

***“Leaders for Industry” Burnham Plan Centennial
Water Saver Faucet’s New Guardian Equipment Facility***

1140 N. North Branch Street (on Goose Island)

May 27, 2009, 8:00 -10:00 a.m.

8:00 Continental Breakfast & Networking

8:15 **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**

- Ted Wysocki, CEO, **LEED Council**
- Steve Kersten, President, **Water Saver Faucet Company**
- Alderman Scott Waguespack [**32nd Ward**]

8:30 **LOOKING TO THE PAST**

- Paul O’Connor, Director of Communications,
Burnham Centennial
- Mike Holzer, Director of Economic Development,
Local Economic & Employment Development Council
- Anne Bigane Wilson,
Bigane Paving & Ogden Avenue Materials

8:50 **IN THESE TIMES**

- Dennis Vicchiarelli, Regional Development Executive,
World Business Chicago
- Joyce Shanahan, **Industrial Council of Nearwest Chicago**
- Jim Ranoha, **Ri-Del Mfg.**
- Ted Stalnos, **Calumet Area Industrial Commission**
- Tom Livingston, **CSX** (*to be confirmed*)

9:20 **SHAPING FUTURE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Patti Scudiero, Commissioner,
Chicago Department of Zoning & Land Use Planning
- Chris Raguso, Acting Commissioner,
Chicago Department of Community Development

9:40 **OPEN DISCUSSION**

10:00 Wrap-Up & Next Meeting -- August ??
Tour of Guardian Equipment



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A Public-Private Policy Project by the
Local Economic & Employment Development [LEED] Council
For **THE BURNHAM PLAN CENTENNIAL**

In conjunction with other Local Industrial Retention Initiative (LIRI) organizations of the Chicago Department of Community Development (DCD), LEED Council is launching a planning process for the future of Chicago's industrial corridors and planned manufacturing districts (PMDs) in conjunction with The Burnham Plan Centennial. The planning process has been accepted by Burnham Plan Centennial committee for inclusion in their planning initiatives for the year.

This process will be launched **Wednesday, May 27, 2009** at an event hosted by the Water Saver Faucet Company's new Guardian Equipment location on Goose Island at 1140 N. North Branch Street. The Guardian Equipment building is an adaptive reuse of an older industrial building with a *Leadership on Energy & Environmental Design (LEED)* "Silver" rating. The event will convene a council of local business leaders, "*Leaders for Industry*"—made up of LIRI groups and their key leadership that will kick off the planning process. It is proposed that this council would meet again in the summer of 2009 to further consider plans to physically improve their business corridors, to enhance transportation access and address other business development and retention issues. The process will culminate in October 2009 with a forum to promote public policies necessary to implement these plans.

"*Leaders for Industry*" addresses several Burnham Plan Centennial objectives:

1. It engages local businesses in making bold new plans to improve the physical environment of their corridors and to advance the economic growth of Chicago in the 21st century global competition for jobs and prosperity.
2. This process will identify urban design and transportation improvements within the new paradigm of sustainable development that fosters socially responsible economic growth while reducing environmental impact.
3. The October 2009 policy forum will highlight bold plans that can and must be initiated to assure that Chicago is one of the world's best places to work and conduct business.

LEED Council is proposing to convene and staff the policy and planning work for this proposed "*Leaders for Industry*" project. As a long-standing delegate agency of the formerly named Chicago Department of Planning & Development (DPD), we were instrumental in creating Planned Manufacturing Districts (PMDs) twenty years ago. We currently manage four PMDs in the North River Industrial Corridor. We also convene bi-monthly meetings of the North River Corridor Infrastructure Task Force that interacts with the Chicago Department of Transportation on numerous physical improvements. We have also worked with the Chicago Transit Authority on establishing two new CTA bus routes for our corridor.

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