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Gov. Beshear: JQOL Global To Create 113 Kentucky Jobs, Invest \$6.4 Million With New Operation in Louisville

Today, Gov. Andy Beshear announced continued economic growth in Jefferson County as JQOL Global, a certified Minority Business Enterprise and full-service civil engineering firm, plans to locate a new facility in Louisville, creating 113 full-time Kentucky jobs with a \$6.4 million investment.

“When a company locates a new operation in Kentucky, its leaders are choosing to trust and believe in our state’s unique resources, skilled workforce and business-friendly environment,” said Gov. Beshear. “JQOL is yet another quality company bringing its services and well-paying job opportunities to the commonwealth. I want to thank the company’s leadership and look forward to their success in Louisville.”

The project will see the company establish a new operation in an existing 5,000-square-foot building located at 501 Baxter Ave. in Louisville. JQOL’s investment will create 113 new job opportunities for the Louisville and Jefferson County communities with an average total hourly compensation of \$59.15, including benefits. The new facility will serve as the company’s second Kentucky location, with an existing operation in Owensboro.

“On behalf of JQOL Inc., we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the city of Louisville and the state of Kentucky for their invaluable assistance and incentives,” said Jarvis Jointer, president of JQOL Global. “Your support has been instrumental in making our new location a reality, and we look forward to contributing to the growth and prosperity of this vibrant community.”

Founded in 2019, JQOL Global is a certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE/DBE) and full-service civil engineering firm based in Indianapolis. The company offers a wide range of engineering services, including site, structural and transportation as well as surveying and construction administration. The company maintains the vision that civil engineers impact all parts of peoples’ life on a daily basis, with the goal of providing a quality product by understanding the client’s needs and vision from the beginning and duration throughout the project.



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ICYMI: Highlights from NIBS' Building Innovation Conference 2024

CE reports from the National Institute of Building Sciences' Building Innovation Conference 2024, where industry experts answered questions on sustainability, diversity and inclusion, technology and more.

The National Institute of Building Sciences' Building Innovation Conference 2024, held in Washington, D.C., from May 22-24, offered attendees insights on incoming shifts within the industry with hard-hitting declarations from experts who broke down what the future of the built environment holds. Chief among the discussion topics were the supply chain, workforce diversification and social equity, and climate adaptation and mitigation.

Here are key takeaways and quotable moments from the opening general session, which presented "A Look Ahead: The Next 50 Years of the Built Environment":

Diversity and inclusion have been hot-button issues for some time, with many advances in the last several years in terms of women's visibility and opportunity for advancement. However, panelists still noted room for improvement regarding how women are perceived within the construction industry.

- "Change often happens when something makes you angry." — Mónica Serrano, Resilience Program Manager, Turner Construction; Co-Host, "Adapt: Climate Change and the Built Environment" podcast
- "The men that I work with are intimidated by me. Why is that a problem in 2024? They don't know how to speak to me, and I'm training men how to have soft skills when interacting with other women. It doesn't really make me angry. It makes me sad, and of course, you get angry because you want to fix it. There are women out there [in the construction industry] who are very knowledgeable. They're bringing a different dynamic." — Christi Powell, Women Business Enterprise Manager, 84 Lumber

The supply chain will continue to be a challenge over the next five decades, both for suppliers themselves and for the contractors who rely on them.

- "The capacity to either sink or swim for suppliers lies in their ability to change rapidly. This adoption is also fueled by suppliers prioritizing building a relationship or partnership with customers and having detailed table conversations on how they can fulfill needs." — Amy Marks, Executive Vice President, Global Strategy, Symetri

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- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.

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