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**Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request 2020-DA-02836-F
First Interim Response**

Dear Mr. Evers and Mr. Salvador:

This is the Departmental FOIA Office's (DFO) **first interim response** to the above referenced FOIA request. This correspondence also responds to the matter of *American Oversight, et al. v. U.S. Department of Agriculture, et al.*, Civil Action No. 20-1259-EGS, currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

The pending Complaint in the above referenced matter is based on USDA's alleged failure to comply with the applicable time-limit provisions of the FOIA in response to American Oversight (AO) and the Union of Concerned Scientist's (UCS) request for the following:

All records reflecting site visits to the location finalists for the relocation of the USDA's Economic Research Service and National Institute of Food and Agriculture. This request includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- i. Records sufficient to identify all federal officials, employees, and/or contractors invited to attend each site visit;*
- ii. Records sufficient to identify all federal officials, employees, and/or contractors who actually attended each site visit;*
- iii. Any documents identifying the buildings visited;*
- iv. Itineraries and/or agendas;*
- v. Briefing or other informational materials;*
- vi. Any hard copy materials provided to federal officials, employees, and/or contractors during the site visits;*
- vii. Any handwritten or electronic notes taken during site visits;*

- viii. *Summaries of any site visits created after the fact; and*
- ix. *All email and text communications relating to the site visits, and attachments thereto.*

Please provide all responsive records from May 3, 2019, through June 13, 2019.

On March 17, 2020, pursuant to USDA regulation 7 C.F.R. § 1.4(c), the DFO routed a copy of your request to the Research, Education, and Economics (REE) mission area for processing and direct response to you.

Subsequently, on May 18, 2020, pursuant to USDA regulation 7 C.F.R. § 1.4(e)(2), the DFO referred three (3) pages of responsive records to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for processing and direct response to you.

Your request is being processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

Search Efforts

An electronic search for responsive records was conducted by the Client Experience Center's (CEC) eComply team. The DFO reviewed a total of three hundred sixty (360) pages of emails and the accompanying attachments. These pages are being released today with Bates numbers 0001-0360 and conclude the electronic search. The manual search is ongoing.

The DFO has determined certain information contained in the records released in this interim response should be withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), (b)(5), and (b)(6) (FOIA Exemptions 4, 5, and 6). Below is an explanation of the information that has been withheld.

Application of 5 U.S.C §552(b)(4) "FOIA Exemption 4"

Exemption 4 of the FOIA protects "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person [that is] privileged or confidential." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). The exemption covers two distinct categories of information in federal agency records, (1) trade secrets, and (2) information that is (a) commercial or financial, and (b) obtained from a person, and (c) privileged or confidential. In this instance, the DFO is withholding a company's presentation of information and materials compiled in response to the USDA's Letter of Intent request, including incentives at the state and local government levels. We have determined that these records contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private by the business submitters. Therefore, the information is considered confidential.

Application of 5 U.S.C §552(b)(5) "FOIA Exemption 5"

FOIA Exemption 5 protects from disclosure those "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency." 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(5). This language is construed to protect records that are normally privileged in the civil discovery context, including through the deliberative process

privilege and the attorney-client privilege. As an initial matter, the information withheld meets the threshold requirement because it is contained in internal emails sent between federal employees. Where possible, the DFO has determined to make discretionary releases of information that falls within the protection of Exemption 5.

In this instance, the DFO is withholding, under the deliberative process privilege, pre-decisional inter- and intra-agency discussions and briefings on agency actions relating to the Economic Research Service (ERS) and National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) relocation and the relocation initiative's corresponding site visits, including documents that fall under the consultant corollary doctrine, draft decision letters, and proposed agendas. Disclosure of such information would have a chilling effect on the ability of agency officials to engage in free and frank discussions regarding policy but also may cause confusion on the agency's actual position on the policy at issue.

The DFO is also withholding information under the attorney-client privilege. This privilege protects confidential communication between an attorney and his/her client relating to a legal matter for which the client has sought professional advice. Although this privilege fundamentally applies to facts divulged by a client to his/her attorney, this privilege also encompasses any opinion given by an attorney to his/her client based upon those facts, as well as communications between attorneys that reflect client supplied information. In this instance, the DFO is withholding information that would reveal the subject matter of client inquiries to counsel and the substantive content of communications between clients and their counsel.

Application of 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) "FOIA Exemption 6"

FOIA Exemption 6 permits the government to withhold information regarding individuals in "personnel, medical and similar files" when the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and where such privacy interests outweigh any public interest that would be advanced by disclosure. For purposes of the FOIA, the public interest is advanced when disclosure of the requested information educates the public about the activities of the government.

The information withheld under Exemption 6 consists of cell phone numbers, unpublished business contact information, email addresses belonging to employees of the Executive Office of the President (EOP), travel information, personal reflections, and conference call access codes. This information qualifies as "similar files" because it is information in which individuals have a privacy interest. The release of cell phone numbers, unpublished business contact information, and email addresses belonging to EOP employees could subject individuals to unwarranted or unsolicited communications, or even harassment. Moreover, a significant privacy right exists in EOP employees' contact information, and that disclosure would not explain government activities if the employees and the offices they work for are otherwise identified in the record. Here, the names of the EOP employees whose email addresses have been redacted are disclosed and their email addresses have been redacted in such a way as to permit the identification of the individuals to which they pertain. Although the release of individuals' travel information or personal reflections would not likely result in unsolicited communications, this information is private in nature and its release does not shed light on governmental operations. Regarding the

conference call access codes, participants of a conference call have a privacy interest in ensuring that no uninvited person is listening in on their calls. The release of passcodes could undermine the privacy of those calls. Since there is a viable privacy interest that would be threatened by disclosure, Exemption 6 authorizes this office to withhold the information. Accordingly, the DFO has determined that the public interest in the information's release does not outweigh the overriding privacy interests in keeping it confidential.

In light of the matter *American Oversight, et al. v. U.S. Department of Agriculture, et al.*, Civil Action No. 20-1259-EGS, currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, administrative appeal rights are not being provided in this response letter.

If you have any questions or concerns about this interim response or the pending civil action, please contact John Truong, Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice at John.Truong@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,



Alexis R. Graves
Departmental FOIA Officer
Office of the General Counsel

Enclosures: Responsive Records (219 pages, Bates Nos. 0001-0360)

From: [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Accepted: Site Visit Ethics Brief/Training

From: [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Esch, Michele - ARS](#)
Subject: Accepted: Site Visit Team meeting with Relocation Advisory Team (NIFA & ERS)

From: [Johansson, Robert - OCE](#)
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From: do-not-reply@concursolutions.com
To: robert.johansson@usda.gov
Subject: ATTN: A ConcurGov Document Awaits Your Attention
Date: Thursday, May 30, 2019 9:12:54 AM

TRAVEL DOCUMENT AWAITING
ATTENTION

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05/30/19

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Destination: INDIANAPOLIS, IN requires your attention.

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T-ENTERED

TRIP DETAILS:

Travel Authorization Number: (b)(6)

TDY Location: INDIANAPOLIS,
IN

Trip Departure Date: 05/19/19

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To: [Sindall, Johanna](#); [Corder, Christopher - OCP, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: ERS & NIFA Site Visit Report Back

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To: [Variyam, Jay - ERS](#); [Esch, Michele - ARS](#); [Hartley, Chris - ERS](#); [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Angle, Scott - NIFA](#); [Hutchins, Scott - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Leibtag, Ephraim - ERS](#); [Ver Ploeg, Shelly - ERS](#); [Astill, Gregory - ERS](#); [Ferguson, Cathi - ERS](#); [Bersani, Peter - ERS](#); [Gibbs, Robert - ERS](#)
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Cc: [Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Knupp, Courtney - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [CLS1, SLC1 - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Leibtag, Ephraim - ERS](#); [Johansson, Robert - OCE](#)
Subject: Final Site Visit Roster
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2019 1:48:02 PM

All:

Please see the final list approved by Dep Sec to attend the site visits:

- Don Bice
- Scott Hutchins
- Scott Angle
- Chris Hartley
- Jay Variyam
- Michele Esch

Look forward to seeing you in 202B at 330 for site visit ethics training. If you can't attend the training in person please dial in.

Thank you!
Kailee



Kailee M. Tkacz

Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary
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From: [Francisco E Rodriguez](#)
To: [Esch, Michele - ARS](#); [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); Kristi.Boswell@osec.usda.gov; [Knupp, Courtney - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FOUO: Briefings
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 11:16:03 AM
Attachments: [FOUO USDA Community and Site Visit Overview vFDraft.pptx](#) [FOUO USDA Site Visit Objectives DRAFT v3.pptx](#) Attachment 1 (5 pages) and Attachment 2 (5 pages) withheld in full under FOIA Exemption 5: Deliberative/Pre-decisional (Bates Nos. 0018-0027)

Referenced briefings previously shared

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Subject: FW: Additional Buildings Proposed for Site Tours
Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 8:43:06 AM
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[220%20NORTH%20MERIDIAN.PDF](#)
[Renner Ridge Corp Center - Lenexa KS.PDF](#)
[Sprint Campus - Overland Park KS.PDF](#)
[Thrive Building - KCMO.PDF](#)

For us to consider and discuss with them at our call at noon. We will also (b)(5) DPP

Please let me know if you are not able to make the meeting at noon.

