

PROJECT DATA

UAW AND FORD FAMILY SERVICES & LEARNING CENTERS

DETROIT, MI

Client

Ford Motor Land Services
Corporate Crossings
550 Town Center
iSuite 200
Dearborn, MI 48126
Aaron Watson
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Architect

Ghafari Associates
17101 Michigan Ave
Dearborn, MI 48126
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Size

13 buildings totaling 343,000 sf

Cost

\$117,500,000



As a result of the 1999 negotiations between the United Auto Workers (UAW) and the Ford Motor Company, the Family Services and Learning Centers (FSLC) program is one of the most comprehensive union-management partnerships ever negotiated to meet the diverse needs of working families, individuals, retirees, and their communities. It was now Ford's responsibility to choose a reputable contractor to make these "state-of-the-art" centers a reality; Ford choose JM Olson Corporation.

Like pulling pieces of a puzzle together, JM Olson, the UAW and the FSLC gathered up ideas/concepts and developed them into construction documents in less than 6 months. Construction had commenced on two of the thirteen nation wide sites while the Dearborn center was being built.

A thorough understanding of the projects' requirements and regional pricing is a necessity on every project, but in this particular situation it allowed the team to value engineer over \$21 million dollars in savings. With safety always in mind, proactive jobsite ergonomics/awareness helped to facilitate our goal of zero safety incidents.

A unique requirement of the UAW and FSLC is the UAW trade participation. High-level awareness of the projects' components enabled the project team to procure all materials and equipment for the UAW trade use. Detailed schedules will allowed us to monitor and report on the UAW trades daily status and man-hours. Strong minority business participation was anticipated by the UAW and FSLC. Olson rose to the challenge with over 20% minority participation.

