

AMAZON’S REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR HQ2 (AMAZON RFP)

On September 7, 2017, Amazon, a U.S. publicly traded company and leading internet retailer, announced via a Request For Proposals (RFP) that it is soliciting bids from a city somewhere in North America where it can build a second headquarters that would be equal to its current one in Seattle. Amazon plans to invest more than \$5 billion to build and operate the new headquarters that could create upwards of up to 50,000 high paying jobs.

This type of private investment presents a special and once-in-lifetime economic development opportunity that would stimulate the entire region. It is important to take a close look at any viable sites and proposals that would be a competitive fit for the selection. Here within the Los Angeles County region, several cities have announced their intention to submit a proposal. It is important that the County take a regional but coordinated approach to identify the best the opportunity to collaborate.

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WE, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer, in coordination with various County departments, to: a) identify potential sites that are owned by the County or are otherwise viable sites well suited to meet the criteria requested by the AMAZON RFP; b) identify potential resources and/or economic incentives that may be available to include in an RFP submission; and c) identify potential partnerships for the RFP submission.
2. Authorize and instruct the Chief Executive Officer take the necessary steps to prepare a response to the AMAZON RFP and report back to the Board with such recommendations by October 3, 2017.

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