

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

September 16, 2020

Mr. Dan Matthews, Commissioner Public Buildings Service U.S. General Services Administration 1800 F Street NW Washington, DC 20006

Re: United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Prospectus

Dear Mr. Matthews:

On behalf of Prince George's County, we wish to express our strong support for the proposed relocation of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) offices from Arlington, Virginia and Washington, DC to Prince George's County, per General Service Administration (GSA) prospectus number PDC-10-WA19.

We understand that six development teams have submitted bids to GSA proposing transitoriented development (TOD) sites in Prince George's County for this USCIS relocation and consolidation project. The Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (PGCEDC) heavily marketed the GSA prospectus to multiple County developers, urging as many bids as possible for this exciting federal project.

Please know that Prince George's County is prepared to support the winning bidder in the County with appropriate incentives to address public infrastructure needs and other justified expenses. Contingent on the relevant review and approval processes, this support could take the form of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTS) or other tax credit programs, construction at County expense of public infrastructure, or direct financial assistance, customized to the winning bid.

As you may know, Prince George's County has established a formal program to support TOD development projects such as this, with a fast-track regulatory approval process, financial incentives, and a leading role for coordination with local and state partners. This USCIS project will receive the highest level of support from both the County Executive's Office and the County Council of Prince George's County.

We appreciate this opportunity to compete for the proposed new 247,000 square foot build-to-suit facility for the employees at USCIS. We will do all we can to welcome the agency and its employees to their new home in Prince George's County.

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The County will provide an outstanding location for the agency, offering an enriched quality of life, outstanding housing choices, many successful retail locations, 27,000 acres of park land, multiple entertainment and sports events, the 300-acre National Harbor, home to the MGM Hotel & Casino, Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, and many other hotels, restaurants, and entertainment venues.

We are proud to be the home to many federal facilities, including NASA Goddard, NOAA, the U.S Census, Joint Base Andrews and of course the new USCIS headquarters at the Branch Avenue Metro. And there are many higher education institutions such as the University of Maryland College Park – the State's "flagship" campus, Bowie State University, Capitol Technology University; University of Maryland Global Campus; and Prince George's Community College. The County will soon open a new state-of-the-art University of Maryland Capital Region teaching hospital, not far from the Children's National Hospital's new 60,000 square foot medical facility at the Woodmore Towne Centre off the Capital Beltway.

We commit to supporting financially and procedurally this great federal relocation opportunity. Thank you for considering Prince George's County, Maryland, for the new United States Citizenship & Immigration Services office location.

Sincerely,

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County Executive

Honorable Todd M. Turner County Council Chair

cc: Council Members, Prince George's County Council

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Mr. David Iannucci, President/CEO, PGC EDC