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The City of Minneapolis is Seeking Redevelopment Proposals for the City-Owned Property Located at 800 South Washington Avenue or the “Guthrie Liner Parcel”

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 (Minneapolis, MN) – The City of Minneapolis is seeking redevelopment proposals for the City-owned property located at 800 South Washington Avenue, commonly referred to as the “Guthrie Liner Parcel.” The 24,419 square foot site is the undeveloped portion of the block that runs along Washington Avenue from Chicago Avenue to Ninth Avenue and is immediately adjacent to the Riverfront (Guthrie) parking ramp.

This parcel benefits from significant public and private investments in the immediate vicinity, including the Mill City Museum, Mill Ruins Park, West River Parkway, and its associated riverfront trails, Open Book, Guthrie Theater complex, American Academy of Neurology headquarters, Mill City Farmers Market, the new multipurpose stadium, and the Ryan/Wells Fargo development.

The City’s development goals for the project include maximizing the site’s development potential and contributing to the vibrancy of the Mill District area with a well-designed development that will bring employees, residents, customers, hotel guests and/or visitors to the area. If housing is included in the proposal, the City would like to see a mixed-income project with at least 20% of the proposed units affordable to households at or below 50% of Area Median Income. Additionally, the City would like to see proposals that, at a minimum, include retail at both corners fronting along Washington Avenue.

“Washington Avenue could be a happening, bustling boulevard teeming with vibrancy, people, and shopping,” said Ward 3 Council Member Jacob Frey, “To realize this potential, however, we need proposals that activate the street level in a big way, so substantial ground floor retail is an absolute must.”

Questions regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) must be submitted via e-mail to Bob Lind, City of Minneapolis, Department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED), 105 Fifth Avenue South, Suite 200, Minneapolis, MN 55401, no later than Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. CST. Questions will be answered and posted on the CPED website by Wednesday, April 22, 2015 CST.

Proposals are due to City offices no later than 4:00 p.m. CST Wednesday, May 20, 2015. Proposals received after the deadline will not be accepted. The redevelopment RFP for 800 South Washington Avenue or the "Guthrie Liner Parcel" is available on the City's [website](#) (under Downtown).

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