



## **City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County Announce Cleveland's Bid for Amazon HQ2** ***Leaders collaborated on proposal that reflects the city's resurgence, quality of life***

**CLEVELAND, OH – Oct. 19, 2017** – Today, the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County joined the Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP), TeamNEO, JobsOhio, the State of Ohio and numerous local partners in submitting a bid for Cleveland to be the site of Amazon's second headquarters known as HQ2. Mayor Frank G. Jackson and County Executive Armond Budish announced the submission in a video, posted at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RpDLSXrILSs>. Community leaders also suggest the public engage in the conversation using #AMAZONHQ2CLE.

The bid, submitted by TeamNEO and GCP on behalf of the partners, portrays the city's and county's economic momentum, livability, geographic advantages and other assets. The proposal portrays the numerous elements and assets of Cleveland that make us unique and demonstrates our community's capacity to successfully attract Amazon's HQ2. The Cleveland proposal is proprietary information and therefore details will not be disclosed.

"In recent days we worked with public, private and civic leaders across our community to tell the story of Cleveland's resurgence and pursue this enormous opportunity. Our city has a palpable sense of energy and is in a position of readiness that we have never seen before," said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. "Our momentum is rooted in a great and storied history. We are excited at the opportunity to tell our story in this highly competitive situation."

More than 20 organizations and over 90 individuals from throughout the community came together to develop a strong, compelling case to present to Amazon.

"The work that has gone into our bid and the level of collaboration among our partners has been outstanding, and we are all proud to be part of it," said County Executive Armond Budish. "Our team has been working days, nights and weekends for weeks to put together a strong bid proposal. Time and again, we have demonstrated the ability to tackle major initiatives and be agile when we see a significant opportunity. While this is an extremely competitive situation, we are confident in what Cleveland has to offer and excited at the prospect of being Amazon's second home."

More than 100 municipalities across North America are expected to submit bids.

Cleveland's bid committee encourages the entire Northeast Ohio community to become involved in promoting the city to Amazon on social media by using the hashtag listed above.

HQ2 is expected to bring with it 50,000 new jobs and at least \$5 billion in construction. The deadline to submit bids was October 19. No date has been set for the naming of finalists.



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