Michele

Michele Esch

Special Projects Coordinator

Executive Director, NAREEE Advisory Board

U.S. Department of Agriculture

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Cc: Catherine Von Seggern <(b)(6)@ey.com>; Francisco E Rodriguez

<(b)(6)@ey.com>

Subject: Additional Buildings Proposed for Site Tours

Hello Michele,

(b)(5) DPP

Thank you.

Regards,
Sanat Valecha

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Additional Buildings Proposed for Site Tours

Monday, May 13, 2019
7:18 PM

Durham-Chapel Hill, NC (1 new building)

555 S. Mangum Street, Durham, NC

- BUILDING SIZE: 11 stories / 242,063 RSF (approx. 17,000 RSF of retail)
- Available SF = 145,110 SF (Floors 4-10)
- Cost = \$34.50 psf (full-service gross)
- DELIVERY DATE: Q4 2019
- Website: <http://www.555mangumst.com/>

Indianapolis, IN (1 new building)

220 North Meridian, Indianapolis, IN

- Available SF = 131,110 SF (floors 6-10 - each floor is 26,222 SF)
- Cost = \$24.50 psf (full-service gross)
- Available now; new amenities (parking garage, restaurant, renovated lobby, conference center, tenant lounge with rooftop will be completed by end of Q2 2019, beginning of Q3 2019)
- Website: <http://www.220northmeridian.com/>

Kansas City, MO-KS (2 new buildings)

Renner Ridge Corporate Center, 9701 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, Johnson, KS

- 119,083 available SF of 129,321 total SF
- \$24.95 psf

Sprint Campus, 6330 Sprint Parkway, Overland Park, KS

- 300,000 available SF of 4,000,000 total SF
- \$19.50 psf plus utilities (estimated \$1.65)

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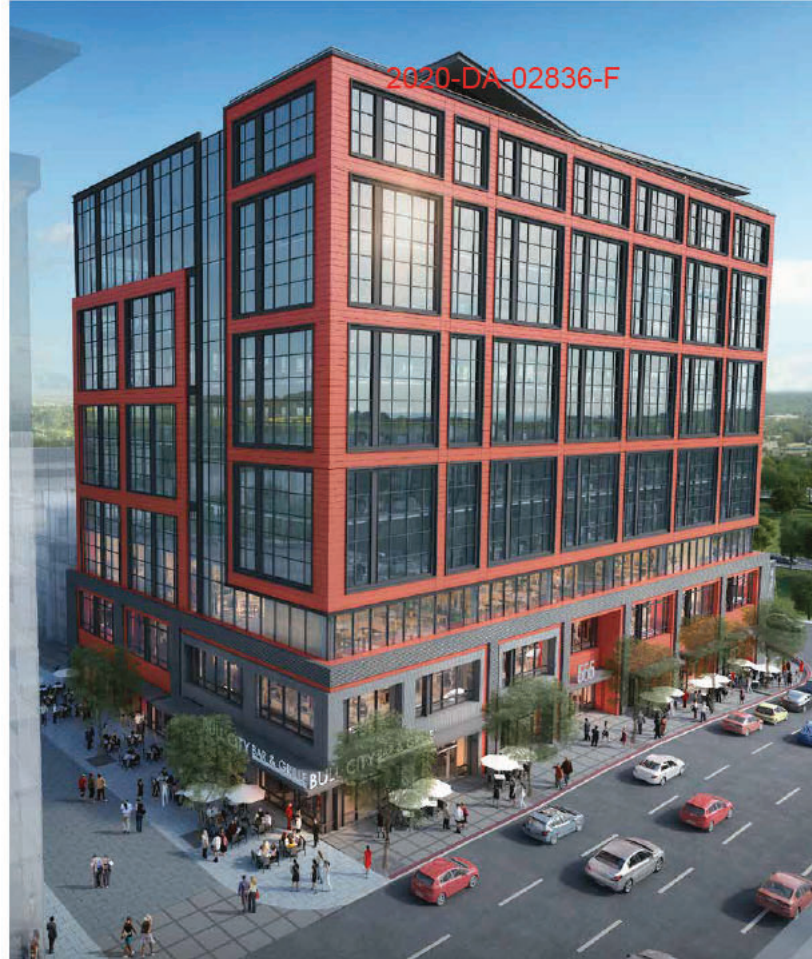
555 Mangum Street is ideally located in the heart of downtown Durham, just off the Durham Freeway at the intersection of Mangum Street and Jackie Robinson Drive. It is directly adjacent to entertainment hotspots - Durham Performing Arts Center (DPAC) and the Durham Bulls Athletic Park, and boasts an amenity-rich walkable urban environment with close proximity to the American Tobacco Historic District, award-winning restaurants and craft breweries. This highly visible mixed-use development will complement downtown's most engaging neighborhood in which to live, work and play in Durham.

LOCATION AMENITIES

- Trophy office featuring an iconic skyline defining location with outstanding visibility
- Immediate access to the Durham Freeway
- Adjacent to DPAC, Durham Bulls Athletic Park and the American Tobacco Historic District
- More than 50 restaurants within walking distance
- Adjacent to the American Tobacco Trail (running, walking, biking)

BUILDING AMENITIES

- Ground floor amenities including a state-of-the-art fitness facility with locker rooms, and a courtyard plaza with retail opportunities
- Unparalleled office amenities including a rooftop lounge, restaurant and conference center, with views into the Durham Bulls Athletic Park
- Adjacent to the Residences at Van Alen, a 400 unit high-end residential development



Property Overview

ADDRESS

555 S. Mangum Street, Durham

BUILDING SIZE

11 Stories / 242,063 RSF (Approx: 17,000 RSF of retail)

FLOOR PLATE

Level 2 - 3 - Leased

Level 4 - 8 - 24,190 RSF - Available

Level 9 - 24,160 RSF - Available

Level 10 - 24,155 RSF - Available

PARKING

Garage parking available in the adjacent deck

SUSTAINABILITY

Targeting a minimum of LEED Silver Certification

DELIVERY DATE

Scheduled for Q4-2019 completion

OTHER

4 High speed elevators with direct office access, interior loading dock, first floor amenities and retail

Ground Floor Plan

17,686 RSF Retail and/or Office

For additional retail information, contact:

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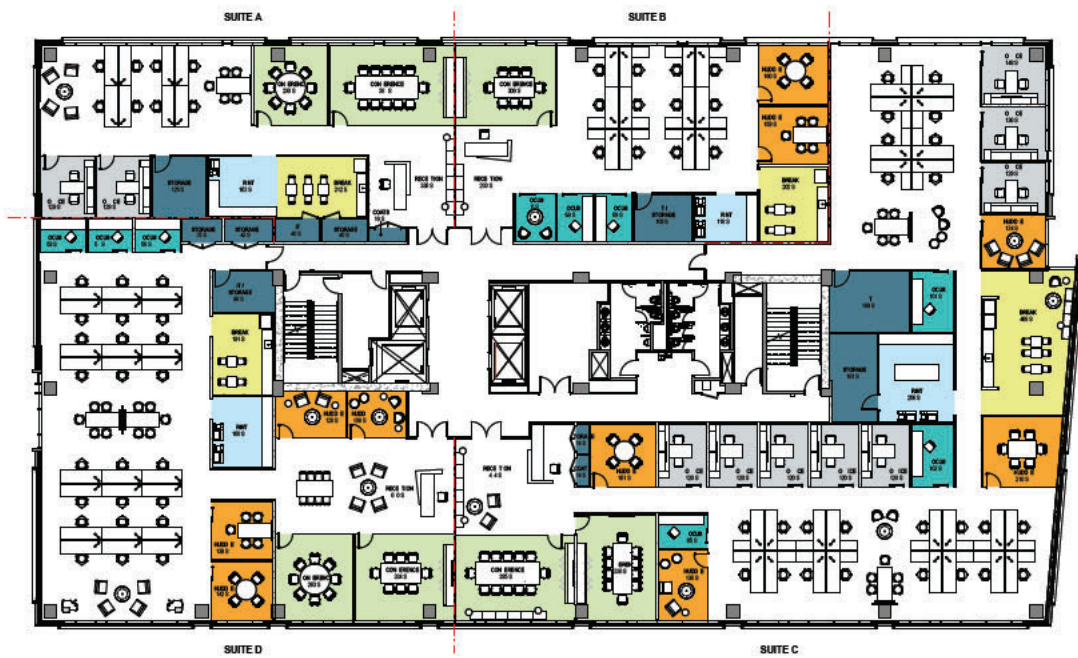
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**Test Fit: Multi-tenant**

