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URA RELEASES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PROPERTY ALONG SECOND AVENUE IN HAZELWOOD

PITTSBURGH, PA (July 25, 2019) – The Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA) is requesting proposals from developers and/or development teams to purchase and redevelop a combination of 30 URA and City-owned parcels along the Second Avenue corridor in the Hazelwood neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh.

Developers may submit responses for individual parcels, several parcels, or the entire site. The goal of this RFP is to select one or more developers who can complete a high-quality, mixed-use redevelopment project that is reflective of the concepts and principles contained in the community's neighborhood plan, the Greater Hazelwood Neighborhood Plan - also known as Greater Hazelwood: Our Hands. Our Plan., which is nearing completion.

This plan, led by the Greater Hazelwood Community Collaborative (GHCC) and the City of Pittsburgh's Department of City Planning will provide goals, policies and programs, and implementation tools to help guide future growth, protect neighborhood character, create new economic opportunity, and enhance the quality of life for all who live, work, visit, and invest in Greater Hazelwood. A final copy of the plan is expected to be released in late summer 2019.

The URA has been working closely with City Councilman Corey O'Connor and members of the GHCC to develop this RFP.

"These Second Ave properties are the gateway to the Greater Hazelwood community and provide unique opportunities for development," said Councilman O'Connor. "The partnership between the URA and the community produced a strong Request for Proposals. The developer of this project will play a crucial role in helping us to unlock the site's economic potential and further strengthen the Second Ave business district."

The full RFP can be found <u>here</u>. Responses are due October 17, 2019. Interested developers should plan to attend the Q&A Session as described in the RFP.

The URA uses Public Purchase, a web-based e-Procurement service for the automatic notification and transmittal of RFPs, RFQs, and bid opportunities at no charge to vendors. All parties interested in responding to this RFQ or receiving notifications when the URA releases an opportunity must register

with Public Purchase and then register with the URA. Instructions for the two-step registration process can be found <u>here</u>. All questions regarding this RFQ should be submitted through Public Purchase.

About the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA)

The URA is the City of Pittsburgh's economic development agency, committed to creating jobs, expanding the City's tax base, and improving the vitality of businesses and neighborhoods. The <u>URA</u> achieves this mission by assembling, preparing, and conveying sites for major mixed-use developments and by providing a portfolio of programs that include financing for business location, relocation and expansion, housing construction and rehabilitation, and home purchases and improvements. The URA is also committed to equitable development and incorporates best practices for equity and inclusion into its internal and external policies and activities.

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