

LARGEST ENGINEERING FIRMS IN THE CHICAGO AREA

Ranked by number of local licensed engineers

Rank	Company	Top Chicago executive(s)	Local licensed engineers 2024	Firmwide licensed engineers 2024	2024 revenue	Recent projects/clients
1	Burns & McDonnell Chicago	Mike Folta, Senior VP; Scott Newland, Senior VP; Tim Faber, VP; John Marinovich, VP; Anthony Nalli, VP	165	2,379	\$7.2 billion	Confidential
2	Stantec Consulting Services Inc. Chicago	Beth Knackstedt, Program Manager - Water; Julie Lardenoit, Practice Leader - Building Engineering	152	3,777	\$5.5 billion	Chicago Transit Authority Red & Purple Line Modernization Project; Google Thompson Center Renovation
3	WSP Chicago	John Trotta, Midwest Regional Executive	112	37,023	\$11.8 billion	Illinois DOT I-80 Des Plaines River Bridge Phase II; Illinois DOT Weber Road and I-55 Diverging Diamond Interchange
4	AECOM Chicago	Jeannette Peruchini, Managing Principal	105	15,210	\$16.1 billion	Metropolitan Water Reclamation District O'Brien Plant Battery E Activated Sludge Facility; I-190 Interchange Design
5	Wiss Janney Elstner Associates Inc. Northbrook	William Nugent, CEO, President	96	435	\$237.0 million ¹	—
6	Kimley-Horn & Associates Inc. Chicago	Colleen Marnell, Regional Leader; Drew Walker, VP Midwest Market; Craig West, VP Midwest Market	83	2,475	\$2.8 billion	Allstate Campus Redevelopment and Village of Northbrook; Shermer and Meadow Road Streetscape Improvements
7	Benesch Chicago	Kevin Fitzpatrick, President, CEO	75	447	\$296.6 million	Illinois Tollway: I-294 Reconstruction; Chicago DOT: bridge inspection, construction management and design services
8	V3 Cos. Woodridge	Louis Gallucci, CEO, President	71	108	\$117.7 million ¹	—
9	IMEG Chicago	Bradick Young; Harlan Doland; Jeff Leesman; Scott Wiercinski; John Panek, Client Executives	55	650	\$542.0 million	University of Chicago; Northwestern Medicine
9	Civiltech Engineering Inc. Itasca	Michael Folkening, Vice President; Kyle Mishler, Vice President; Jim Ewers, Vice President; Jon Vana, President	55	55	—	US Route 14 Underpass at the CN Railroad, Village of Barrington; Randall Road Reconstruction, McHenry County
11	Primera Engineers Ltd. Chicago	Erin Inman, CEO, President	52	72	\$63.0 million	Confidential
12	EXP Chicago	Mark Dvorak, President, COO	51	559	\$1.0 billion ¹	Confidential
13	Entrust Solutions Group LLC Warrenville	Adam Biggam, CEO	47	175	—	Nicor, Southern Company; ComEd
14	H.W. Lochner Inc. Chicago	Terry Ruhl, Chairman, CEO	40	335	\$306.5 million ¹	I-80 Construction Corridor Management Illinois Tollway Elgin O'Hare Western Access design; IL-390 to Irvin Park Road
15	Manhard Consulting Ltd. Lincolnshire	Don Manhard, CEO, President	37	81	\$69.8 million	Water's Edge multifamily and retail, Heartland Real Estate Partners; Back of the Yards-Archer Avenue Streetscape Improvements
15	Ardmore Roderick Chicago	Rashod Johnson, CEO, President	37	41	\$254.9 million	Chicago Department of Aviation, O'Hare 21 Program; Chicago Transit Authority, Forest Park Branch of Blue Line
17	Infrastructure Engineering Inc. Chicago	Michael Sutton, CEO, Founder	25	42	\$43.8 million	CTA Red Line Extension; CDOT Jackson Park transportation network improvements
18	A. Epstein & Sons International Inc. Chicago	Jim Jirsa, CEO, Executive Managing Director	22	30	\$98.7 million	Gotion energy storage system/electric vehicle battery facility, Manteno; American Club, Kohler, Wis.
19	Milhouse Engineering & Construction Inc. Chicago	Wilbur Milhouse III, Chairman, CEO	20	21	\$59.6 million ¹	Bally's Chicago Casino; T5 Parking Garage at O'Hare
20	Hanson Professional Services Inc. Lisle	John Nelson, VP, Senior Project Manager; Todd Merrihew, Senior VP, Aviation Market Principal	19	178	\$145.8 million	Central Tri-State Tollway roadway reconstruction; Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program EW2, Package 2, 75th Street Corridor Improvement for Norfolk Southern Railway
21	RTM Engineering Consultants Schaumburg	Tony Mirchandani, CEO	16	116	\$96.6 million	The University of Chicago Medicine New Cancer Center; 79 W. Monroe adaptive reuse
22	Arup US Inc. Chicago	Cierine Nicolas, Principal	15	448	\$583.2 million	Chicago O'Hare Terminal Area Plan S1 & S2; Salesforce Tower, Chicago
23	Langan Chicago	Joseph Good, Principal; Andrew Uttan, Associate Principal; Clay Patterson, Associate Principal	11	523	—	Hollywood Casino; E-Commerce Central Hub Facility, Wilmington
23	J.A. Watts Inc. Chicago	Julie Watts, President; Mark Schoonveld, Executive VP	11	12	—	Illinois Tollway I-24-4958, Tri-State Tollway (I-294) plaza improvements; Cook County systemwide roadway pavement and asset management program
25	Affiliated Engineers Inc. Chicago	Scott Foster; Steve Dowd, Principals	10	277	\$236.2 million	Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management New Executive Education Center; Jacobs Center renovation

