

Contractor of the Year

ARCO/Murray National Holdings

ARCO/Murray is a single-source, national design-build firm specializing in commercial construction and real estate solutions. Our integrated approach streamlines delivery and maximizes value from concept through closeout. Over the past year, we brought that expertise to Chicagoland with high-impact projects including Mainfreight, a state-of-the-art truck terminal in Carol Stream, IL, the Invenergy Center of Excellence, a transformative clean energy redevelopment in Bolingbrook, IL, and Electric Shuffle, a dynamic dining and shuffleboard entertainment venue in the heart of River North. These projects showcase our ability to adapt across sectors while consistently delivering best-in-class results.

Projects from the last year include:

• Property 1: Mainfreight Carol Stream

Address: 27W364 North Ave, West Chicago, Carol Stream,

Square Footage: 57,000



Property 2: Invenergy Center of Excellence

Address: 800 Remington Blvd, Bolingbrook, IL

Square Footage: 135,000



Property 3: Electric Shuffle

Address: 448 N. LaSalle Dr., Chicago, IL

• Square Footage: 7,260





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DSI

In 2025, DSI built opportunity from the ground up, delivering our most sophisticated portfolio yet—spanning life sciences, cold storage, industrial facilities, luxury retail, and signature interiors. Guided by expertise, discipline, and trust, we strengthened operations with strategic hires while maintaining the precision and client focus that define us. This approach propelled revenue past \$200 million, fueled by clients who rely on our accuracy to realize bold visions. From ISO-certified cleanrooms to advanced cold chain systems and high-performance interiors, our work fused aesthetics with efficiency, meeting the market's demand for clarity, technical excellence, and dependable results, setting the stage for sustained growth.

Projects from the last year include:

Property 1: Ravago

Address: 2210 Nemetz Way, Montgomery, IL

• Square Footage: 509,000



• Property 2: Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella P.C.

Address: 330 N Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL

Square Footage: 49,561



• Property 3: CD Peacock

Address: 298 Oakbrook center, Oak Brook, IL

Square Footage: 20,500





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Executive Construction Inc.

Building With Purpose and Passion

A dedicated team creating the most exceptional experiences in construction, we build with integrity; a value that shines through all of our interactions and decisions. With a firm-wide commitment to precision, meticulous execution, and first-class delivery of every space, Executive Construction takes pride in building lasting relationships—evident in the fact that a high majority of business comes from repeat clients and partners who continue to trust Executive to build their visions to life. Our vision is simple: we exist to create the most exceptional experiences in construction.

Projects from the last year include:

• Property 1: Sargent & Lundy - Headquarters Relocation

Address: 77 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL

• Square Footage: 384,000



 Property 2: Medline Industries - Merchandise Mart Expansion

Address: 222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago,
IL

• Square Footage: 110,000



• Property 3: EdgeConneX - CHI03 Data Center

Address: 1905 Lunt Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL

• Square Footage: 172,000





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Keeley Construction

Since 1978, Keeley Construction has been a trusted leader in industrial and commercial construction across Chicagoland. We deliver world-class projects for clients ranging from local businesses to Fortune 50 companies. As a full-service general contractor, we specialize in design-build solutions, leveraging cutting-edge technology and modern methods to exceed expectations. Our expertise spans industrial, commercial, technical, and institutional food facilities, including new construction, expansions, tenant improvements, and specialized renovations. Committed to safety, quality, transparency, and long-term relationships, we consistently deliver exceptional results that redefine industry standards and build trust with every project we complete.

Projects from the last year include:

Property 1: Rana Meal Solutions

Address: 300 Spitzer Road, Bartlett, IL

Square Footage: 550,000



• Property 2: Nestle Vital Proteins "ReVITALize" Warehouse

Address: 3400 Wolf Road, Franklin Park, IL

• Square Footage: 180,000



Property 3: Hanger Clinic

Address: 640 E Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL

• Square Footage: 20,000





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McShane Construction Company

McShane is recognized as one of Chicago's most diversified and active contractors, with 1.27 million square feet of active construction across the Chicago area in the past year. Notable projects include Schuetz Container Systems, a 372,000-square-foot build-to-suit industrial facility in Kenosha; The Foglia Residences, the nation's first LIHTC housing for the blind with 76 units in Chicago; and an 84,000-square-foot manufacturing facility for a confidential client, also in Kenosha.

Projects from the last year include:

• Property 1: Schuetz Container Systems

Address: 7517 60th Street, Kenosha, WI

Square Footage: 372,000



Property 2: Build-to-Suit Manufacturing Facility

Address: Confidential, Kenosha, WI

• Square Footage: 174,367



• Property 3: The Foglia Residences

Address: 1146 S. Wood St., Chicago, IL

• Square Footage: 84,317





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Meridian Design Build

Meridian Design Build, a Chicago based national design-build construction firm, celebrated its 20th year in business this year. Since its formation in 2005, the company has successfully completed more than 35 million SF of construction for Fortune 500 companies, privately held firms, and national developers. Meridian's ability to deliver positive results is highlighted by the fact that more than 95 percent of the company's projects are the result of repeat business. Notable recent projects include a 362,379 sf Corporate Headquarters for RIM Logistics, a 460,428 sf spec. industrial facility for Dermody, and a 134,075 sf food production facility for Silesia Flavors.

