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National Able Network Purchases First Real Estate Asset in Pilsen's Historic District

CHICAGO (June 2025) – National Able Network, Inc., one of the nation's leading workforce development organizations, has acquired a 30,000 +/- square foot facility located at 1700 W. 18th Street in Chicago's historic Pilsen neighborhood. The purchase marks the organization's first real estate asset and solidifies its long-term commitment to a community it has served for nearly 50 years.

The organization has operated the state's largest and most comprehensive workforce development facility at this location since 2009 – providing workforce development, economic development and training services to thousands of job seekers and businesses.

"We have a long-standing history in the facility, and the timing was just right. This acquisition is a permanent investment in advancing our mission," says Matt Weis, President and CEO, "Owning this facility means we can innovate, expand, and continue to empower job seekers for generations to come."

The Pilsen neighborhood, known for its rich culture and vibrant arts scene, is one of Chicago's most iconic districts. National Able Network's investment in this community underscores its commitment to economic development for all.

The premier employment facility has been referred to as "a beacon of light" garnering support from an array of alderman, commissioners, and community partners over the years. At the building, the community has access to job placement programs, resume guidance, digital literacy resources, and access to computers and printing. Additionally, the facility is home to several vital organizations including the Illinois Department of Employment Security, Youth Job Center, and more.

Providing high-quality and efficient service are hallmarks of the facility, which is located just steps from the CTA Pink Line and CTA bus stops, making it easily accessible to Chicagoans.

National Able Network's mission is to advance workforce solutions and career pathways for an equitable future. Each client receives personalized career support that integrates career coaching, specialized training, and direct connections to the job market. These programs are designed to assist jobseekers from all backgrounds, including the unemployed, career changers, military veterans, seniors, and aspiring IT professionals. Each year, National Able Network provides service to nearly 75,000 individuals in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota and Nebraska.

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