

# 200SW RIVER VIEWS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### March Madness

**Th. 3/16, 11 am;** Join us in the Riverfront Lobby Lounge for a "slam dunk" event!



Earth Hour Sat. 3/25, 8:30 pm; We'll 'switch off' all non-essential lighting and give an hour to Earth. Learn more at www.earthhour.org.



Earth Week Mon. 4/17 — Fri. 4/21; Learn about "green" products and services, sustainable operations, and take home some great giveaways!

Program planning is in the works; stay tuned for updates.

# EIIA: 60+ YEARS OF INSURANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT INNOVATION SERVING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

An unyielding commitment to delivering innovative services and solutions has defined Educational & Institutional Insurance Administrators, Inc. (EIIA) since its founding in the 1960s. When company leaders found themselves exploring ways to change its operating model to better meet employees' post-pandemic needs, 200SW was ready to help.

#### Founded to Serve HBCUs

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EIIA was originally established to provide risk management and insurance services to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) affiliated with the United Methodist Church. At that time – and far too often – these types of institutions struggled to

find insurance coverage, which left them without stability or security, and vulnerable to catastrophic losses.

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Today, EIIA is a member owned and governed consortium of private, faithinspired colleges, universities, and seminaries that provides property and casualty insurance, employee benefit programs, and student insurance, as well as risk management solutions to over 150 institutions across the U.S.

"We offer a breadth of coverages and services that protect the assets and reputations of private higher education institutions affiliated with a variety of



religious denominations," explained Steve Garwood, EIIA Vice President, Treasurer, and CFO. "Our member institutions

benefit from EIIA's commitment to accountability, innovative service, and our financial strength. The combined purchasing power of our members makes it possible to provide a broad range of coverages in the marketplace at reasonable prices."

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# DID YOU KNOW? ADA ENTRY SYSTEM: A MARVEL OF ENERGY CONSERVATION

200SW's ADA entry system, part of the building's recently updated main entrance, helps conserve energy by minimizing the loss of heated or cooled interior air (depending on the season) when people pass through it.

That's because the system automatically equalizes the air pressure in the vestibule located between the interior and exterior doors. Equalized air pressure prevents a "rush" of air from entering or exiting the space when a door is opened.

This also prevents both doors from being opened simultaneously: the first door must

be completely closed before users can open the second one.





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#### MANAGEMENT TEAM

Lisa Metz, RPA Senior General Manager

Margarita Tsipas Assistant General Manager

Jordan Benson Tenant Services Representative

Louis Ecke, RPA Chief Engineer

Carl Chapman, SMT Assistant Chief Engineer

Vernon English Director of Security

# **NEW TENANTS**

Coeur Mining, Inc. Pretzel & Stouffer

Interested in your company being highlighted in an upcoming edition of *RIVER VIEWS?* Contact the Office of the Building to learn more about our newsletter's Tenant Profile feature!

# <u>'MY FAVORITE SPOT @2005W'</u> FITNESS CENTER HELPS JORDAN BENSON 'KEEP MOVING'

Tenant Services Representative Jordan Benson has made the Fitness Center a part of her regular workday routine. In fact, it's her **FAVORITE SPOT** @ **200SW**.

Here's why, in her own words:

I'm at the Fitness Center practically every day during my lunch break. I usually prefer a light workout just to keep myself moving, but I'll alter that routine, as needed.



Sometimes, I'll punch the heavy bag when I'm feeling tense. If my back feels tight from sitting too much, I'll use the mats and foam rollers to stretch. With all the available equipment, I can do pretty much anything.

> After a quick shower (body wash and towels provided) and a touch of spray shampoo, I'm energized and ready for my next meeting — all without having to leave the building!

> Fitness Center membership is available to all onsite

tenants and their employees for a one-time \$50 fee.

# <u>BE 'WELL'</u> SMOKING PROHIBITED ON GROUNDS

The 200SW management team offers a friendly reminder that, due to the property's designation as a WELL® certified property, smoking is not allowed anywhere on building grounds — including under the exterior pavilion.

Thank you for your understanding. Tenants who choose to smoke may do so at Quincy Park, located just south of the property.



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#### Secures New HQ Footprint

EIIA has been a 200SW tenant since 2005. Its Chicago headquarters houses its Executive team and staff in the Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology departments, as well as employees across its multiple product lines.

# "We offer a breadth of coverages and services that protect the assets and reputations of private higher education institutions." — Steve Garwood

In 2021, while emerging from a societyaltering global pandemic, EIIA found that its office space, as originally designed, was no longer ideal for a post-COVID operational model that places a premium on hybrid/remote work environments. The organization also decided to place some of its risk manager representatives in closer proximity to the members they serve, and allowed other staff members the option to work from home.

"That meant we had to reimagine our daily office operation," Mr, Garwood recalled.

Fortunately, an interested third party was able to identify a solution that met EIIA's needs: one involving a new suite number at its long-time mailing address.

"General Manager Lisa (Metz) and her team understood our changing circumstances and suggested — correctly, as it turned out that a smaller furnished space in the building might be a better fit," Mr. Garwood recalled.

"It's reassuring to know we have a building team that heard our needs and invested in our continued success," he added.