



# THE UNDERGROUND

## Newsletter

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### 2021

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# A Letter From The CEO

JBCC'S Purpose: We design, build, manage and maintain infrastructure systems that connect people and improve their lives!

In 2020, our diverse capabilities allowed for growth in numerous existing and new markets. As a result, I am pleased to announce tremendous success in our 115th year in business!

This success is 100% attributable to the JBCC team members that continue to flourish and prosper throughout our organization. By living our Core Values of **Passion, Adaptability, and Persistence**, they consistently satisfy the needs of our customers. They are leading JBCC to achieve the goals of our Vision Statement.

JBCC will be regarded as the **Safest, Most Proficient, and Highest Quality contractor** as rated by our customers, vendors, and team members in all of the services we provide! I would like to express my gratitude to our customers, team members, vendors, and subcontractors for trusting in JBCC with all of your construction projects!

Sincerely,

*William O'Malley*





# Safety & Quality

In 2020 Safety took on a whole new meaning. It truly challenged the JBCC core value of “persistent problem-solving”. In addition to managing the everyday hazards associated with construction, we had to learn to operate safely in the middle of a global pandemic. As always, employee safety remained our first consideration during this time. This resulted in the company developing a pandemic virus policy which was updated continuously as new information became available. We also had to change our safety training and pivot away from training large groups at one time, to more frequent training in smaller groups and utilizing online options. Although the pandemic created very difficult working conditions, it was encouraging to see the entire JBCC team come together and rally around the common cause of making our job sites and office as safe as possible. Despite the added distraction of COVID, 2020 ended up being one of the safest and successful years in company history.

## Quality

The **Quality** Department progressed through 2020 and 2021 with positive oversight of all active JBCC projects. Our goal to have uniform project controls throughout JBCC was successful and we implemented multiple processes throughout the project lifecycle. All projects are now required to have a quality review at the time of preconstruction and a minimum of one full system-wide audit of all quality elements during the life of the project. We also expanded our department with two new quality associates. As a team, we will continue to provide oversight, review lessons learned and customer feedback from each project, and review all processes for positive and negative impacts.



# #WOMENUP Program

"Every woman in construction has their own background, their own story, and their own goals. To me, being a woman in construction is about making sure I am achieving my goals of being a better version of myself every day, being a wonderful mother, being successful and innovative in my career path, while also doing everything in my power to make a positive impact on the success of my company, John Burns Construction!" ~ Sarah Bettenhausen

"Being a woman in the construction industry has its challenges but the rewards are greater. To collaborate with different areas of engineering and construction, continuously grow from each experience, and to pass on these experiences to others, especially women, is what drives me as a woman in this male-dominated field." ~ Karey Johnson

## BUILDING LEADERS IN THE INDUSTRY



## CDOT Wells Wentworth

John Burns Construction has been performing **streetscape improvements** along S. Wentworth Avenue and S. Wells Street between W. 17th Street and W. Roosevelt Road. This work includes the construction of duct bank installation for fiber, traffic signal, and street lighting, electrical work including a traffic signal installation at 15th Street, arterial LED roadway lighting, and a Pump station facility.

- Installation of Pump Station Facility. (Electrical Only)
- Installation of Utilidor 16-duct bank. 3346'
- Installation of Utilidor 8-duct bank. 300'
- Installation of 12 Utilidor MH's
- Installation of Traffic Signal Corner
- Installation of 30 Streetlight Poles on Helix Foundations W/T&B
- Installation of 41 Light Bollards W/Concrete Foundations W/T&B
- Installation of Underpass lighting 18 Fixtures, Pipe and Wire
- Installation of 2- 200amp Electrical services



### STATS:

Owner - Chicago Department of Transportation

Customer- F.H. Paschen.

Location – S. Wentworth Ave – W. 17th St. to W. 16th St; S. Wells St. – W. 16th to W. Roosevelt Rd.

Contract Value - **\$3,000,000**

Completion Date – December 2020



## New Lenox Train Station

JBCC was awarded the **New Lenox Train Station on 11/12/2019** in the amount of **\$8,638,000.00** by the Village Of New Lenox. This project entailed building a brand new train station with a Ticket Agent office and Vendor Space along with site improvements to lighting and drainage and New Inbound and Outbound platforms.

