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## **Pittsburgh Regional Partnership Receives Interest in Amazon HQ2 from 20 Properties Around Pittsburgh Region**

**PITTSBURGH** – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and Mayor William Peduto are pleased to announce that twenty property owners and developers have filed Expressions of Interest in participating in Amazon HQ2 Team Pittsburgh's response to Amazon's request for proposals for a second headquarters location.

The formal response by Amazon HQ2 Team Pittsburgh ("HQ2PGH") must be filed by October 19. HQ2PGH – a partnership of government, business, university, non-profit and community organizations – will review all the proposed properties over the next three weeks and judge which will create the strongest bid to draw Amazon HQ2 to the greater Pittsburgh region.

"This process is just one more way that Pittsburgh distinguishes itself from other regions," said Fitzgerald. "Our ability to work together and bring folks from varying interests to the table for a common goal is a unique part of our fabric, and one that will set us apart in this effort. The interest in this process and this bid has been substantial, and we are excited to see so many coming together to work collectively on this response."

"This is a tremendous response and confirms just how serious Pittsburgh is about landing this headquarters. I want to thank everyone who expressed interest today – if we are going to land this transformational project it's going to take the full support of every stakeholder in the region, and this proves we have that," Mayor Peduto said.

HQ2PGH issued its Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) on September 21. It asked respondents to ensure their sites meet Amazon's requirements, as outlined in the HQ2 RFP referenced above. Responses had to include approximately 500,000 square feet of space by 2019, and up to 8 million square feet beyond 2027 through greenfield sites, infill sites, existing buildings, or a combination of these options.

Respondents had to suggest sites and/or buildings over which they have site control and demonstrate how those sites meet or exceed Amazon's criteria as well as the additional criteria put forth by HQ2PGH in the RFEI.

The respondents had until 10 a.m. today to file proposals with the HQ2PGH offices in Two PNC Plaza. Responses came from locations across Allegheny, Fayette and Washington counties. The respondents are not being identified for competitive reasons.

"We're thrilled at the response today, which will help us put together the strongest possible HQ2 proposal for Pittsburgh. I'm sure the other regions competing against us would love to know all the properties we have in our arsenal, and we're not going to give them that advantage," said Kevin Acklin, Mayor Peduto's Chief Development Officer.

Inquiries from interested parties regarding the work by HQ2PGH can be directed to [AmazonPGH@pittsburghpa.gov](mailto:AmazonPGH@pittsburghpa.gov).

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