Chicago- After more than two decades of sitting vacant, the community is hopeful that
the former U.S. Steel South Works site will have a new, community-oriented
developer, now that Emerald Living and partner Barcelona Housing Systems, have
signed a Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA).

“The Coalition is excited about working with the Emerald Living, Barcelona Housing
Systems, and our public officials to develop a community-oriented and inclusive vision
for the U.S. Steel South Works site. We look forward to a partnership to ensure the
success of the development for both the developer and community.” —Amalia
NietoGomez, coordinator of the Coalition for a South Works CBA and Executive
Director of the SouthEast (ASE).

“Our DNA is there. We see the opportunity for families of steel works who still live
in the area, to live, grow and prosper in a place where our ancestors (steel
workers) gave so much.” —Yvette Moyo, Publisher of South Shore Current
magazine and Associate Director of Real Men Charities Inc. Moyo’s family has
lived in South Shore for 53 years.

“We’re looking forward to working with our local public officials and the site developer in
establishing a transparent, win-win relationship to benefit the current community
residents, congregations, and businesses.” —Anne Holcomb, member of Environment,
Transportation, Health, and Open Space (ETHOS) and South Shore resident for 6 years.

“We look forward to the incoming jobs that will benefit the longstanding residents of
the 7th and 10th wards as well as the opportunity to live, work, spend and ‘grow’
with this new robust community development.” —Edreick Justice, member of
Crossroads Collaborative and coalition member.

The new development will have a mix of retail, residential, and a manufacturing
plant for pre-fabricated housing. The development is expected to include up to
20,000 homes, green spaces, renewable energies, and common social areas.

(More details are on the website: www.NewSouthWorks.com)

“Generations of families have built and anchored this community. Developmental and
economic growth are coming. These same families are in danger of not being able to
afford to stay. A CBA provides tools, education, training, employment opportunities
plus affordable housing and tax relief for long-time residents.” —Estela O. Morales,
member of St. Michael the Archangel parish and South Shore resident for 47 years.

The Coalition for a South Works CBA consists of local residents and 40+ community
organizations- including churches, schools, non-profits, businesses, and block clubs from the
southeast side. The Coalition is focused on community input and ensuring the local
development benefits the community.

Coalition Members

- 79th/80th Essex Block Club
- Alliance of the SouthEast (ASE)
- Black United Fund of Illinois (BUFI)
- Blacks In Green (BIG)
- Centro de Trabajadores Unidos/ Immigrant Workers’ Project
- Chicago Rehab Network
- Christ Bible Church
- Claretian Associates
- Coalition for Equitable Community Development (CECD)
- Crossroads Collaborative
- Empowering South Shore
- Family Rescue
- Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference
- James H. Bowen High School
- Jeffery Manor Community Revitalization Council
- Metropolitan Family Services – Southeast Chicago
- Mind Influence Attitude Inc.
- New Sullivan Elementary School
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
- Pilgrim Baptist Church
- Praise Tabernacle
- Real Men Charities, Inc.
- Reclaiming South Shore for All
- SouthEast Side Block Club Alliance
- Southsiders Organized for Unity & Liberation (SOUL)
- St. Augustine College
- St. Michael the Archangel Parish
- The Law Project
- The Lights of Honor International (LHI)
- The Planning Coalition
- Trees Are Beautiful
- United Steelworker Organization of Active Retirees (SOAR)
- Veteran’s Park Improvement Association
- We Mean Green Community Gardens
- work2gether4peace.info
- and more organizations!

Allies

- United Food and Commercial Workers Local 881