JBCC managed over **20 subs** on this project including Len Cox, Piazza Masonry, D Construction, and Ryan Excavating. JBCC self-performed the site lighting, the interior, and exterior carpentry as well as the platform construction and Archways with over **3,000 JBCC manhours**.

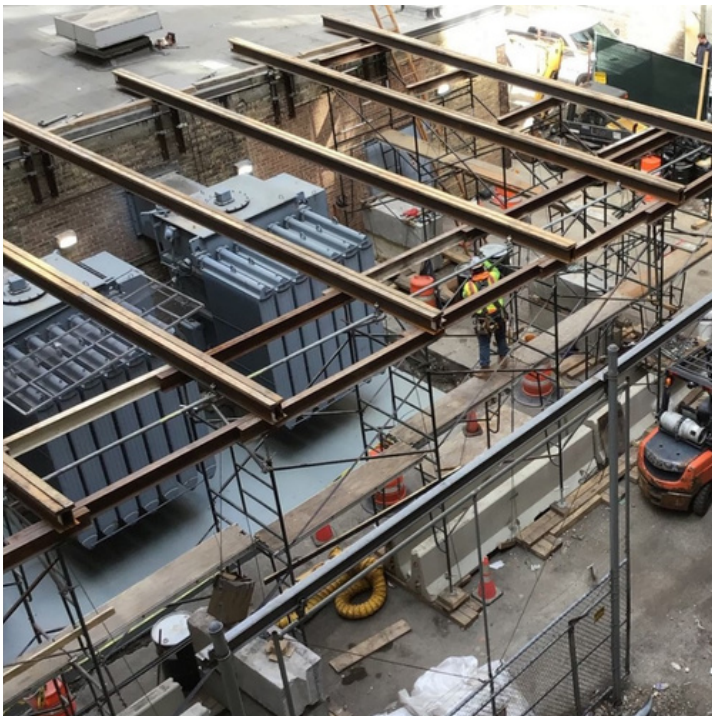
JBCC worked with Tria Architecture on the building and Christopher Burke Engineering for the site improvements along with Metra to deliver this project with minimal impacts to the Village and commuters during the constant changing COVID restrictions

The project kicked off in Spring 2020 with the underground and structural foundation work for the new train station and was completed this Spring.



# Chicago Transit Authority MC-018 System Wide Traction Power Upgrades

JBCC was awarded the **CTA MC-018 System Wide Traction Power Upgrades**. The project included removal and replacement of eleven (11) existing oil-filled and dry-type transformers with new 2500 kVa dry-type transformers across six (6) substations (Washington, 17th Street, Edmunds, Lotus, Harding, Douglas). Additionally, JBCC was contracted to remove and replace three (3) existing oil-filled transformers with new 3000 kVa transformers at Franklin Substation. Furnish and install of new high-voltage cabling and low voltage control wiring was also required.



## Stats:

Project Location: Chicago, IL

Company Role: Prime Contractor

Contract Amount: **\$5,887,000.00**

Notice to Proceed: January 27, 2020

Substantial Completion: July 23, 2021

Final Acceptance Date: September 21, 2021 (exp.)

# Philanthropy

JBCC Giving Committee: Tara Szwabowski, Ana Renteria, Ian Higgins, Chris Seibel, Carrie Peel, and Hector Cartagena

## Highlights

### Events (2020)

- Inaugural Chili Cook-Off Raised Funds For Erie House
- JBCC Raised \$6,800 For Sarah's Circle Walk
- JBCC Contributed \$5,000 To Each Of The Following Charities:
  - AFSP
  - Chicago Commons
  - Erie Neighborhood House
  - March Of Dimes
  - Sarah's Circle





# JBCC Team Building



# Employment Anniversaries

## 20 YEARS:

- Tara Szwabowski, *Corporate Secretary/Accounting Supervisor*

## 15 YEARS:

- Kevin Fangerow, *Director of Estimating- Business Development*

## 10 YEARS:

- Chris Seibel, *Program Manager*
- Jeff Dore, *Construction Manager*
- Gerald Houghton, *Foreman*

## 5 YEARS:

- Jay Fishback, *Foreman*
- Steve Barry, *Driver*
- Hector Cartagena, *Project Manager*
- Ana Renteria, *Estimates Coordinator*



**CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL, AND THANK  
YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND  
DEPENDABILITY!**



