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Our experienced staff, best-in-class pro bono partners, and deep public and private sector relationships allow us to solve old problems in new ways. We pinpoint the root causes of complex issues. We convene institutional leaders and focus at a systems-level to create real impact that benefits the entire region.

We’re committed to working across sectors and ensuring a seat at the table for all stakeholders, with the goal of creating a more inclusive civic culture and inspiring the next generation of leaders.

**PROJECT SPOTLIGHT**

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**OUTPUTS**

- **FACT BASE**
  - Covering over 100 City entities under mayoral control

- **STRATEGIC OPTIONS**
  - Strategic options for Mayor to address 9 key issues

**OUTCOMES**

- **75%** of Mayor Lightfoot’s team in place on day one

**INTERVIEWS**

- Of outgoing administration staff from 30 City agencies and departments completed

- **39** policy objectives across five issue areas met by Mayor Lightfoot during her first 100 days in office
ECONOMIC VITALITY

Chicago continues to have one of the world’s largest and most diversified economies, with over four million employees and a regional GDP greater than $1.0 trillion. At the same time, many residents lack access to economic opportunities. Indeed, Chicago has the fifth highest income inequality rate in the country, and this disparity is highly stratified by race and neighborhood.

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