

# CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE BIENNIAL

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Dear Participants,

Thank you for your letter and for the opportunity to engage with you directly to provide more context on our sponsors and the ways in which they enable the Chicago Architecture Biennial to fulfill its mission.

We remain committed to the Biennial's founding values of equity, access, and public engagement. As a public, non-profit and non-partisan organization, we continually strive to foster transparency and uphold our mission with integrity, especially as we navigate the complex realities of philanthropic support in today's global cultural landscape. Our supporters include a wide range of public and private organizations, including individual and family foundations, civic institutions and corporations – all of which make our collective work possible.

The Crown Family Philanthropies' financial contribution to the Chicago Architecture Biennial supports K-12 arts education programs and is not used to support participant exhibition production or curatorial content. Crown Family Philanthropies is a longtime supporter of the Biennial and their grant is part of a broader commitment to public access and arts education across the city of Chicago.

Should you wish to discuss this further or share how this may impact your participation in the Biennial, please email us at [leadership@chicagoarchitecturebiennial.org](mailto:leadership@chicagoarchitecturebiennial.org).

We hope you remain a Biennial Participant, as we value each of you and what you're preparing for the Biennial. **If this funding issue prevents you from participating in the Biennial, we respect your decision, but ask that you please let us know no later than August 13, as the team is actively in production and planning to open in the coming weeks.**

We appreciate your engagement and are grateful for the contributions each of you brings to this edition. Over the next six weeks, we are unilaterally committed to working alongside all participants to make this Biennial a success.

Sincerely,  
The Chicago Architectural Biennial Executive Team