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Dr. Anibal L. Taboas has been President and CEO of Aspira Inc. of Illinois since 2012. His work involves leadership and operation of this non-profit dedicated to leadership development, primarily through operation of a Charter School Network of Chicago Public Schools, and a series of programs and clubs through a Youth Development Center. He has also been an Executive Consultant to Strategic Leadership and Risk Management since 2005, where he provides executive consulting on strategic leadership and risk management. From 2005-2011 Dr. Taboas worked as a Principal Mechanical Engineer at Argonne National Laboratory. Prior to that he was with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Chicago Operations Office, a \$3.2 billion/year government operation for over 27 years.

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