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MAYOR EMANUEL BREAKS GROUND ON PLUMBERS' LOCAL 130 TRAINING CENTER

State-of-the-Art Center Will Support More Than 4,000 Journeymen and Apprentice Plumbers

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today joined Business Manager James Coyne and leadership from Plumbers' Local 130 to break ground on the union's new training center in the West Loop. When complete the center will provide a modern, green learning environment for more than 4,000 journeymen and apprentice plumbers.

"Skilled workers are a part of the fabric of Chicago," Mayor Emanuel said. "From the success that comes with advanced training to the values that come from vital work, this new center is building a strong foundation for the City of Chicago."

The 50,000-square-foot new training center will be complete in July 2017. When complete the center will offer a number of technology-related and green, as well as traditional plumbing skills courses.

"The Plumbers Local 130 is building a green building for the City of Chicago that will serve as a state-of-the-art learning center for the future of skilled labor," Business Manager and JAC Chairman James F. Coyne said. "This 50,000-square-foot, three-story building will create jobs and pave the way for the future by showcasing rainwater harvesting, solar energy and grey water systems, and training thousands of Apprentices and Journeymen who Protect the Health of the Nation."

The center will also prepare apprentices to work on projects involved appliances, fixtures, rain and gray water harvesting systems and solar systems. Plan reading will be taught, as well as the safe, correct and efficient installation and maintenance of systems including underground water supply, storm water, sewer drainage, fixture installation, and waste and vent piping both inside and outside of commercial buildings and residential homes.

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