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GLOBAL
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WORLD CLASS
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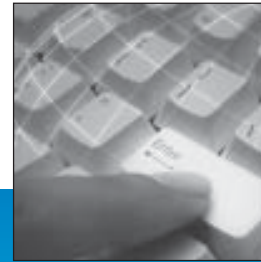
GLOBAL CENTER FOR
HUMANITARIAN ACTION

**Building a Global Future
Through Local Connections**



Chicago is a major global center and Chicagoans are global players

Chicago is rich in people, organizations and enterprises that are changing the world. Often these diverse global resources do not connect with each other, even as they work towards similar goals. Global Chicago promotes these local connections and uses modern technology to build global linkages for a stronger future.



Global Telecommunications Center

- n World's largest internet exchange point
- n Number 1 portal for communications traffic—more than 7 terabytes of data per day
- n Serviced by 650 telecommunications companies that employ 32,000 people

The world is changing. Formerly, a city's links to the world—and greatness—depended on where it was located. Today, cities are linked by satellite, computer terminals and modern transportation systems. Information, capital, art, people and ideas flow to and from Chicago, making it a world class global city.



World Class Business Leader

- n Host to more conventions and trade shows than any other city in the world
- n Home to 260,000 businesses
- n 30 Fortune 500 companies are based in the Chicago area
- n Business is thriving in Chicago
- n Since 1990, Chicago has added 440,000 new jobs (+13%)

Chicago has vast international connections—academic, cultural, business, governmental and ethnic—that make the city a key global leader.

Every day, Chicagoans build our global network in large and small ways, from downtown business-people negotiating international legal and commercial agreements to neighborhood ethnic leaders participating in the affairs of their homelands.

Chicago is a global leader because of its far-reaching economy, ethnic diversity, skilled and energetic international workforce and because it is a great place to live, visit and conduct business.



Global Center for Humanitarian Action

- n Internationally recognized center for conflict resolution, mediation and human rights
- n World leader in the eradication of polio and guinea worm
- n Rule of Law programs in newly democratic countries established by Chicago universities
- n Hundreds of nongovernmental organizations and faith-based associations provide humanitarian support around the world

Global Chicago brings together Chicago's international institutions and organizations.

- We link the organizations that provide economic, social, intellectual, humanitarian and cultural connections to the rest of the world.
- We stimulate dialogue and promote partnerships, collaborations and mutual understanding among internationally active groups.
- We help Chicagoans understand and meet the challenges and opportunities of globalization.
- We help Chicago and the world understand the richness our diversity represents.



Rich, Thriving and Diverse Culture

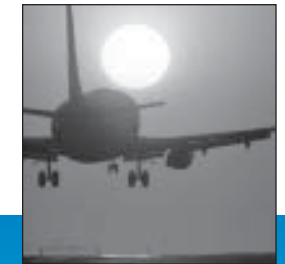
- n More than 100 languages and ethnic groups
- n World renowned center for music, dance and arts
- n 22 Sister City relationships
- n 46 museums
- n 200 theatre companies
- n 13,000 restaurants

We invite you to join us! Become a partner in Chicago's global future.

Global Chicago is designed to work for you.

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| n Register | n Share your ideas and concerns |
| n List your events | n Connect |
| n Invite others | |

If you would like to contribute to the website or need more information, please contact us at gc@globalchicago.org or at (312) 726-3860.



Critical Transportation Hub

- n Global leader in air traffic connections
 - 180,000 travelers pass through O'Hare every day
 - Non-stop global gateway to 60 international business capitals
- n Only gateway where Class I U.S. railroads can interchange traffic
- n Largest trucking center in the nation
- n Number 1 intermodal container port in the Western Hemisphere

Global Chicago wants everyone to have a voice in international issues.

- n Public interest groups
- n Neighborhood organizations
- n Academic institutions
- n Ethnic associations
- n Chambers of commerce
- n Arts and cultural groups
- n Business, labor and trade associations
- n Globally minded citizens

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Your Connection to the World

- Get Connected—Contact other globally minded people on our website. Find information on Chicago businesses; educational, cultural, social and humanitarian organizations. Lists include nearly 400 organizations from academia, arts, business, ethnic/immigrant groups, government, international affairs, labor and religion.
- Resources—Hundreds of links to international resources:
 - World Trade Library linking trade-related websites
 - the world's stock exchanges
 - major newspapers from around the world
 - international law links
- Discussion Exchange—Share reports and perspectives on international issues, or post comments and suggestions.
- Calendar of Events—The only clearinghouse for all of Chicago's globally related events. Post your upcoming events on our website and list your resources for others.
- Links to consulates and international information offices for over 100 nations.

