service-minded attitude. Every member of our construction team maintains the highest level of professionalism, integrity and honesty in our relationships with our clients.

certifications

City of Chicago MBE/WBE
DBE – IDOT, City of Chicago,
CTA, Metra and Pace
LEED AP, BD+C
MBE – CMS BEP
MBE – CMSDC of NMSDC
SBA WOSB
WBE – WBDC of WBENC

markets

Education
Government
Health Care
Hospitality
Industrial Environments
Multi-Family Residential
Retail

services

Construction Management
Energy Efficiency Upgrades/Retrofits
(Lighting & Mechanical)
General Contracting
Green Consulting
Interior/Exterior Renovation
Self-Performance of Specific Trades
Value Engineering and
Constructability Analysis

clients



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**Local qualified MBE & WBE
partner committed to green
construction and our clients'
vision of diversity and inclusion**

AMTRAK

225 S. Canal St, Chicago, IL 60606

We recently refurbished the Burlington Room, which is available for private events. The room features an ornate ceiling, champagne-colored columns, and French block murals that have been meticulously restored to their early 19th-century opulence. This elegant setting is sure to impress guests with its unique old-world grandeur, a rarity in Chicago.

In addition to the room, we successfully constructed four modern restrooms. These restrooms showcase fresh paint, elegant porcelain flooring/tile, upgraded toilet fixtures, and new light fixtures and doors. We also revamped the plumbing and electrical systems to enhance both functionality and aesthetics.

CLIENT

AMTRAK

LOCATION

CHICAGO, IL

ROLE

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

START/FINISH DATE

9/2024 - 12/2024

PROJECT TYPE

REMODEL

EXCELLENCE

Our stringent quality management procedures guaranteed that the project not only met but exceeded all standards and expectations





BMO HARRIS BANK

6400 S. Pulaski Rd, Chicago, IL 60629

We expertly oversaw a diverse range of tasks at this location, ensuring every detail contributed to an impressive transformation. We implemented a fresh and inviting color scheme through painting and installed premium new flooring. By incorporating exterior ATMs, we enhanced accessibility and convenience for all visitors, while our custom specialty millwork added a unique touch that sets this site apart from the rest. Inside, we executed vital upgrades with precision, replacing the outdated ceiling grid and tiles, and installing modern offices and furniture that combined functionality with contemporary design. Our thoughtfully designed signage and graphics not only improved navigation throughout the space but also enhanced the visual appeal.



CLIENT

BMO HARRIS BANK

LOCATION

CHICAGO, IL

ROLE

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

START/FINISH DATE

6/2024 - 11/2024

PROJECT TYPE

REMODEL

EXCELLENCE

With CREA at the helm, this site has been transformed into an exceptional space that reflects our commitment to quality and excellence

210 ABERDEEN APTS

210 N. Aberdeen St, Chicago, IL 60607

CREA served as the associate general contractor for a luxury 19-story project spanning 400,000 square feet and valued at \$100 million. This development includes the construction of 363 residential units and approximately 10,700 square feet of retail space. The project is situated on the Arthur Harris parcel and incorporates the adaptive reuse of a historic bow truss building with 35-foot ceilings from the turn of the century, showcasing an irreplaceable vintage charm.

Our responsibilities included pre-punch activities, coordinating with responsible trades to complete outstanding tasks, maintaining an up-to-date log of completed punch items, and ensuring that these units were signed off and turned over to the owner.

CLIENT

POWER CONSTRUCTION/
LG GROUP

LOCATION

CHICAGO, IL

ROLE

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

START/FINISH DATE

2/2023 - 2/2024

PROJECT TYPE

REMODEL

EXCELLENCE

Established trust and
credibility by consis-
tently delivering
high-quality work and
maintaining transpar-
ent communication



STARBUCKS

1217 W. North Ave, Melrose Park, IL 60160

This project transformed the entire store through comprehensive enhancements, including a fresh coat of paint, modern flooring installation, and stylish wallpaper additions. We meticulously executed millwork installation, upgraded restrooms for improved functionality, and replaced outdated ceiling tiles. New artwork, signage, and graphics were introduced to elevate the visual appeal. We expertly installed and connected specialty equipment, conducted sawcutting for a new plumbing trench, and implemented various plumbing and electrical upgrades, ensuring a modern and efficient environment for their customers.

