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Cleanslate was founded on the principles of 'fast and friendly' service, community and vitality.

Launched in June of 2005 by The Cara Program, Cleanslate - a multi-million dollar (and growing) social enterprise, was born out of a collaboration between Cara staff and a Goldman Sachs managing director who spent one year with us as a probono executive on loan. His year was sponsored by an inaugural Goldman Sachs fellowship program designed to connect top-producing leadership with innovative social purpose organizations. Cleanslate's aspiration is to provide an ordinary service (litter abatement, light landscaping, snow removal) in an extraordinary way, so that all Chicago neighborhoods - from Uptown to South Shore to many communities in between - can take pride in the safety, revitalization, and vibrancy that is created through clean streetscapes serviced by fast, friendly and engaging individuals.

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