

Commissioning Group is Awarded Five Chicago Public Schools Projects!

Cotter Consulting has had a long history of providing quality Owner's Representative services for the Chicago Public Schools System. Now, the Commissioning group is making its presence known in the k-12 education market as well.

Cotter's current Chicago Public Schools project list for commissioning includes five schools in total now: Brighton Elementary, Peck Elementary, Ogden Elementary, Back of the Yards High School and Southwest Area High School. In addition to these schools, we were also recently awarded Warren Township High School and a large expansion and renovation project at College of DuPage.

Congratulations to the commissioning group consisting of **Laura Ludwig, Jerrick Simbol, Gaspar Cabrera** and newest member **Marco De Zan** on all their recent success!



The grand opening of Homan Square Power House High School is this Saturday, August 29th. Congratulations to the Owner's Representative, Jan Rogatz, on all her hard work that made this project such a success!



Project Profile: CTA Brown Line



Phil Cahill performing duties as Safety Manager for the project with a CTA employee.

Started in 2005, the Chicago Transit Authority Brown Line Expansion project is finally winding down with expected completion in the next few months. Currently at 92% completion, there are only two stations left to complete of the 20 that were constructed as part of the project.

The Brown Line is one of the CTA's busiest rail lines, serving more than 80,000 customers each weekday and connecting 19 stations from Kimball in the north to the downtown Chicago Loop. The \$530 million Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project will provide important upgrades to the CTA system and benefit neighborhoods along the Brown Line for many years to come.

Upon completion all stations along the line will be ADA accessible with elevators at all elevated stations. Stations will also be capable of supporting eight-car trains with longer platforms in order to meet the demand for increased capacity. Further renovations such as wider stairwells and additional exits and entrances will make the very busy and crowded commute easier on riders as well.

Cotter's team including **Jeff Sapinski, Phil Cahill, Mike Huggins and Ron Hampton** have been providing Safety Oversight and Construction Inspection services for the project as part of the Consoer Townsend Envirodyne Construction Management team.

Cotter personnel are assigned to the Belmont and Fullerton Projects. The inspection staff monitors and reports on the contractor's daily activity at these sites. Their work also includes inspection of both night and weekend work as well as support of adjacent contractor's work.

Cotter's safety staff is there to monitor the contractor's compliance with their "Safe Work Plan" and the CTA's Construction Safety Manual. They also conduct monthly safety meetings and perform audits of work sites. Our safety personnel are there to ensure the safe operation of CTA operations during construction activities

Congratulations to Jeff, Phil, Mike and Ron on a job well done!



Jeff Sapinski, Safety Manager for the project, checks out the Belmont station train.

Cotter's Recently Awarded Projects:

Buildings

University of Chicago Lab Schools- Member of the Bovis Construction Management Team.

Commissioning

Warren Township High School- Commissioning Consulting.

Public Building Commission Little Village and Dunning Branch Libraries- LEED Enhanced Commissioning for two new district libraries.

Waste Management of Illinois- LEED Commissioning for new ticket office.

Chicago Public Schools- LEED Commissioning for four schools.

College of DuPage- LEED Commissioning Services for the Berg Instructional Center, Student Resource Center and College Center Addition renovation/addition projects.

Town of Normal Multi-Modal Transportation Center- LEED Enhanced Commissioning.

NMFF- Energy Utilization Study.



Little Village Library

Cotter Launches New Logo



Cotter employees celebrated the launch of our new logo on June 25th at River's Restaurant in the Loop. Employees were presented with gift bags containing their new business cards, polo shirts and note pads all designed with the new logo.

Those in attendance were also treated to an employee fashion show featuring various apparel and accessories embellished with logo designs from Cotter's past 20 years.

The new logo, designed by Echo Design Group of Lemont, depicts three "building blocks" overlapping to represent the collaborative manner in which Cotter approaches each of our projects. You will also notice that the logo now reads "Cotter Construction Consulting". While we are still Cotter Consulting, Inc. this elaboration serves as a way to distinguish our particular niche of consulting from the many other "consultants" out there in various industries.

We hope you enjoy the new logo and feel it represents Cotter well!

Employee Profile: Marcelo Presser



1. What is your job title and duties?

Vice President Finance & Administration,
Oversee financial operations and support
company's business and strategic objectives

2. Where were you born?

Miami, Florida

**3. If you had to describe yourself in one word,
what would it be?**

Passionate

4. What is the most interesting fact about you?

I was a Peace Corps volunteer

**5. If you could meet anyone in the world, dead
or alive, who would it be?**

Salmon Rushdie

**6. What is your favorite book/movie/food
/sport?**

Book: Midnight's Children, Movie: The Godfa-
ther, Food: Steak, Sport: Football

**7. If you could have any job you wanted, what
would it be?**

A movie critic

**8. What do you like most about working at
Cotter?**

The people

**9. If you won the lottery today, what would
you do tomorrow?**

Celebrate with family and friends

10. What are your hobbies?

Golf, Movies, Playing with my two kids

11. Are you a Cubs or Sox fan?

Cubs

Cotter Reaches Hiring Milestone...

*Cotter is pleased to announce we
now have 75 employees!
Cotter has grown 29% since the start of
the year and we're still hiring!*

Announcements

JOB OPENINGS

Buildings:

Group Manager, Buildings

Infrastructure:

Group Manager/Project Manager, Infrastructure
Cost/Schedule Control Engineer, Milwaukee

AWARDS

HOK's Chicago Office, for which Cotter performed LEED Enhanced Commissioning for, has been awarded LEED Platinum status for Commercial Interiors. There are only 205 LEED Platinum Certified projects in the country, Cotter has now worked on 3 of them.



HOK Chicago Office



EVENTS

Cotter's 2009 Community Event will be held September 26th at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Please RSVP to Marcie Vasta by September 13th including names and ages of any guests. Also, if you can't volunteer but would still like to donate, non-perishable food items will be collected at the Chicago and Darien Offices.

Fall/Winter In-House Training Available

Effective communication and safety are crucial for project success. Cotter is pleased to present the following in-house training classes:

How to Communicate with Diplomacy, Tact, and Credibility: This American Management Association (AMA) seminar is for anyone who wants to hear others clearly and respond appropriately when feeling challenged, overwhelmed or "on the spot," gain collaboration when presenting new ideas, and have thoughtful and diplomatic interactions in difficult situations. This 2-day course is tentatively scheduled for November 12-13.

OSHA 10-hour course: This orientation to occupational safety and health will be taught by Kenny Coke, Resident Engineer (Safety). This class will be scheduled for December or January.

If you are interested in either of these classes, please contact Jennifer Werneke. Space is limited and participation is subject to management approval.