CLIENT

STARBUCKS

LOCATION

MELROSE PARK, IL

ROLE

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

START/FINISH DATE

3/2021 - 5/2021

PROJECT TYPE

REMODEL

EXCELLENCE

By optimizing the use of labor, materials, and equipment, we significantly boosted efficiency and drove overall success





CHASE ENGLEWOOD

6940A S. Ashland Ave, Chicago, IL 60636

CREA served as the General Contractor for this project, which involved painting the entire store, new flooring, millwork installation, restroom upgrades, ceiling tile replacement, new doors/hardware, new signage/graphics, miscellaneous steel, new window treatments, plumbing and electrical upgrades.

Ensuring the health and safety of building occupants while transforming the building into one that better meets the needs of the owner and occupants requires a thorough and thoughtful approach and excellent communication throughout. With our team in place, this complex project was completed successfully with minimal disruption.



CLIENT

CHASE

LOCATION

CHICAGO, IL

ROLE

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

START/FINISH DATE

7/2020 - 9/2020

PROJECT TYPE

REMODEL

EXCELLENCE

Minimized disruptions and ensured the safety of occupants. The phased occupied construction proved to be cost effective and resulted in a remodeled bank appreciated by the community.



PRAIRIE SHORES

2801-3001 S. King Dr, Chicago, IL 60616

CREA Construction along with its joint venture partner McHugh Construction managed the multi-phased interior renovation of 1381 apartments in five existing buildings located on 20 acres. Prairie Shores is a five-tower apartment complex in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood. The remodel included the installation of new cabinets, appliances, countertops, plank flooring, plumbing, fixtures and lighting, plus electrical system upgrades and painting. Also, building corridors received new finishes.

Prairie Shores is just south of McCormick Place and west of Lake Shore Drive and 31st Street Beach. It is one of the largest rental communities south of the Loop.



CLIENT

MCHUGH CONSTRUCTION
AND GOLUB

LOCATION

CHICAGO, IL

ROLE

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

START/FINISH DATE

9/2020 - PRESENT

PROJECT TYPE

REMODEL

EXCELLENCE

This project
completed its 1st
phase of 150 units
ahead of schedule
while minimizing
disruption for current
residents



McDONALD'S

6560 S. Stony Island & 5200 S. Lake Park

CREA served as the General Contractor for these projects, which consisted of the remodel of two fast food restaurants. These projects included updates to their checkout counter which included new panels, new flooring, millwork installation, ceiling grid/tile replacement, new signage/graphics, movement of walls, trenching for underground plumbing, new plumbing fixtures, new light fixtures and electrical upgrades.

The revamp of these restaurants included digital self-order kiosks, remodeled counters for new table service, bright and easy-to-read digital menu boards, designated parking spots for curbside pick-up through mobile order and pay, and expanded McCafé counters and larger display cases.



CLIENT

McDONALD'S

LOCATION

CHICAGO, IL

ROLE

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

START/FINISH DATE

10/2022 - 12/2022

PROJECT TYPE

REMODEL

EXCELLENCE

This project was
completed ahead of
schedule and under
budget



WALGREENS

1213 W. 79th St, Chicago, IL 60620

This store was fully gutted due to water damage where we performed all new painting, new flooring, millwork installation, all new fixtures/shelving, ceiling grid/tile replacement, new doors/hardware, new signage/graphics, miscellaneous steel, trenching for underground plumbing, new windows, replacement of all lighting and grilles/diffusers, new rolling shutters, new refrigeration cases, plumbing and electrical upgrades.