**CHICAGO TRIBUNE NAMES JOHN BURNS CONSTRUCTION A WINNER OF THE CHICAGOLAND TOP WORKPLACES 2020 & 2021 AWARD**

JOHN BURNS CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN AWARDED A TOP WORKPLACES 2020 & 2021 HONOR BY THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE TOP WORKPLACES. THE LIST IS BASED SOLELY ON EMPLOYEE FEEDBACK GATHERED THROUGH A THIRD-PARTY SURVEY ADMINISTERED BY EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY PARTNER ENERGAGE, LLC. THE ANONYMOUS SURVEY UNIQUELY MEASURES 15 CULTURE DRIVERS THAT ARE CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF ANY ORGANIZATION: INCLUDING ALIGNMENT, EXECUTION, AND CONNECTION, JUST TO NAME A FEW.

"JBCC IS COMMITTED TO INVESTING IN ITS PEOPLE AND DEVELOPING LEADERS AT EVERY LEVEL OF THE COMPANY. WE DO NOT PUT A CEILING ON THE POTENTIAL OF OUR TEAMMATES. THAT MEANS YOU CAN START AT THE BOTTOM OF THE ORGANIZATION AND GO JUST AS HIGH AS YOUR ABILITY WILL TAKE YOU. FROM WORKING IN THE FIELD TO WORKING IN THE OFFICE, FROM SUPPORT ROLES TO LEADERSHIP ROLES, IT'S ALL THERE FOR THE TAKING" SAID JBCC EXECUTIVE TEAM.

**ABOUT:** JOHN BURNS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES IN FOUR MAIN AREAS: GENERAL CONTRACTING, UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONSTRUCTION, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS & LIGHTING CONSTRUCTION. OUR HISTORY IS ONE OF CONSTANTLY **MEETING NEW CHALLENGES**, BOTH IN THE MARKETPLACE AND IN NEW TECHNOLOGY. ORIGINALLY A PIONEER AND LEADER IN UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION, WE LATER ADDED GENERAL CONTRACTING. THE EXPANSION WAS A NATURAL OUTGROWTH FOR US, AS WE WORKED CLOSELY WITH OUR CUSTOMERS, SAW NEEDS, AND LOOKED FOR WAYS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH SOLUTIONS. IN FACT, **PROBLEM-SOLVING** IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF JOHN BURNS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY'S BUSINESS. DURING OUR MANY YEARS IN THE CONSTRUCTION FIELD, WE HAVE ACCUMULATED FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE SOLVING MORE COMPLEX SITUATIONS THAN MOST COMPANIES WOULD EVEN ATTEMPT. **SAFETY** IS THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY FOR JOHN BURNS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. OUR FIRM EMPLOYS FULL-TIME SAFETY DIRECTORS THAT MONITOR EVERYTHING FROM "TOOLBOX" MEETINGS TO SAFETY TRAINING. WE HAVE QA/QC MANUALS FOR OUR COMPANY TO ENSURE THAT WORK IS PERFORMED TO OUR RIGID STANDARDS OF PROJECT QUALITY.

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ENERGAGE IS A PURPOSE-DRIVEN COMPANY THAT HELPS ORGANIZATIONS TURN EMPLOYEE FEEDBACK INTO USEFUL BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE AND CREDIBLE EMPLOYER RECOGNITION THROUGH TOP WORKPLACES. BUILT ON 14 YEARS OF CULTURE RESEARCH AND THE RESULTS FROM 23 MILLION EMPLOYEES SURVEYED ACROSS MORE THAN 70,000 ORGANIZATIONS, ENERGAGE DELIVERS THE MOST ACCURATE COMPETITIVE BENCHMARK AVAILABLE. WITH ACCESS TO A UNIQUE COMBINATION OF PATENTED ANALYTIC TOOLS AND EXPERT GUIDANCE, ENERGAGE CUSTOMERS LEAD THE COMPETITION WITH AN ENGAGED WORKFORCE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN RECOGNITION FOR THEIR PEOPLE-FIRST APPROACH TO CULTURE. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO NOMINATE YOUR ORGANIZATION, VISIT [ENERGAGE.COM](http://ENERGAGE.COM) OR [TOPWORKPLACES.COM](http://TOPWORKPLACES.COM).



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