

ASIS Foundation Awards \$40,000 to Chicago School

Spencer Technology Academy, in the Chicago Public Schools (CPS), has been selected as the winner of ASIS Foundation's 2013 School Security Funding Competition. The school will receive \$40,000 for enhancements to their security systems. ASIS International will donate \$20,000. The additional \$20,000 was raised by the ASIS Chicago Chapter and represents the generosity of several organizations. (Listed to the right.)

This award was established ten years ago as a way to give back to the communities in which the ASIS International Annual Seminar and Exhibits is hosted. Funds are directed to support necessary enhancements to school security.

Located on the Westside of Chicago, Spencer Technology Academy houses 930 students in grades PreK-8 in two separate buildings. Proposed improvements include the addition of both indoor and outdoor surveillance cameras to act as a deterrent for potential wrongdoers and to provide staff the means by which to monitor the safety of the children as they pass from one building to the second, as well as those entering and exiting the school.

Schools within CPS were asked to consider—through a series of short essays—their particular security concerns and how those concerns might impact their students, teachers and administrators. They were asked to describe security risks they would attempt to reduce and/or eliminate, and list specific security enhancements they would purchase with the funding. A committee comprised of security management professionals from the ASIS Chicago Chapter judged the submissions.

A special awards ceremony will be held at the school on Friday, Sept. 20, 2013. ASIS will also recognize Spencer Technology Academy and Principal Jackson at a special awards luncheon on Sept. 27 at McCormick Place.

Special appreciation to:

Henry Garcia, CPP, who chaired the School Funding Competition Committee and David P. Polensky and Dan LeDonne, PSP, who assisted in selecting the winning school.

Brian A. O'Connell who chaired the Fundraising Committee.

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Our sincere appreciation to the following organizations who generously donated to the 2013 School Funding Competition award:

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