4 Suites

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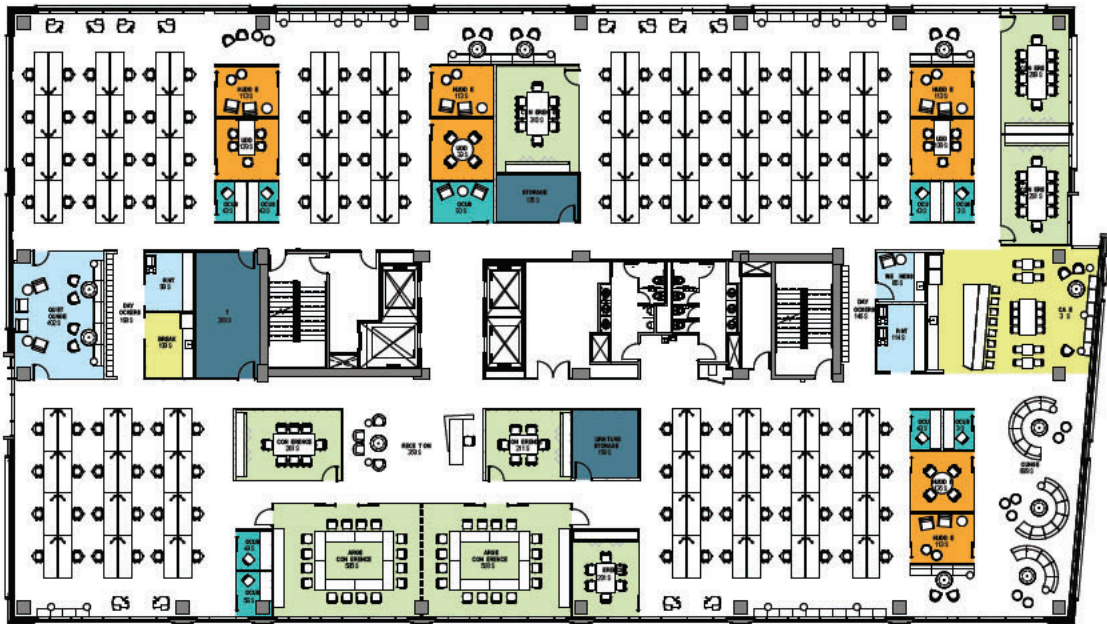
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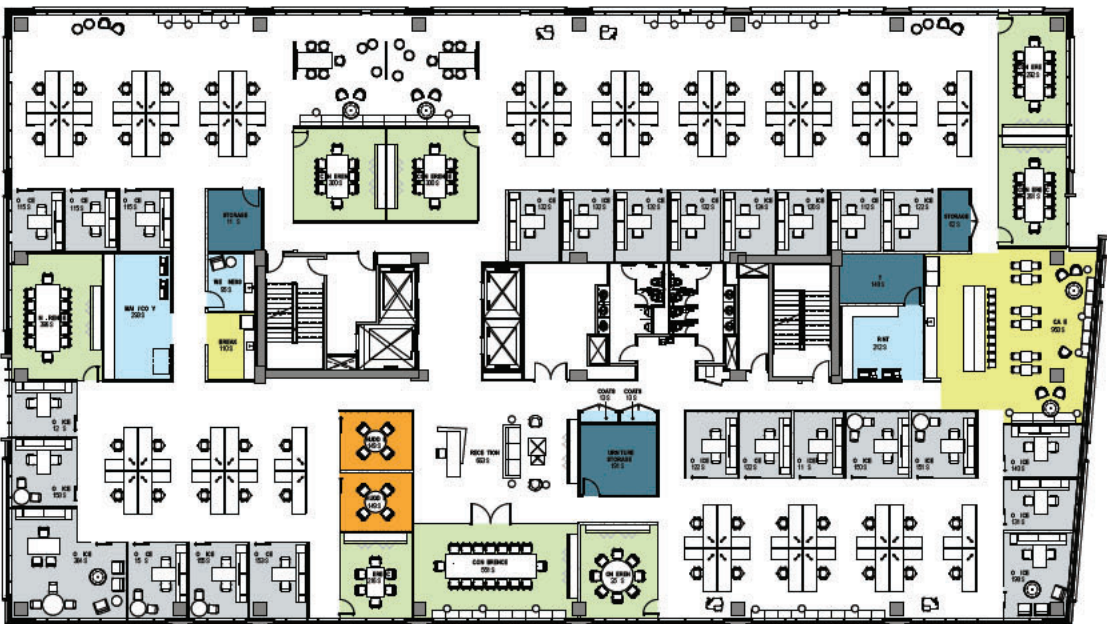
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Test Fit: Open Office

Full Floor

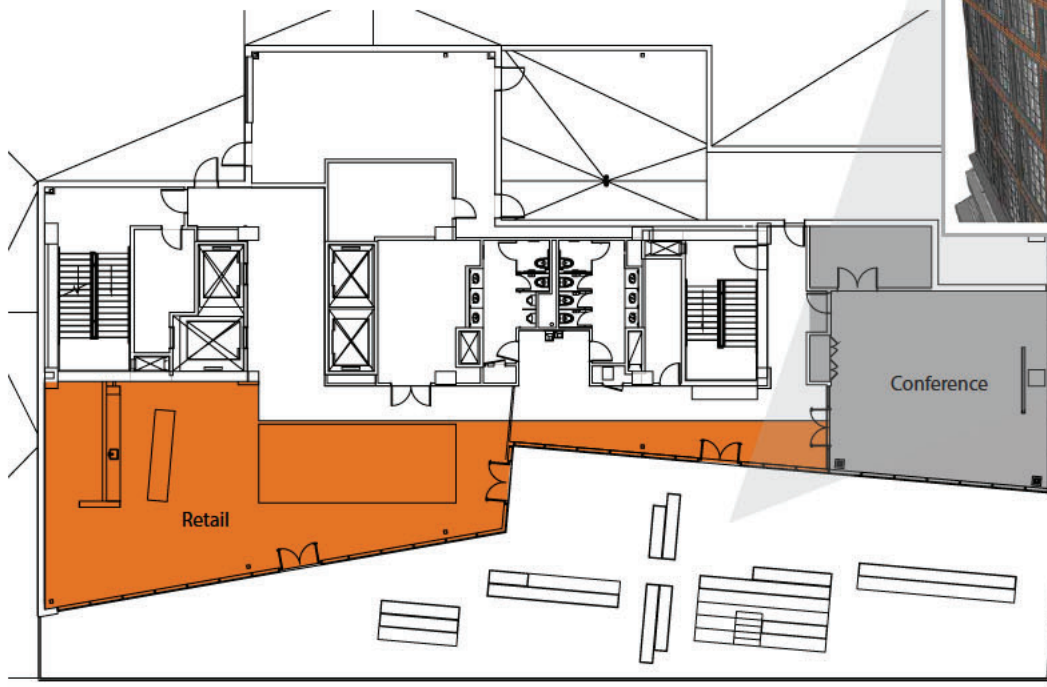
**Test Fit: Closed Office**

Full Floor





Rooftop Amenity Plan



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3. Durham Performing Arts Center
4. Full Frame Theater
5. The Cage Basketball Court
6. Durham Bulls Athletic Park
7. YMCA
8. Food Truck Rodeo
9. Tyler's Tap Room
10. Mellow Mushroom
11. Tobacco Road Sports Café
12. Moe's Southwest Grill

13. The Cuban Revolution
14. Saladelia Café
15. Only Burger
16. Basan Sushi
17. NANASteak

DOWNTOWN LOOP

18. Revolution
19. Bull City Burger and Brewery
20. Mateo Bar de Tapas
21. Blue Coffee Café
22. Dos Perros
23. Rue Cler
24. Whiskey
25. Toast Paninoteca
26. Scratch Bakery
27. Pinhook
28. Carolina Theatre

29. The Cupcake Bar
30. Dame's Chicken & Waffles
31. The Parlour
32. Pizzeria Toro
33. Alley Twenty Six
34. Pompieri Pizza
35. Old Havana Sandwich Shop
36. Loaf

GEER STREET / CENTRAL PARK

37. Fullsteam Brewery
38. Geer Street Garden
39. Motorco
40. Cocoa Cinnamon
41. Manbites Dog Theater
42. The Pit

43. King's Sandwich Shop
44. Piedmont
45. Durham Farmer's Market

BRIGHT LEAF DISTRICT / WEST VILLAGE

46. Parker & Otis
47. Alivia's Durham Bistro
48. Lilly's Pizza
49. The Federal
50. Chamas Churrascaria
51. Fishmongers
52. James Joyce Irish Pub
53. Bull McCabes
54. Mt. Fuji Asian Bistro & Sushi
55. West End Wine Bar
56. Gonza Tacos y Tequila

HOTELS

57. Aloft Durham Downtown
58. Marriott
59. 21c
60. The Durham

RESIDENTIAL

61. 605 West
62. Whetstone
63. West Village
64. Living: American Tobacco
65. Liberty Warehouse Apartment
66. Gateway Residential Development (under construction)