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LARGEST ARCHITECTURE FIRMS IN THE CHICAGO AREA

Ranked by current number of local licensed architects

Rank	Firm	Top Chicago executive	Local licensed architects	Worldwide licensed architects	Notable projects/clients
			2025 2024	2025 2024	
1	Gensler Chicago	Brian Vitale; Meghan Webster, Office Managing Directors	94 83	1,809 1575	Related Midwest; Chicago Fire; City of Chicago; University of Illinois
2	Perkins+Will Inc. Chicago	Margaret Cavenagh, Chicago Managing Director	72 75	883 890	CTA Damen Green Line Station; Sarah's Circle on Lakeside; Fifth City Commons; Thrive Englewood
3	SCB Chicago	Chris Pemberton, President	71 70	121 123	United Polaris Lounge; 135 S. LaSalle, Riverside Investment & Development; 30 N. LaSalle, Golub & Co.; Terminal 5 Parking Garage; The Bell, Onni
4	Lamar Johnson Collaborative Chicago	Zackery House, CEO; Lamar Johnson, Executive Chairman	61 60	105 107	Northwestern Medicine Bronzeville Advanced Outpatient Care Center; Boston Consulting Group Chicago office; Obama Presidential Center
5	Skidmore Owings & Merrill Chicago	Scott Duncan, Design Partner; Xuan Fu, Managing Partner; Adam Semel, Managing Partner; Douglas Voigt, Urban Design and Planning Partner	57 49	264 308	ORD Satellite Concourse One and Two; State/Lake L Station; 400 Lake Shore; 220 North Ada; Chicago Central Area Plan for downtown Chicago
6	Cannon Design Chicago	Charles Smith, Principal, Chicago Office Practice Leader	54 58	369 505	University of Chicago Medicine Cancer Pavilion; Northwestern Medicine Faculty Office Center; Altgeld Hall renovation and Illini Hall replacement
7	Wight & Co. Darien	Mark Wight, Chairman, CEO	51 —	52 —	City of Chicago (multiple projects); Chicago Botanic Garden Welcome Plaza and Picnic Glade; DuPage Wildlife Conservation Center
8	HOK Chicago	Peter Ruggiero, Design Principal; Lou Oswald, Technical Principal; Riccardo Mascia, Managing Principal; Rana Lee, Marketing Principal	46 —	493 —	Cook County Health; GCM Grosvenor; Loyola Medicine; Valent Biosciences
9	HDR Chicago	Jae Choi, Design Principal; Lois Wellwood, Global Interiors Director; Grace Rappe, Managing Principal	37 —	561 —	The Joan and Paul Rubschlager Building, Rush University Medical Center; University of Chicago New Engineering and Science Building; Advocate Webster Place; Advocate Imani Village
9	HKS Inc. Chicago	Joe Cliggott, Principal, Chicago Office Director	37 30	570 580	Bally's Chicago Casino & Hotel; Lurie Children's Hospital Outpatient Center; Serverfarm 820 South Canal; ZS Associates; Zoro
11	A. Epstein & Sons International Inc. Chicago	Jim Jirsa, CEO, Executive Managing Director	32 26	38 34	Gotion EV Facility Illinois; Chicago Union Station Amtrak; Daily's Premium Meats
11	SmithGroup Chicago	Tim Tracey, Midwest Regional Director	32 32	452 393	Advocate Aurora Health; Northwestern University; Northwestern Medicine; Cook County Health; Loyola University Chicago; The University of Chicago
