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Minneapolis Public Schools takes offers for the purchase and redevelopment of its former headquarters, 807 Broadway NE

Information on how to submit purchase offers released today

December 18, 2012 (MINNEAPOLIS)—Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) is taking offers for the sale and redevelopment of its former district headquarters, located at 807 Broadway NE. Details on how to submit a purchase offer is available online at www.minneapolismn.gov/807Broadway. Purchase offers will be accepted until **4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2013**.

MPS has contracted with the City of Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development to market the property to potential buyers, administer the call for purchase offers, evaluate the responses and manage a public engagement process to tap the community's ideas on a redevelopment plan.

The City and MPS is conducting open houses of the property for interested parties on Thursday, January 3, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 24, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. To make a reservation for a tour, please email [Mark Garner](mailto:mark.garner@minneapolismn.gov), City Project Coordinator, at mark.garner@minneapolismn.gov.

The site housed the headquarters campus for Minneapolis Public Schools from 1930 until 2012. Prior to that, it was the home of the Minneapolis Mazda Lamp Works Division of General Electric, a light bulb manufacturer. The property includes five buildings onsite, as well as a surface parking lot across the street on 1100, 1110, and 1112 Quincy Street NE. The site totals 252,889 square feet of land, or about 5.8 acres. The five connecting buildings located on the property were built incrementally and include:

- Main Administrative Building (built 1914, addition in 1920) – 187,446 square feet
- Garage (added 1931) – 8,938 square feet
- Butler Building (added 1959) – 9,000 square feet
- Warehouse building (added 1968) – 19,440 square feet
- Stores and Equipment Building (added 1971) – 11,917 square feet

The functions of the buildings reflect the diversity of divisions within MPS' headquarters – including office and meeting space, storage, trades, vehicle storage and maintenance and related functions. In 2010, MPS made the decision to relocate to a newly constructed building at 1250 West Broadway Avenue and sell this property.

The property is zoned for Light Industrial (I1) with an Industrial Living Overlay. This flexible zoning combination allows for a range of potential uses, including light industrial, office, commercial, institutional, and/or residential.

Community input into the future plans for the site is an important component of the process to solicit purchase offers. The City and the School District are working with the neighborhood-led 807 Task Force to facilitate discussions around community priorities for the site and to keep them informed about the process.

The Minneapolis Public School District is the sole decision-maker regarding the sale of the property. The primary objective and goal of this process is the successful sale of the property to a qualified third party for proper redevelopment or acceptable use of the property.

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