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## PRESS RELEASE

### Chicago's 10th annual design and build competition kicks off August 11

*Proceeds benefit the Greater Chicago Food Depository*

#### WHO:

CHICAGO (May 31, 2016) – Canstruction Chicago in partnership with AIA Chicago celebrates the tenth annual design and build competition, benefiting the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Sixteen teams from local Chicago architecture, engineering and construction firms will participate to help give back to the community. 2016 Canstruction Chicago kicks off with Build Night on Aug. 10.

#### WHAT:

Canstruction, Inc. is a nonprofit organization, founded in 1992 and headquartered in Atlanta, GA. Events are hosted around the world to help raise awareness of hunger issues through the creation of structures made entirely out of canned food.

This unique competition allows teams to use their design skills to create incredible structures using canned goods all while fighting hunger in Chicago. All canned goods used in the structures are donated to the Greater Chicago Food Depository. 2015's event brought in more than 107,000 pounds of shelf stable food for the Food Depository's network of 650 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and programs throughout Cook County. Canstruction Chicago is the Food Depository's largest one-day food drive that helps to put food on the table for the more than 812,000 men, women and children the Food Depository serves each year.

#### WHEN:

Aug. 10	Build Night
Aug. 11-Sept. 6	Exhibit Dates – open to the public, free for all ages
Aug. 30	Awards Reception – 6 to 8 p.m., \$40 per ticket by Aug. 14, \$50 after (21+)
Sept. 6	Decanstruction

#### WHERE:

MERCHANDISE MART – Main Floor  
222 W Merchandise Mart Plaza  
Chicago, IL 60654

#### 2016 PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Antunovich Associates / Smithfield Construction  
CallisonRTKL / GRAEF  
DLR Group / Gilbane  
Eriksson Engineering / FitzGerald Associates Architects / ECS Midwest / Power Construction  
Exp US Services / Milhouse Charities  
Gensler / Skender Construction / HKS  
HDR, Inc / Turner Construction Company  
Muller+Muller / Primera Engineers  
MWRD / ASCE YMG  
Myefski Architects / Manhard Consulting / LG Construction + Development  
OKW Architects / W.E. O'Neil / RTM Associates  
Perkins+Will / d'Escoto / Thornton Tomasetti  
RATIO Architects / Executive Construction Inc / smdp studio  
Ross Barney Architects / Arup / MPC  
tvsdesign / Leopardo Construction  
Valerio Dewalt Train Associates / Merchandise Mart / Vornado  
VOA Associates Inc.  
Ware Malcomb / Kimley-Horn / McShane Construction Company

### ABOUT THE GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

The Greater Chicago Food Depository, Chicago's food bank, is a nonprofit food distribution and training center providing food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in our community. The Food Depository, founded in 1979, makes a daily impact across Cook County with a network of 650 pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, mobile programs, children's programs, older adult programs and innovative responses that address the root causes of hunger. Last year, the Food Depository distributed 68 million pounds of shelf-stable food, fresh produce, dairy products and meat, the equivalent of 155,000 meals every day. For more information, visit [chicagosfoodbank.org](http://chicagosfoodbank.org) or call 773-247-FOOD.

### ABOUT AIA CHICAGO

The American Institute of Architects Chicago (AIA Chicago) is the largest chapter of licensed architects, architectural interns and allied professionals within AIA Illinois, and the second largest AIA chapter in the country. AIA Chicago offers lectures and continuing education courses; numerous award programs; specialized, issue-specific Knowledge Communities; advocacy for architects; daily communications online and through its in-house magazine, Chicago Architect; and help for consumers looking for an architect. As a resource for its members in service to society, AIA Chicago promotes positive change through the power of design.