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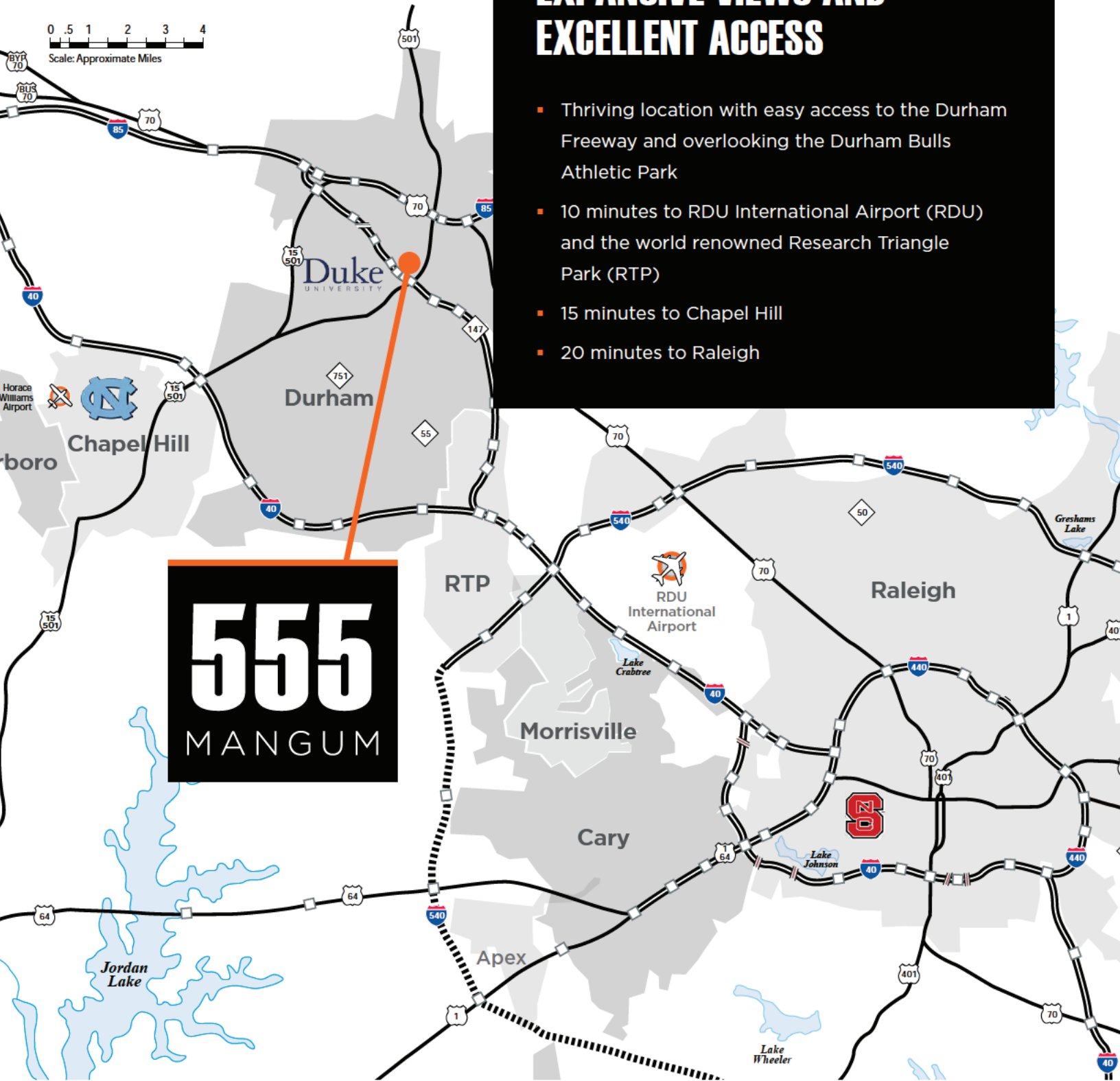
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- Thriving location with easy access to the Durham Freeway and overlooking the Durham Bulls Athletic Park
- 10 minutes to RDU International Airport (RDU) and the world renowned Research Triangle Park (RTP)
- 15 minutes to Chapel Hill
- 20 minutes to Raleigh



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PRIME OPPORTUNITY

With new ownership and an extensive redevelopment plan, 220 North Meridian brings a new Class A building to the downtown market. Renovation plans include top of the line amenities, a parking garage and new ground level retail.

220 North Meridian presents one of the largest contiguous blocks of space in Indianapolis with approximately 131,110 s.f. available. The prestigious North Meridian address puts tenants in the heart of a thriving downtown within walking distance to an abundance of restaurants, hotels, sporting venues, shopping and cultural destinations.

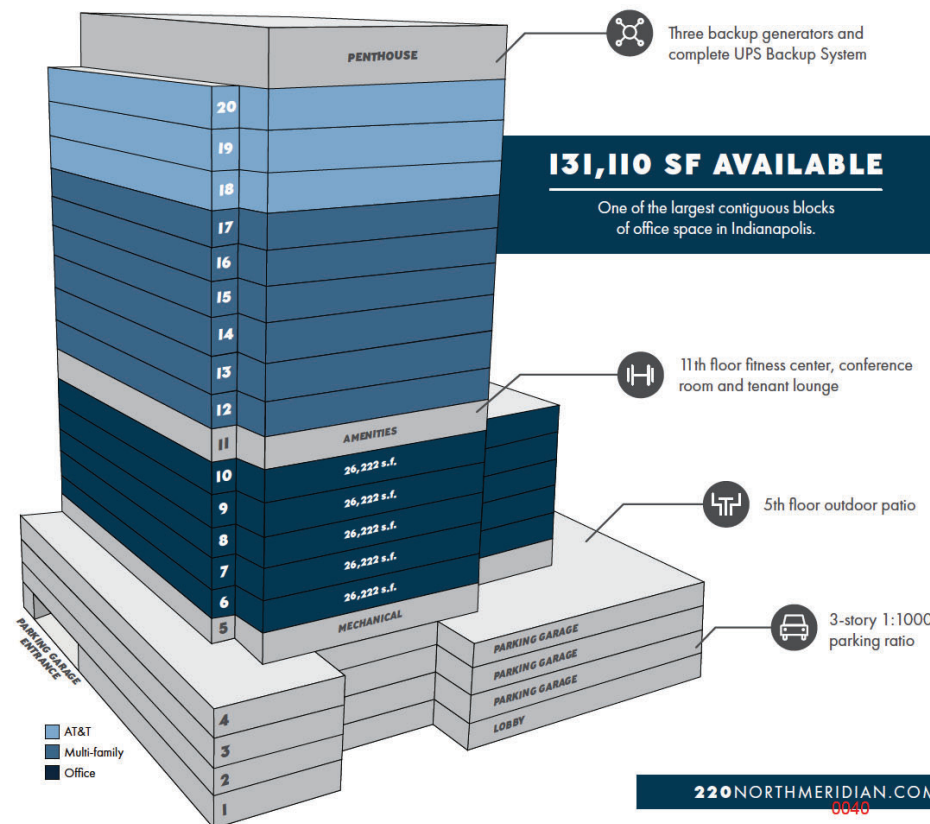
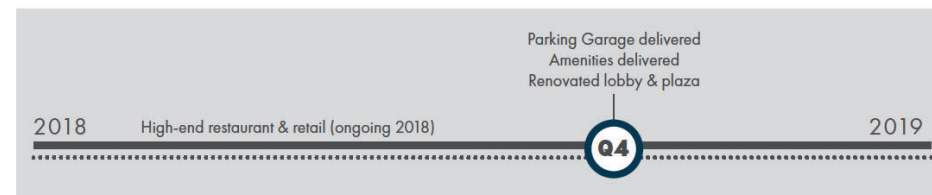


PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS

-  Top of the market amenities – restaurants, fitness center, on-site security, tenant lounge, conference center
-  Located in the heart of the CBD, one block north of Monument Circle
-  Top of building signage available
-  Prestigious North Meridian address
-  Newly constructed parking garage with Meridian Street entrance/exit with a 1:1,000 parking ratio
-  New retail to include ground level restaurants with outdoor seating
-  Three backup generators and complete UPS backup system
-  One of the largest contiguous spaces in Indianapolis
-  5th floor outdoor patio



RENOVATION TIMELINE





— **220** NORTHMERIDIAN.COM —

Renner Ridge Corporate Center



9701 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, Johnson, KS 66219

129,321 total sq. ft.
119,083 sq. ft. available
\$24.95/sq. ft./year

Regional Rep: Jill McCarthy, KCADC
816.374.5636 | mccarthy@thinkkc.com

State Rep: Alicia Hutchings, KDOC
913.205.8521 | alicia.hutchings@ks.gov

Local Rep: Blake Schreck, Lenexa Chamber
913.888.1414 | bschreck@lenexa.org

Current Owner: Kiewit Corporation
Broker: Ryan Biery, Copaken Brooks
(b)(6) | rbiery@copaken-brooks.com

U.S. Senators: Jerry Moran (R), Pat Roberts (R)
U.S. Representative: Sharice Davids (D)

Real Estate Cost Overview

The rent per square foot is \$24.95/sq. ft./year.

Local Incentives Overview (Supplemental to State Incentive Proposal)

The City of Lenexa and the Lenexa Chamber of Commerce/EDC can streamline the planning process and expedite any permitting or approvals that might be necessary as the building is retrofitted for the USDA team. The city's Community Development staff is available to meet with USDA representatives at any time to explain the process and lay out a plan to meet whatever timeline is necessary. Lenexa is a growing community and has successfully located a number of projects of this magnitude.

