



# Infinite Chicago

Vintage buildings transformed as student housing

**Location**

Northwest corner of Wabash and Jackson

**Building type**

Luxury apartment high-rises

**Size**

Steger Building – 19 stories, 131,250 gross sq ft  
 Gibbons Building – 16 stories, 83,750 gross sq ft

**Year built**

Steger Building – 1912  
 Gibbons Building – 1910

**Renovation**

2014

**Start of Enwave Chicago chilled-water service**

2014

**Unique features**

Multistory skybridge connecting the two buildings, a business center, 24/7 fitness center, rooftop clubroom, outdoor patio, coffee shop

**Owner/Developer**

CA-Student Living

**Architect**

Pappageorge Haymes Partners, renovation  
 (Marshall & Fox, original design)

**Historic consultant**

MacRostie Historic

**General contractor**

Linn Mathes Inc.

**Honors**

Steger Building designated a Chicago Landmark, 2013



Epicenter

**T**wo early 20th-century downtown office buildings have been repurposed, debuting in fall 2014 as luxury housing for South Loop university students. Project developer CA-Student Living made it possible by converting the adjacent Steger and Gibbons high-rises into one high-end apartment complex, now named Infinite Chicago. The redevelopment is a new Enwave Chicago customer.

Located across the street from DePaul University’s downtown campus, Infinite Chicago is within walking distance of Roosevelt University, Columbia College Chicago and many other Loop schools. The complex features 124 fully furnished apartments housing 400 residents, numerous top amenities and 12,000 square feet of ground-level retail space. Set back in the alley between the Steger and Gibbons buildings, the tiny former Pickwick Stables – believed to be the oldest standing structure in the Loop – has also been revitalized as a gourmet Asado coffee shop.

Enwave Chicago extended its piping network east along Jackson and then north to serve the building. The company installed a relatively small energy transfer station in one of the buildings that enables both buildings, including all retail space, to use Enwave Chicago’s chilled water for air conditioning. By using service from Enwave Chicago, the owners were able to avoid installing large HVAC equipment within or on top of the historic building, allowing for more efficient and aesthetic use of space.



**“Infinite Chicago is a popular housing choice for students wanting the downtown experience with modern amenities. As a cleaner, more efficient cooling technology than on-site chillers, Enwave Chicago’s chilled-water service is right in line with our top-of-the-line brand.”**

– John Druffel, Executive Vice President, CA-Student Living



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