Projects from the last year include:

Property 1: RIM Logistics, Ltd.

Address: 1303 Jack Court, Bartlett, IL

• Square Footage: 362,379



• Property 2: Silesia Flavors, Inc.

• Address: 12325 Jim Dhamer Drive, Huntley, IL

Square Footage: 134,075



Property 3: LogistiCenter at Romeoville

• Address: 251 S. Pinnacle Drive, Romeoville, IL

• Square Footage: 460,428





Contractor of the Year

Morgan / Harbour Construction

Celebrating 25 years of building trusted relationships with clients and partners, Morgan / Harbour Construction is a design-build general contractor driven above all else to transform vision into reality. Recognized as a premier industrial and commercial builder, the 60+ member team has expertise to deliver complex facilities for corporate interiors, laboratory, manufacturing, aviation, waste transfer, cold storage, and food & beverage clients. Thanks to the trust of clients who requested they deliver projects across the country, their footprint has expanded beyond their Midwest headquarters to include regional offices that serve the West and East Coasts.

Projects from the last year include:

• Property 1: Anton Paar

Address: 600 Hickory Hills Drive, Vernon Hills, IL

Square Footage: 32,000



Property 2: Harvest Food Distributors

Address: 300 West 151st Street, East Chicago, IN

Square Footage: 207,400



Property 3: MEISYSTEM USA

Address: 200 Pierce Ave., Itasca, IL

Square Footage: 56,000





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Northern Builders, Inc.

Northern Builders, a vertically integrated development and construction company with 98 years of experience, had its most successful year in 2024, securing over \$265 million in new projects—double its historical average. Highlights include large-scale industrial developments like a 1.2MSF Unilever facility and a 200K SF Bolingbrook project, as well as a 100-acre sports campus and children's museum for the Village of New Lenox. Northern's ability to navigate complex entitlements and aggressive timelines, along with its strong municipal partnerships, led to high-impact projects that support economic growth, job creation, and community development.

Projects from the last year include:

• Property 1: Unilever - Cherry Hill 20

Address: 2250 Berens Dr., New Lenox, IL

• Square Footage: 1,159,200



Property 2: Wintrust Crossroads Sports Complex of New Lenox

Address: 520 Cedar Crossings Dr, New Lenox, IL

• Square Footage: 4,356,000



• Property 3: Forge Truck Centers

Address: 2503 W Haven Ave., New Lenox, IL

Square Footage: 392,000





Contractor of the Year

Pepper Construction

At Pepper Construction, we're committed to enhancing lives through the built environment. Rooted in the Chicagoland area, our work spans a wide range of projects delivered in true partnership with our clients. We don't just build for them—we build with them. Our in-house expertise, advanced technology, and skilled trades allow us to anticipate challenges and craft solutions that exceed expectations. Each project is designed to thrive in harmony with the natural world, reflecting our commitment to continuous improvement and a more sustainable world as we strive to see tomorrow transformed.

Projects from the last year include:

Property 1: Endeavor Health Performance Center for the Chicago
Fire

Address: 1532 W 14th Street, Chicago, IL

Square Footage: 51,600



Property 2: TURF Design Experience Center

Address: 222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago, IL

• Square Footage: 4,600

 Property 3: University of Chicago Medicine, Radiology and Perioperative Services

Address: 5841 S. Maryland Ave., Chicago, IL

• Square Footage: 8,500





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Ryan Companies

In 2024, Ryan Companies delivered 700,000+ SF across the Great Lakes region and launched over 20 projects totaling 5 million SF. Ryan broke ground on two speculative industrial projects in Chicago totaling 330,000 SF, marking the final phase of the Pullman Crossings industrial park, where our projects have already created over 600 jobs in Pullman. We partnered with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to break ground—along with three other contractors—on a cutting-edge data center in South Bend, creating 3,000 jobs during construction. In healthcare, we completed Endeavor Health's Cardiovascular Institute, a 71,600 SF cutting-edge facility in Naperville.

Projects from the last year include:

• Property 1: Pullman Crossings Phase IV

· Address: 10770 S Doty Ave., Chicago, IL

• Square Footage: 159,839



• Property 2: Endeavor Health Cardiovascular Institute

Address: 10 Martin Avenue, Naperville, IL

Square Footage: 71,000



Property 3: Pullman Crossings Phase III

Address: 10310 S. Woodlawn, Chicago, IL

Square Footage: 169,287





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Skender

Skender achieved another phenomenal year with more than a half-billion in revenue for the second consecutive year and a wide range of high-profile, noteworthy construction projects throughout Chicago. In total, Skender worked 634,000 hours across 215 projects. New technologies, training initiatives and 75 new hires (360 total on #TeamSkender now) contributed to the firm's success. When Skender accepted its eighth "Best Places to Work" award from Crain's Chicago Business in 2024, it marked the firm's 30th such award from both Crain's and other distinguished organizations. Also in 2024, Skender donated more than \$400,000 and volunteered countless hours to foundations, organizations and civic programs.

Projects from the last year include:

• Property 1: Fifth City Commons

 Address: 3155 W 5th Avenue, Chicago, IL Square Footage: 60,000



Property 2: Relativity

Address: 231 S LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL

Square Footage: 93,616



Property 3: The Leo

Address: 741 N Wells St., Chicago, IL

• Square Footage: 201,000