Why this location in the KC Region?

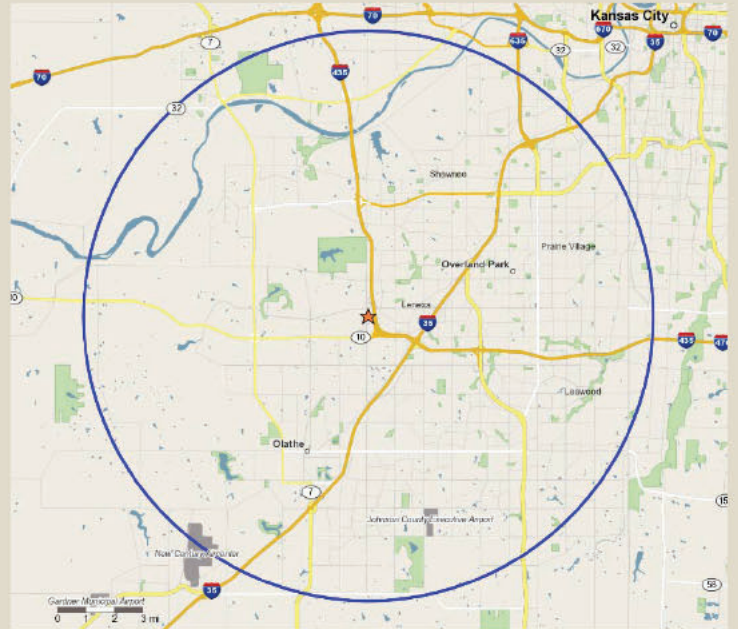
9701 Renner Boulevard is located within the highly desirable Renner Ridge Corporate Center, which sits in the path of Kansas City's rapidly growing Johnson County, Kansas suburbs, overlooking nature trails and water features. This Class A building was constructed in 2002 and contains approximately 129,321 gross sq. ft. It sits on approximately 13.2 acres and contains 582 parking spaces (5 per 1,000). The site has capacity for additional 40,000 sq. ft. building expansion with parking. The property is extremely well maintained by owner occupant and includes a 480 KVA generator, UPS and computer room, and transfer switch for portable generator. It has Cat 5 cabling, wire cabling trays throughout the building, and dual preaction sprinkler in the data center.

Renner Ridge Corporate Center is conveniently located near the I-435 and 95th Street interchange. I-435 is a 6-lane highway that loops the Kansas City metro area, providing businesses within Renner Ridge access to anywhere in the metro within 30 minutes. Renner Ridge is also located near the I-435 and K-10 interchange, providing a 20-minute commute to Lawrence, Kansas, home of the University of Kansas.

Lenexa is an upscale community located in Johnson County on the Kansas side of the KC metro. It is the fastest growing city in the state over the last decade, and has been recognized by a number of national publications as one of the country's best places to live, and one of the best cities in the country to raise a family. Lenexa draws workers from the entire Kansas City region and imports over 50,000 workers into town each day.

2018 Demographics – Based on 10 mi. Radius

Total Population	577,528
Population Density (per Sq. Mi.)	1,836.04
Median Age	37.6
Average Household Income	\$110,070
Race and Ethnicity	
American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut	0.4%
Asian	5.0%
Black	5.4%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.0%
White	83.0%
Other	3.2%
Multi-Race	3.0%
Hispanic Ethnicity	8.6%
Not of Hispanic Ethnicity	91.4%
Educational Attainment:	
Total Population Age 25+	390,955
High School Graduate	95.1%
Bachelor's Degree	52.0%
Graduate Degree	19.1%



Source: eSite, Alteryx, Inc.

POPULATION

Kansas City, MO-KS MSA

 **2,143,651**

 United States • 327,167,434

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Estimates of the Resident Population: July 1, 2018.

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Kansas City, MO-KS MSA

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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Feb. 2018.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Kansas City, MO-KS MSA

91.5% **HIGH SCHOOL**
Graduate or Higher
 88% USA AVG.

36.5% **BACHELOR'S**
Degree or Higher
 32% USA AVG.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Population 25 years and older.

HOUSING

Kansas City, MO-KS MSA

 **\$204,000**
MEDIAN SALES PRICE OF EXISTING
SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES

 **\$257,600**
US AVG. MEDIAN SALES PRICE OF
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Source: National Association of Realtors, 4Q 2018.

Sprint Campus



6330 Sprint Parkway
Overland Park, Johnson, KS 66211

4,000,000 total sq. ft.
300,000 sq. ft. available
\$19.50/sq. ft./year plus utilities (\$1.65)

Regional Rep: Jill McCarthy, KCADC
816.374.5636 | mccarthy@thinkkc.com

State Rep: Alicia Hutchings, KDOC
913.205.8521 | alicia.hutchings@ks.gov

Local Rep: Beth Johnson, Overland Park Chamber
913.766.7612 | bjohnson@opchamber.org

Current Owner: Sprint United Management Co.,
by end of May 2019, Occidental Management
will take ownership

Broker: Bob Fagan, CBRE
816.968.5821 | bob.fagan@cbre.com

U.S. Senators: Jerry Moran (R), Pat Roberts (R)
U.S. Representative: Sharice Davids (D)

Real Estate Cost Overview

The rent per square foot is \$19.50/sq. ft./year plus utilities (\$1.65).

Local Incentives Overview (Supplemental to State Incentive Proposal)

The Overland Park Economic Development Council will reimburse the USDA for fees paid to the Kansas Department of Commerce for incentive programs. The fees are \$750/program, with reimbursement up to \$3,000. Additionally, the Overland Park EDC has discretion to provide assistance to companies creating new jobs in the community. The funds can be used to develop a personalized training program through any of the area education providers. The City of Overland Park's Planning & Development Services staff can support your needs in a variety of ways, including the appointment of a dedicated staff person, on-call planning and engineering staff, and an Online Development Center where building permits and projects can be tracked and processed anytime, anywhere. We all want to see you up and running in your new operation as quickly as possible.

Why this location in the KC Region?

The Sprint Campus is a 200-acre tract with 4 million sq. ft. of existing office space, 60% green space, covered walkways, 5,000 trees, an outdoor amphitheater, athletic fields, and hiking and biking trails. It is rich with amenities including large indoor and outdoor gathering spaces, dining, facilities, gymnasium, fitness center, walking trails and tennis courts. The Campus is a peaceful environment comprised of a mixture of three, four, and five story buildings that are constructed of reinforced concrete with brick veneer and stone accents. They boast spacious lobbies with French limestone floors, wood wall panels, 9'6" ceiling heights and first class office furnishings. Features include excellent information technology and telecommunications infrastructure with diverse fiber optic connectivity. The Campus is bounded by major thoroughfares on all four sides and is within one mile of Interstate 435. There are multiple access locations to The Campus as there are six points of ingress and egress. A very generous parking ratio of 6.0 per 1,000 can be accommodated.

Overland Park has many attributes that make it an attractive city for businesses to maintain and grow operations. They offer an inviting corporate environment, highlighted in recent years by the addition and/or retention of major operations for companies like Creative Planning, Intouch Solutions, KeyBank, Mariner Wealth Advisors, and Netsmart Technologies. Overland Park also provides a corporate home to Black & Veatch, Financial Engines, Waddell & Reed and YRC Worldwide.

Overland Park's workforce is strengthened by the presence and programming of Johnson County Community College, the University of Kansas-Edwards Campus, and the K-State Olathe Campus. In Johnson County, 55.8% of the population holds a bachelor's degree or higher.

Thrive



2555 Grand Boulevard
Kansas City, Jackson, MO 64108

595,607 total sq. ft.
105,026 sq. ft. available
\$17.50/sq. ft./year

Regional Rep: Jill McCarthy, KCADC
816.374.5636 | mccarthy@thinkkc.com

State Rep: Deborah Price, Missouri Partnership
314.725.0949 | deborah@missouripartnership.com

Local Rep: Cathleen Flournoy, Economic
Development Corporation of Kansas City
816.691.2128 | cflournoy@edckc.com

Master Landlord: RMR Group
Sublandlord: Shook, Hardy, & Bacon
Broker: Bob Fagan, CBRE
816.968.5821 | bob.fagan@cbre.com

U.S. Senators: Roy Blunt (R), Josh Hawley (R)
U.S. Representative: Emanuel Cleaver II (D)

Real Estate Cost Overview

The rent per square foot is \$17.50/sq. ft./year. Tenant Improvement (TI) funding may be negotiated.

Local Incentives Overview (Supplemental to State Incentive Proposal)

Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) Real Property Tax Abatement – USDA will be eligible to receive a 100 percent property tax abatement on improvements made to real property for a period of 25-years. Real Property investment is needed to perform financial analysis estimate.

Chapter 100 Personal Property Tax Abatement – USDA will be eligible to receive a 75 percent ad valorem tax abatement on personal property over a period of 10-years.

- **Estimated abatement:** \$26,268 per year, will fluctuate with depreciation

Economic Activity Tax (EATs) Redirection – There may be opportunity through a cooperative agreement with the City of Kansas City, Missouri to redirect the economic activity tax created by the USDA. EATs subject to this offer include City sales tax, City earnings tax, and City utility tax generated at this location. The terms of this agreement would be up to five years and not to exceed \$250,000.