13	Goettsch Partners Chicago	James Zheng, CEO, President	30 32	35 36	320 South Canal; Brookfield Zoo Chicago; Halsted Landing
14	Stantec Architecture Inc. Chicago	James Wright, Regional Business Leader - Buildings; Diana Pisone, Senior Principal, Operations Lead	28 29	597 —	400 Lakeshore, Related Midwest; 111 W. Monroe, Prime/Capri Groups; Marquee Development Offices; Northwestern Memorial Healthcare; North Park University; lab expansion projects, University of Chicago Medicine
15	Wiss Janney Elstner Associates Inc. Northbrook	William Nugent, CEO, President	27 —	43 —	Jay Pritzker Pavilion; Ramova Theater; Lawson House; TILT Amusement Feature; Art Institute of Chicago; Chase Tower, Clark Street Tunnel
16	EXP Chicago	Mark Dvorak, President, COO	25 —	52 —	Confidential
17	bKL Architecture LLC Chicago	Thomas Kerwin, Founding Principal; Danielle Tillman, Managing Principal; Angela Spadoni, Principal; Jon Gately, Principal; Juan Robles, Principal	22 27	24 31	The Dylan, Sterling Bay; 1100 W. Grand, Wildwood Investments; Lathrop S102; 170 N. May & 175 N. Racine, LG Development; 1565 N. Clybourn, Georgetown Co.
18	Eckenhoff Saunders Chicago	Walt Eckenhoff, Founding Principal	21 24	21 24	Cardiovascular Institute Expansion at Glenbrook Hospital for Endeavor Health; Northlight Theatre; Ascension Alexian Brothers renovation and expansion
19	HED (Harley Ellis Devereaux) Chicago	Enrique Suarez, CEO, Principal	20 18	125 97	NTT Data Centers; Northern Trust; Northwestern University NITMB; Advocate Health Family Care Unit
20	Chipman Design Architecture Des Plaines	Lauren Chipman, CEO	18 15	18 15	Akris; Faherty; Chick-fil-A
21	Ross Barney Architects Chicago	Carol Ross Barney, Design Principal	15 16	15 16	Chicago Park District, DuSable Park; University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and Chicago Chicago Department of Aviation
22	Wheeler Kearns Architects Chicago	Larry Kearns; Dan Wheeler, Founding Principals	13 —	13 —	Lookingglass Theatre Company; Distinctive Schools: Art in Motion; Richard Gray Gallery; Elgin Math & Science Academy; Lupine Montessori
22	OKW Architects Chicago	Jon Talty, CEO; Cole Gagnon, President	13 13	14 13	Murphy Real Estate Services; T2 Capital Management; Torburn Partners; Crown Enterprises; Paramount Realty; Regency Centers; Harlem Irving Cos.
24	AECOM Chicago	Jeannette Peruchini, Managing Principal	12 10	1,788 1813	Emergency Medical Services Training Center; Fermi Welcome Center; Lake County Convention Center, Gary, Ind.
25	Wright Heerema Architects Chicago	Roger Heerema; Stephen Wright, Principals	11 13	11 13	Prudential Plaza, Wanxiang American Real Estate Group; 225 W. Washington, Agave Holdings LLC; 20 W. Kinzie, Franklin Partners LLC; AbbVie Inc.

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