



## **Kenny Torres**

Kenny Torres is the President of KNTCO, where he leads and supports multiple construction projects across the Cleveland area. In this role, he oversees project execution, estimating, business development, and strategic growth initiatives, while creating opportunities for diverse contractors within the industry. Through his leadership, Kenny continues to expand his impact across Northeast Ohio's construction sector and is actively involved in several major projects throughout the region.

Prior to leading KNTCO, Kenny served as a Project Estimator at Gilbane Building Company, where he supported preconstruction efforts on large-scale projects across Northeast Ohio. In this role, he was responsible for cost estimating, bid analysis, subcontractor coordination, and supporting project planning efforts to ensure accuracy and efficiency from early project stages through execution.

Since beginning his construction career in 2018, Kenny has developed expertise in construction estimating, project planning, operations, and supplier diversity initiatives. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Urban and Regional Planning from Cleveland State University.

Deeply committed to community impact, Kenny has dedicated both his personal and professional efforts to advancing opportunities within the Latino community in Northeast Ohio. Originally from Puerto Rico, he moved to Cleveland at a young age and draws from his lived experiences to inform his leadership and service.

Kenny is actively engaged in several organizations focused on workforce development and economic inclusion. He serves as a Board Member of the Spanish American Committee, where he previously held the role of Program Director and helped establish the Latino Construction Program. This workforce initiative prepares individuals for careers in the construction trades through a six-week job readiness program and has successfully placed over 115 participants—approximately 90% into union positions—generating more than \$1 million in payroll. Kenny continues to support the program as an instructor and also leads efforts to help Latino entrepreneurs launch their own construction businesses.

In addition, Kenny serves as a Board Member for the Spanish American Committee, Cleveland Builds. He is also the Founder of Rising Hispanic Professionals, an initiative focused on increasing Latino representation in architecture, engineering, and construction industries.