Expedited Permitting – Expedited permitting through the City's Priority Plan Review is available. Any additional fees incurred may be waived by the City Manager of Kansas City, Missouri.

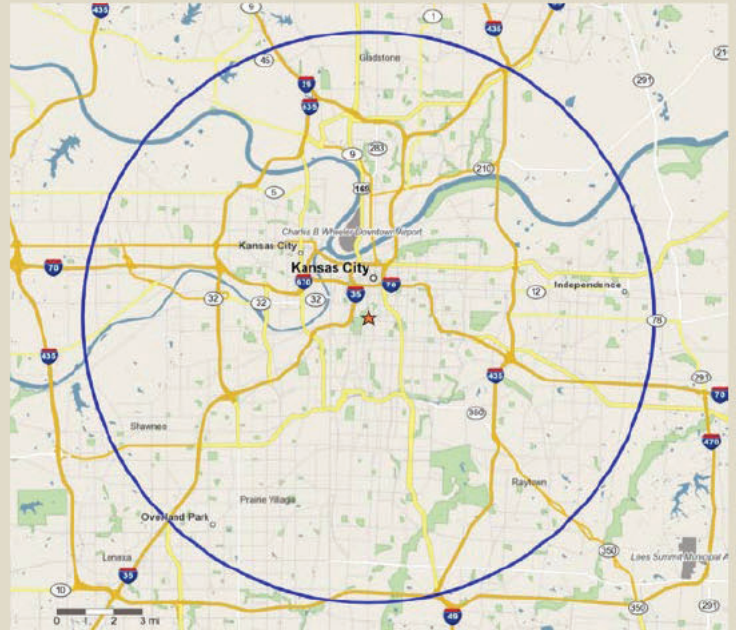
Why this location in the KC Region?

2555 Grand features premier Class A office space in downtown Kansas City. The building is connected by sky-walk to Union Station and Crown Center. The property includes sweeping views and interesting architecture helping tenants attract and retain the best talent in the market, not to mention an impressive space for clients to visit. The Crown Center area features first class dining, retail amenities, banking, hotels, and is just steps from Kansas City's Streetcar line. No other address in Kansas City's Central Business District offers the mixture of location, proximity to amenities as well as the ability to have a first class atmosphere at an aggressive lease rate. Take a tour of 2555 Grand – Prosper, Flourish, Thrive.

2018 Demographics – Based on 10 mi. Radius

Total Population	729,613
Population Density (per Sq. Mi.)	2,319.47
Median Age	36.0
Average Household Income	\$67,294
Race and Ethnicity	
American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut	0.6%
Asian	3.0%
Black	23.0%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.2%
White	62.5%
Other	7.0%
Multi-Race	3.7%
Hispanic Ethnicity	15.1%
Not of Hispanic Ethnicity	84.9%
Educational Attainment:	
Total Population Age 25+	496,704
High School Graduate	86.5%
Bachelor's Degree	29.9%
Graduate Degree	11.1%

Source: eSite, Alteryx, Inc.



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Subject: RE: Digital Takeaway and Other Questions

Hi Michele,

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Please see below. Thank you!

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Regards,
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Subject: Digital Takeaway

Hello Michele,

Passing along a question we received from the NC EOI applicant. Please see the message below.

“(b)(5) DPP
Would you (b)(5) DPP
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Thank you.

Regards,
Sanat Valecha



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Don –

These letters are (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]
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Thank you.

Courtney

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Importance: High

Attached are final drafts for letters from ASA Don Bice to host contacts in cities (2 rejections, 1 acceptance). (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]

Please advise by noon Wed if you see any issues.



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Sincerely,

Donald K. Bice
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration

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Subject: North Carolina- Letter of Intent and complete follow up

Catherine, Christine and Sanat-

Attached is a summary letter explaining the various levels of support for USDA's relocation to the Research Triangle Region of North Carolina. Additionally, I've included a letter from NC Representative Jason Saine, Senior Chair for Appropriations Committee, outlining the state incentive. For your reference, our federal delegation provided a letter of support earlier this week, which is also included as an attachment.

Please note that the local municipalities in Wake and Durham counties were unable to provide a value for their incentives, as no investment figures for the project have been shared to date. Each of these communities is eager to work with USDA on determining incentives once our region has been selected as the destination for NIFA and ERS. It is also imperative from the local perspective to announce only the selection of North Carolina or the Research Triangle Region, in order to preserve the but-for clause relating to incentives.

We have worked diligently this week to address all follow-up items we discussed in our final debrief conversation with the USDA representatives. All updated information can be located in the Sharefile Folder- [USDA Relocation- NC Triangle Region Takeaways](#). The information is organized in the following manner:

1. Follow up from Triangle Visit

- Table of Contents

- Sites Available-Wake & Durham County

- Letters of Support from all municipalities and NC General Assembly

- Relocation Package for Employee Relocation Assistance

2. Additional Documents

- Area Maps

- Commercial Real Estate- Market Info

- Initial Expression of Interest Letters of Support, and letter from May 16-17 visit

- May 16-17 Site Visit Materials

- Relocation Support Materials

- Special Needs Support

- AgBiotech Firms and Resources Map

- K12 Data- School System Comparison

- Metro Comparison Analysis

- NC State University USDA NIFA-ERS Accolades

Please let me know if you need us to send hard copies of this follow up information to share with the USDA project team!

Hope you're all looking forward to a relaxing Memorial Day weekend

Thank you,

Laura

Laura Johnson Lee

Business Recruitment Manager- Food Processing
Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina

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The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary
US Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue,

North Carolina is supportive of the US Department of Agriculture relocating the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and the Economic Research Service (ERS) outside the national capital area, and is honored that the Research Triangle Region is among the three finalist communities.

In our recent site visit with your project team, we hosted discussions with top leaders from our legislature, agricultural agencies, academic partners, federal government representatives and business community. Each of these partners recognize the prestigious reputation of NIFA and ERS, and that their presence in our Research Triangle community would elevate our region's significance to the global intellectual agricultural capital.

The State of North Carolina intends to provide incentives for the anticipated relocation of NIFA and ERS, which would result in 568 new positions within the Research Triangle Region. The North Carolina General Assembly is working on incentive legislation that will achieve up to \$10.5 million in lease support over three years.

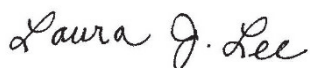
Local municipalities are ready to discuss options for incentives with the USDA upon selection of the Research Triangle Region.

Our estimation of support for USDA employee relocation is valued at \$371,760, which includes the following services/assets:

- Resource Library
- Work in the Triangle
- On-site Relocation Fair
- Resource Fair in the Triangle
- Services for relocation employees

It would be our immense pleasure to welcome NIFA and ERS to our Research Triangle Region of North Carolina.

Thank you,



Laura Johnson Lee
Business Recruitment Manager- Food Manufacturing
Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina



North Carolina General Assembly
House of Representatives

REPRESENTATIVE JASON SAINÉ
97TH DISTRICT

Friday, May 24, 2019

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary
US Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I am excited to work with the US Department of Agriculture in order to bring the new headquarters site for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and the Economic Research Service (ERS) to North Carolina's Research Triangle region.

Since the Research Triangle region was announced as a finalist in May, my office, along with other leaders in the North Carolina General Assembly, have been actively working on incentive package legislation. We are committed to working with the Department to find solutions that will work for the USDA. We believe a strong incentive package should be based on the following foundation: Up to \$3.5 million a year for three (3) years for Class A office space in the RTP region, granted directly from the NC Department of Agriculture to the USDA's landlord in RTP.

As you finalize plans for your relocation, I hope you know that you will always have a strong partner in the North Carolina General Assembly. North Carolina is one of our nation's agricultural leaders and would be a natural fit for the USDA, the NIFA and ERS.

Sincerely,

Rep. Jason R. Saine
Senior Chair, Committee on Appropriations



Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 22, 2019

Secretary Sonny Perdue
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave SW
Washington, D.C. 20252

Dear Secretary Perdue:

We understand there are plans underway to possibly relocate the Economic Research Service (ERS) and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to outside of Washington, D.C. Should USDA move forward with its plans, we ask that you give our great state of North Carolina your full consideration.

Agriculture is a cornerstone of North Carolina's economy, comprising our state's industry with an economic impact of \$87 billion and supporting 686,200 jobs across the state. North Carolina's diverse topography coupled with its year-round temperate climate and rich soils have allowed North Carolina to become one of the most agriculturally diverse states in the nation, cultivating almost ninety different crops.

North Carolina's vibrant agriculture industry is also attributable to partnerships with our state's world-renown universities. North Carolina is home to two land grant universities, North Carolina State University and North Carolina A&T University. In addition, Duke University and the University of North at Carolina at Chapel Hill, two U.S. News and World Report top ranked universities, are centrally located within a twenty mile radius of North Carolina State University, and Raleigh-Durham International airport.

The Raleigh-Durham area has experienced tremendous growth over the last decade largely due to ample job opportunities, low-cost of living, and the overall high quality of life offered from the area's expanding recreational and cultural opportunities.

