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Geraldine “Gerri” Harris is area director of economic inclusion for Gilbane’s Chicago business unit. In this position, Gerri seeks to strengthen relationships and partnerships in the Chicagoland community and meet and exceed diversity targets at a critical moment in Gilbane’s history. Gerri joined Gilbane on the heels of its historic effort to generate \$4 billion in awards over five years to certified minority and women-owned businesses (M/WBEs), disadvantaged and veteran-businesses enterprises (D/VBEs) as part of a comprehensive economic inclusion strategy.

A Chicago native, Gerri is responsible for developing and fostering relationships with external stakeholders, conducting outreach with small, diverse, and women-owned businesses, creating opportunities for historically underrepresented businesses throughout the buy-out process, and tracking workforce and business participation against goals.

Gerri also serves as the economic inclusion team leader for the Chicago Community Builder’s Collective (CCBC), the nine-firm joint venture partnership comprised of minority and women-owned businesses as the majority partner. CCBC is serving as construction manager at-risk for the Bally’s Chicago Casino project.

Gerri is a member of and has served in leadership and volunteer roles for numerous industry organizations, including the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC), National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC), Illinois Chapter National Organization of Minority Architects (I-NOMA), Associated General Contractors of America (AGC-Nevada Chapter), National Black MBA Association, American Institute of Architects, National Association of Black Women in Construction (NABWIC), and Western Minority Supplier Development Council.



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Geri earned her Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor of History of Architecture and Art from the University of Illinois. She has a certificate in Construction Management from the Illinois Institute of Technology, is an MMS ICF Certified Coach, and a Certified OSHA Trainer – OSHA 510 and OSHA 500.