

## LEED COUNCIL FOCUSES ON A MEMBER: EXPRESS EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS

Express Employment Professionals

1600 W. Lake

Chicago, IL 60612

(312) 948-5555

[www.expresspros.com](http://www.expresspros.com)



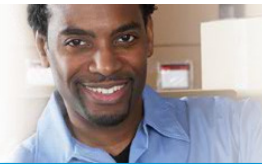
Express Employment Professionals was created in 1983 by founders Robert A. Funk, William H. Stoller and James Gray, from Acme Personnel, a Washington state-based employment

company. After the death of Acme president Bill Reiff, the three purchased and operated several franchises of Acme which became Express Employment Professionals.

Now an international system of locally owned franchises, Express offers the resources of a major corporation with the commitment to service and flexibility that comes from local ownership. Express has 600 offices worldwide and \$2 billion in annual revenues. Locally there are 12 Express offices in the Chicago metro area. Lynn Seermon, owner of one of the Express Employment Professionals in Chicago has been in business staffing the needs of local area businesses for almost 5 years. She provides staffing and recruiting services, as well as HR support, such as payroll, an HR hot-line, audits, surveys and educational programs.

Lynn said, "When I first started the company one challenge was learning the complexities of doing business in the city of Chicago – navigating zoning regulations and permits. In addition, getting the word out about my company and its services and meeting other businesses in the area. Now after being in business and staffing the needs of local area businesses for almost 5 years we have been able to establish a client base over the years which include LEED Council's members Artists' Frame Services and Pickens and Kane." Lynn's recent placements have included production managers, executive assistants, civil engineers, laboratory managers, drafters, purchasing agents and bookkeepers. Currently, on a daily basis we have between 60 - 100 temporary employees in industrial and office positions at local area business.

Industrial  
Positions



"One thing that I like about the area for my business" said, Lynn, "is having the opportunity to work with both manufacturing and service companies. Also, Express' location is very

accessible by public transportation both the bus and the EL. Things that could be improved are the basic language, writing and math skills of Chicago high school graduates.”

Lynn said, “We pride ourselves in coming up with workforce solutions that meet the unique needs of our clients.” In addition, the company reflects the personal and business ethics of its founders. Robert Funk says, “For many people who have lost their jobs, often through no fault of their own, we provide great hope. Our mission is to help people find jobs and our client companies find good employees, and to help those clients to make those jobs and those employees even better.”

“I am glad that the LEED Council is around to provide support to manufacturing companies. They help keep jobs in Chicago which is good for area residents and my business,” stated Lynn .



Respecting People.  
Impacting Business

Lynn recommended Ina’s located at 1235 W. Randolph as a lunch preference because the food there is always excellent and they have a nice big parking lot.

Thank you Express Employment Professionals for all your support over the years and may you continue to succeed in all you do.