We helped ensure that essential pharmacy services remained available to the communities that relied on them the most and helped close health gaps for our most vulnerable neighborhood during the civil unrest.



CLIENT
WALGREENS

LOCATION
CHICAGO, IL

ROLE
GENERAL CONTRACTOR

START/FINISH DATE
3/2021 - 6/2021

PROJECT TYPE
GUT REMODEL

EXCELLENCE

This was our first Walgreens store and our success here helped our firm continue to grow



CVS #3690

1714 N. Sheffield Ave, Chicago, IL 60614

CREA served as the General Contractor for this project, which consisted of the remodel of a 12,000-SF retail tenant space. This project included the installation of new automatic exterior entry/exit doors with storefront glazing, new EIFS system, LED signage at exterior tower, new millwork, and new ceilings.

This remodel also included ADA updates, bathroom remodel, roofing, new wood doors, interior/exterior painting, concrete slab replacement for ADA accessibility, fire sprinkler relocation, EMS updates, HVAC upgrades, sealcoating/re-striping parking lot, VCT/carpet replacement, plumbing and electrical updates throughout store.



CLIENT
CVS PHARMACY, INC

LOCATION
CHICAGO, IL

ROLE
GENERAL CONTRACTOR

START/FINISH DATE
01/2017 - 04/2017

PROJECT TYPE
REMODEL

EXCELLENCE

This project was completed ahead of schedule and under budget

MALCOLM X

1900 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60612

We were involved in this \$250 million 500,000 SF LEED project as a co-general contractor and mentee providing construction management services to coordinate & manage exterior envelope, major steel erection, millwork, miscellaneous metals, door, frames and hardware. We also successfully executed in-wall inspections throughout the academic building, turned over 72 single & multi-use restrooms and performed inspections of all facets of construction through completion. Also, we managed the buildout of the child care center portion of the project.

This college facility features space for health science, general education and adult education instruction, as well as student services and athletics.

CLIENT

CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO

LOCATION

CHICAGO, IL

ROLE

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

START/FINISH DATE

10/2022 - 12/2022

PROJECT TYPE

NEW CONSTRUCTION

EXCELLENCE

Center for excellence
in health care
education for City
Colleges' College to
Careers (C2C)
Initiative



CPS BELDING

4257 N. Tripp Ave, Chicago, IL 60641

The scope included replacement of the auditorium seating, wood floor refinish, retrofit of ceiling light fixtures, painting, and replacement of doors & hardware.

Belding serves as a model of the neighborhood school, providing a superior educational experience for nearly 600 students who speak over 25 languages from the Old Irving Park, Mayfair and West Walker neighborhoods.



CLIENT

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LOCATION

CHICAGO, IL

ROLE

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

START/FINISH DATE

6/2017 - 8/2017

PROJECT TYPE

REMODEL

EXCELLENCE

Maintained a vigilant approach to tracking expenses to effectively prevent budget overruns



DAWSON TECH

3901 S. State St, Chicago, IL 60609

We successfully designed and constructed a cutting-edge café for Dawson College and CCC's employees. This comprehensive project engaged every trade, including expert flooring and tile installation, custom carpentry and millwork, masonry infill, and the installation of state-of-the-art commercial kitchen equipment. We also handled all HVAC and plumbing fixtures, underground plumbing and trenching, new concrete work, and the installation of secure rolling shutters. Additionally, we updated the fire alarm system and sprinklers, and implemented new data, power, and lighting solutions to ensure a top-tier environment for all.



CLIENT

CITY COLLEGES

LOCATION

CHICAGO, IL

ROLE

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

START/FINISH DATE

11/2018 - 5/2019

PROJECT TYPE

REMODEL

EXCELLENCE

Developed a café by strategically placing the HVAC exhaust pathway centrally within the school for optimal airflow and comfort.