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MEDIA ALERT

Letter: Century City selection for USPS truck production could lift community

In a jointly signed letter sent today (**attached**) to John Pfeifer, Oshkosh Defense President and Chief Operating Officer, a **nine-member majority of the Milwaukee Common Council** urge the company to locate the production of the United States Postal Service Next Generation Delivery Vehicle (NGDV) at the Century City Business Park.

The letter emphasizes the special history of the location (former A.O. Smith Corp./Tower Automotive plant location) and the unique moment in American history that could transform the lives of thousands of city residents in a positive direction.

In part, the letter – spearheaded by **Alderman Khalif J. Rainey**, whose 7th Aldermanic District includes the business park – states: “In the world of development, uncertainty is often the rule and clarity elusive. With a new administration in Washington committed to both the redevelopment of American industry and the cause of economic and social justice, this seems a rare, simpler, moment. These NGDVs represent an exciting step toward not only improving the service provided by the USPS, but in demonstrating the benefits of using cleaner energy in corporate vehicle fleets. Looked at another way, they are about the future. This is a future in which those who live and work near Century City deserve to share.”

The letter also congratulates Oshkosh Defense on securing the contract to build the new USPS vehicles, stating: “It is a tribute to the generational success of your corporation that a contract of this consequence was awarded in the face of international competition.”

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Letter to Oshkosh Defense/ADD ONE

On why Oshkosh Defense should select the Century City location, the Council members letter states: "Once the home of A.O. Smith Corp./Tower Automotive, Inc., this is a site ready-made for a use of this type. The City of Milwaukee has already made substantial investments to prepare for just such a purpose and our Department of City Development stands ready to make certain that what few gaps may remain are closed to your satisfaction.

What is more, the jobs this contract will create are precisely those that once brought family-supporting, long-term employment to generations of men and women who lived in the neighborhoods surrounding the factory. Some of us saw at first-hand and all of us have heard of the opportunities provided. These companies were the heart of their community and they, in turn, built lives around them. The Common Council and the Mayor have worked in the intervening years to find the right fit to make these opportunities more than a memory."

In **breaking news**, tomorrow (**Tuesday, March 2**) the full Common Council will take up a file for immediate adoption that addresses the issue directly. Council file #201487 is titled: "**Resolution urging Oshkosh Defense to build the Next Generational Delivery Vehicles for the United States Postal Service at the Century City Business Park.**"

Tomorrow's virtual meeting of the full Common Council will begin at 9 a.m. and will be televised live on the City Channel (channel 25 on Spectrum Cable and channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse in the City of Milwaukee) and via streaming video on the city website at city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.



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Mr. John Pfeifer
President and Chief Operating Officer, Oshkosh Defense
c/o Oshkosh Corporation
2307 Oregon St.
Oshkosh, WI 54902

Dear Mr. Pfeifer:

We write first to congratulate Oshkosh Defense on securing the contract to build the United States Postal Services' (USPS) Next Generation Delivery Vehicle (NGDV). It is a tribute to the generational success of your corporation that a contract of this consequence was awarded in the face of international competition.

We also write to urge you locate the production facility to fulfill this contract within Milwaukee's Century City Business Park. Once the home of A.O. Smith Corp./Tower Automotive, Inc., this is a site ready-made for a use of this type. The City of Milwaukee has already made substantial investments to prepare for just such a purpose and our Department of City Development stands ready to make certain that what few gaps may remain are closed to your satisfaction.

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We look forward to hearing from you and working with you to make this a reality.

Sincerely,



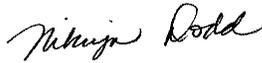
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