As representatives of North Carolina, we stand ready to assist you with providing any further information about our state's countless attributes, and we look forward to further discussions about North Carolina's resources, talent, and access that make it an exceptional candidate for ERS and NIFA's new home.

Sincerely,



Thom Tillis
United States Senator



Richard Burr
United States Senator



David E. Price
Member of Congress



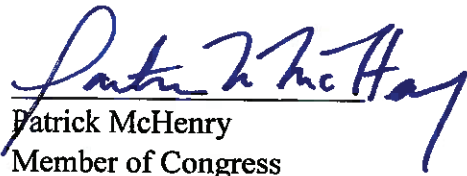
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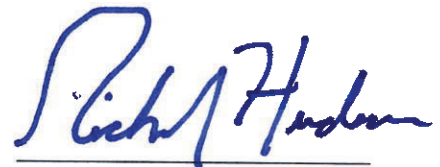
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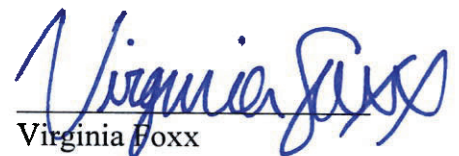
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To: [Hutchins, Scott - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Angle, Scott - NIFA](#); [Hartley, Chris - ERS](#); [Variyam, Jay - ERS](#); [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: North Carolina Site Visit Briefing Book
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 11:09:25 AM
Attachments: [FOUO USDA Site Visit Briefing Book Research Triangle, NC vF.pdf](#)

Attachment (29 pages) withheld in full under
FOIA Exemption 5: Deliberative/Pre-decisional
(Bates Nos. 0066-0094)

See attached for the briefing book EY has prepared for us for the NC visit. You do not need to print this; they will be bringing copies for us. Please do not distribute further.

Thanks!
Michele

Michele Esch

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Subject: North Carolina Site Visit Briefing Book

Hello Michele,

Attached is an electronic version of the briefing book we prepared to support the NC site visit. We will bring printed copies for each USDA participant.

Thank you.

Regards,
Sanat Valecha



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From: Don.Bice@usda.gov on behalf of [Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Tiffany Simon - PTC](#)
Subject: FW: Site Visit Ethics Brief/Training

The ethics briefing I mentioned in my earlier email. Call in number provided.

Don

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From: Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 4:52 PM

To: Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC; Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC; Esch, Michele - ARS; Hutchins, Scott - OSEC, Washington, DC; Knupp, Courtney - OSEC, Washington, DC; Angle, Scott - NIFA; Hartley, Chris - ERS; Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC; Bender, Stuart - OE, Washington, DC; Young, Benjamin - OGC, Washington, DC

Cc: Variyam, Jay - ERS

Subject: Site Visit Ethics Brief/Training

When: Thursday, May 9, 2019 3:30 PM-4:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: 202B and 888-844-9904 Code: (b)(6)

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Subject: FW: State of Indiana USDA Letter of Intent
Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 8:57:28 AM
Attachments: [USDA - Indiana LOI - 5.23.19.pdf](#)
Importance: High Attachment (6 pages total) - 4 pages withheld in full under FOIA Exemption 4 (Bates Nos. 0101-0104)

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Sent: Friday, May 24, 2019 3:21 PM
To: Esch, Michele - ARS <Michele.Esch@ARS.USDA.GOV>
Subject: FW: State of Indiana USDA Letter of Intent
Importance: High

Hi Michele,

Please find the Indiana LOI attached, in case you didn't see it already.

Note that each of the communities within Indiana have their own individual LOIs (with details on the buildings, temporary space, local incentives, etc.) enclosed and hyperlinked from Page 5 of the attached PDF.

Thank you!

Regards,
 Sanat Valecha

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Cc: Vinson, Kim <KVinson@iedc.IN.gov>; Staton, Jim <jstaton@iedc.IN.gov>
Subject: State of Indiana USDA Letter of Intent

Importance: High

Kurt, Catherine, Sanat –

On behalf of the IEDC I wanted to thank you for your time and attention put into this project, and especially thank your client for its thoughtful consideration and the opportunity for us to showcase Indiana and some of the great communities we have throughout Central Indiana.

Per E&Y's and USDA's request, attached is a single State of Indiana Letter of Intent. This LOI itself contains an outline and formal proposal of the IEDC's and DWD's offer of incentives and services. You will also see links to each of the respective local communities' offers that are incorporated by reference. Each of these have been included as addendums and are presented in the order in which the communities were visited during USDA's visit.

Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Kim with any questions.
Best regards,

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May 23, 2019

U.S. Secretary Sonny Perdue
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Washington D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue,

It was a pleasure to meet with members of your team earlier this week here in Indiana and to reiterate what I know to be true – that the Hoosier state is not only the best place to locate the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service (ERS) and National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA), but that Indiana will be the best partner in supporting a smooth transition and creating a partnership that will ensure success for years to come.

As you well know, Indiana *is* agriculture. It's in our blood. Here in the heart of the Heartland, you'll be in good company with close proximity and easy access to a network of industry leaders and partners like the Future Farmers of America and its annual national convention, Purdue University, Beck's Hybrids, Corteva Agriscience, and Elanco – to name a few. Across the state, these organizations and more are educating tomorrow's workforce and developing high-tech solutions to support farmers and feed the world for generations to come.

Indiana, more importantly though, is looked to as a leader and a model for success, whether that's in agriculture or beyond. When Forbes made a decision to expand its AgTech Summit beyond the West Coast, they chose Indiana. And when President Trump's administration needed to build a team with unmatched expertise, they tapped our leaders. Leaders like Seema Verma, administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, who was the architect of Indiana's revamped consumer-driven healthcare program, and Dan Coats, Director of National Intelligence, who spearheaded efforts to strengthen our national security and intelligence community throughout his 24-year tenure in Congress. Most recently, our efforts to advance workforce training and talent programs was recognized when I was asked to serve as one of only two Governors on the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board.

This is not only a testament to our people, but to the environment we've built here that allows them to succeed. In fact, U.S. News & World Report named Indiana No. 1 in the country for government efficiency – a nod to an attribute that we enjoy as the status quo. It allows us to move at the speed of business and enables us to lead with innovative programs and policy, like transforming our Department of Commerce into a public-private organization that has helped get us to record levels of employment, or developing new initiatives to encourage communities to collaborate and work together to invest more than \$2 billion in quality of place projects, or passing a long-term, fully-funded infrastructure plan.

So while this proposed relocation may be unprecedented and may be ruffling feathers in Washington D.C., it's not shocking to us. In fact, we welcome the opportunity to be part of such a unique initiative that could very well create a new model for success.

Not only will USDA feel at home here in Indiana, but I'm confident that your leadership and your teams will too. With less traffic and more affordable housing, employees will have a plethora of neighborhoods to choose from, whether that's urban living or a cozy suburb, and still be within a



quick commute – by foot, scooter, car or bus – to the office. And with lower taxes and lower costs of living than D.C., they'll be sure to see more of their hard-earned dollars, creating new opportunities for them and their families.

In Indiana, we're known for our Hoosier hospitality, welcoming new neighbors, new businesses and thousands of visitors annually with open arms. We are excited to add USDA to our Hoosier family, and we stand ready to create a strong support system and be a partner in this move every step of the way. Together, in Indiana, we can take agriculture to the Next Level.

Sincerely,

From: [Taylor, Ityan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: tiffany.simon@gsa.gov
Cc: [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: Travel Arrangements
Date: Monday, May 13, 2019 3:29:34 PM

Hey Tiffany,

Please see below flights/hotels for the upcoming travel. I have already booked all flights/hotels/rental cars...hoping there are little to no changes. Please note, Mr. Bice will **not** be traveling home with the group on 5/23.

Flights - May 15th, 2019

AA 05:35pm DCA > 07:00pm RDU

Hotels in Raleigh/Durham - May 15-17, 2019

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Flights - May 17th, 2019

Southwest 04:15pm RDU > 5:25pm BWI

Flights - May 19, 2019

Southwest 03:40pm BWI > 05:25pm IND

Hotels in Indianapolis/Fayetteville - May 19-21, 2019

Sunday, May 19, 2019: (b)(6)

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Monday, May 20, 2019: (b)(6)

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Flights - May 21, 2019

United 06:20pm IND > 06:44pm ORD > 9:22pm MCI (layover in Chicago O'Hare)

Hotels in Kansas City - May 21-23, 2019

Homewood Suites by Hilton - Kansas City Speedway

Flights - May 23, 2019

AA 04:08pm MCI > 07:45pm DCA

AA 05:00pm MCI > 06:25pm MKE > 10:00pm DCA

AA 06:15pm MCI > 09:40pm BWI

From: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 3:24 PM
To: Tiffany Simon - PTC <tiffany.simon@gsa.gov>
Cc: Taylor, Ityran - OSEC, Washington, DC <ityran.taylor@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Travel Arrangements

Tyra should be reaching out if she hasn't already.

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From: Tiffany Simon - PTC <tiffany.simon@gsa.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 2:53:02 PM
To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: Travel Arrangements

Good afternoon Mr. Bice,

I wanted to reach out to see where you all were with your travel plans. My leadership is wanting to view the schedule.

