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Chukwuma "Chuma" Ekwueme fulfilled his lifelong dream of becoming an entrepreneur when he founded SURE Mechanical. A certified minority-owned (MBE) mechanical firm located in Cincinnati, Ohio. SURE Mechanical provides HVAC/Mechanical design, fabrication and installation services for educational, government and private organizations. Chuma earned a Bachelor's of Mechanical Engineering from his native country of Nigeria and a Masters of Engineering from University of Cincinnati. He began his career with a mechanical service company, where he was part of a team that provided maintenance and troubleshooting for chillers and condensing units. He continued his career in the construction industry at Megen Construction of Cincinnati, Ohio. During this time, Chuma managed a variety of construction projects in the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Areas. Chuma also helped to champion the construction of Ohio's first LEED Platinum project, the Fernald Preserve Visitors Center in 2008.

Armed with an engineering education, complementary work experience and strong ambition, Chuma identified a need in Southern Ohio for an innovative, quality-minded, minority mechanical contractor. Chuma put the wheels in motion to eventually launch a mechanical contracting firm. Following months of planning, SURE Mechanical was eventually launched in October 2010. He earned his LEED AP accreditation and became actively involved in several industry-related organizations such as American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and United States Green Building Council (USGBC). He is also a Lean construction enthusiast.

Today, SURE Mechanical is proud to be a certified minority-owned mechanical contracting firm in Southern Ohio that offers a full range of mechanical design, fabrication, installation, design-build and engineering services. Additionally, SURE Mechanical provides a much needed opportunity for minorities to become engaged in one of the most technical aspects of the construction industry.

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