Thanks,

Tiffany

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From: [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Don Bice](#)
Subject: FW: Travel Itineraries for ERS/NIFA
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 1:22:09 PM
Attachments: [Raleigh-Durham Travel Itinerary.pdf](#)
[Indianapolis-Fayetteville Travel Itinerary.pdf](#)
[Kansas City - St. Louis Travel Itinerary.pdf](#)

From: Taylor, Ityan - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 4:15 PM
To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@usda.gov>
Subject: Travel Itineraries for ERS/NIFA

Good afternoon Sir,

Please see the attached. I separated the travel itineraries for the ERS/NIFA site visits.

You're flying American Airlines, United and Southwest...please download the apps for your eTickets.

Thank you,
Tyra

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Flight Outbound - May 15th, 2019

American Airlines 5661 Airline Record Locator WDEYRN
05:35pm DCA > 07:00pm RDU

Car Rental

Budget Rent-A-Car Confirmation (b)(6)
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Hotel

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Confirmation (b)(6)
Address (b)(6)

Flight Inbound – May 17th, 2019

Southwest Airlines WN1143 Airline Record Locator VCQXPG
04:15pm RDU > 5:25pm BWI

Flight Outbound – May 19, 2019

Southwest Airlines WN5428 Airline Record Locator VDIJ5F
03:40pm BWI > 05:25pm IND

Car Rental

Avis Rent-a-Car Confirmation (b)(6)
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Hotel – Indianapolis

(b)(6) Confirmation (b)(6)
Address: (b)(6)

Hotel – Fayetteville

(b)(6) Confirmation (b)(6)
Address: (b)(6)

Flight Outbound – May 21, 2019

United Airlines 5441 Airline Record Locator E3HV2B
06:20pm IND > 06:44pm ORD > 9:22pm MCI

Flight Outbound – May 21, 2019

United Airlines 5441 Airline Record Locator E3HV2B
06:20pm IND > 06:44pm ORD > 9:22pm MCI

Car Rental

Avis Rent-A-Car Confirmation (b)(6)
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Hotel

Homewood Suites Kansas City Speedway Confirmation (b)(6)
Address: 10922 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66109, United States +1 (913) 288-9999

Flight Outbound – May 24, 2019

Southwest Airlines WN2100 Airline Record Locator VDIJ5F
06:30am MCI > 07:30am STL

Flight Inbound – May 24, 2019

Southwest Airlines WN1875 Airline Record Locator VDIJ5F
05:55pm STL > 08:50pm BWI

From: Michele.Esch@ARS.USDA.GOV on behalf of [Francisco E Rodriguez Sindall, Johanna](#); [Corder, Christopher - OCP, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Sindall, Johanna](#); [Corder, Christopher - OCP, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: USDA Touchpoint: Site Visit Updates

All,

Don and I are required. Everyone else is based on availability. If you are available, please attend.

Michele

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Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 3:52 PM

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Subject: USDA Touchpoint: Site Visit Updates

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Subject: FW: USDA-KC Follow-Up Items #1808005
Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 8:57:01 AM
Attachments: [KC Region Childcare,Adult Daycare,Long Term Care.xlsx](#)
[KC Region Hotel and Conference Centers.xlsx](#)
Importance: High

Good morning.

I hope everyone had a nice Memorial Day weekend and recovered from our travels last week.

Below is follow up information from Kansas City. I am sending additional items from the other two EOIs directly after this email.

Michele

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Sent: Sunday, May 26, 2019 7:07 PM
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Subject: FW: USDA-KC Follow-Up Items #1808005
Importance: High

Follow-up information from KC.

Thanks!

Regards,
 Sanat Valecha

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Cc: Tim Cowden <Cowden@thinkkc.com>; Kim Young <Young@thinkkc.com>; Jason Klumb <(b)(6)>; Emily McVey <mcvey@thinkkc.com>; Jessica Palm <Palm@thinkkc.com>
Subject: USDA-KC Follow-Up Items #1808005
Importance: High

Catherine and Sanat,

I hope that you've sufficiently recovered from the whirlwind site visits across the U.S. on behalf of the USDA ERS and NIFA headquarters operations search. I also hope that you've had a chance to dive into the <https://www.usdakc.com> website (user: usdakc / password: (b)(6)) along with the KC book and materials provided during your visit here.

Please find attached and below the follow-up information requested relative to opportunities in the KC region.

For starters, we talked about the local AIM financial incentive that applies only to specific buildings in Kansas City, Missouri. The 805 Pennsylvania Building (State Street) and the Lightwell/City Center Square buildings are both confirmed as being able to utilize the AIM incentive from Port KC. At this time, I do not have confirmation on the Thrive Building or the Crown Center location. As a reminder, the Kansas incentive proposal is fully available at both Kansas locations - Renner Ridge Corporate Center (Kiewit) and the Sprint Campus.

We discussed the opportunity to bring a panel of relocation ambassadors to present to the teams in Washington, D.C., and to meet one-on-one with any existing employees that would like to explore assets and amenities in the KC region. Our team's representatives will reflect a large variety of topics including residential relocation (rent or own), school districts, lifestyle, diversity, healthcare and more. We utilize Meeting Mojo as an online tool for confidential sign-ups related to specific topics.

The first Excel file attached is a high-level overview of child daycare and elder care options in the KC region. It is not meant to be all-inclusive list. Still, the many tabs within the document provide a look at child care opportunities as well as the complete range of elder care options from adult daycare to graduated care, assisted living, skilled nursing and memory care options.

The second Excel file provides a quick look at major hotels with meeting room space, and a slightly more in-depth look at potential conference facilities near the six (6) buildings under review.

Lastly, you asked about crime data. Finding firm, uniform crime data is frustratingly difficult ... there is no source which provides apples to apples comparative data. Some lists will rank Kansas City high in crime. Keep in mind, however, the "City" of Kansas City represents less than one quarter of the MSA. Like many metropolitan areas, crime is an issue in the urban core which is also home to the highest levels of concentrated poverty. Efforts to focus more economic development in the urban core are making progress.

2015 FBI crime data shows that 60% of the metro's violent crimes occurred in Kansas City, Missouri (KCMO). Within KCMO, 52% of violent crime takes place in 10 zip codes. For reference, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) identifies 195 zip codes in the core 9-county area of the KC region. The FBI 2015 data (the last year the KC MSA was included) shows a metro violent crime rate of 536 per 100,000 which is 18th among included metros with at least 500,000 population. This is lower than peer metros such as Milwaukee, Nashville and Indianapolis. The property crime rate for KC was lower down the list to 29th with 2,945 crimes per 100,000.

The USDA is evaluating Class A office opportunities in the broader KC region ... none of which would or could be considered within a high crime area.

Please let me know if there is anything more than we can provide to you! KC is uniquely suited for success with the USDA NIFA and ERS operations. While change is painful at first, we know in our hearts that the members of the USDA will soon call KC "home" in every sense of the word.

And while I'm traveling this week (b)(6), I'll keep my eye on email and I'm available at any time via my mobile at (b)(6).

My very best wishes,

Jill

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Day Care 1	Holy Name School	Holy Name School	Montessori Academy	Montessori Academy	All Around Child Center For Exploration & Development	Canterbury Preparatory School
Address	1007 Southwest Boulevard	1007 Southwest Boulevard	2939 Cherry Street	2939 Cherry Street	9205 W 133rd Street	11197 S Ambassador St
City State	Kansas City, KS 66103	Kansas City, KS 66103	Kansas City, MO 64108	Kansas City, MO 64108	Overland Park, KS 66213	Olathe, KS 66061
Phone	913.722.1032	913.722.1032	816.561.7664	816.561.7664	913.339.9798	913.339.6633
Additional Information	PreK thru 8th Grade	PreK through 8th Grade	Infant thru Preschool	Infant thru Preschool	Infant thru Before/After School Care	Infant thru Before/After School Care
Day Care 2	Montessori Academy	Montessori Academy	Notre Dame de Sion	Notre Dame de Sion	Canterbury Preparatory School	Country Kids Day Care
Address	2939 Cherry Street	2939 Cherry Street	3823 Locust	3823 Locust	6820 W 121st Street	8745 Bourgade St
City State	Kansas City, MO 64108	Kansas City, MO 64108	Kansas City, MO 64109	Kansas City, MO 64109	Overland Park, KS 66209	Lenexa, KS 66219
Phone	816.561.7664	816.561.7664	816.753.3810	816.753.3810	913.339.6633	913.888.9400
Additional Information	Infant thru Preschool	Infant thru Preschool	PreK thru 8th Grade	PreK thru 8th Grade	Infant thru PreK	Infant thru PreK
Day Care 3	Notre Dame de Sion	Notre Dame de Sion	Operation Breakthrough	Operation Breakthrough	La Petite Academy	La Petite Academy
Address	3823 Locust	3823 Locust	3039 Troost Ave	3039 Troost Ave	11114 Antioch Rd	15039 W 86th St
City State	Kansas City, MO 64109	Kansas City, MO 64109	Kansas City, MO 64109	Kansas City, MO 64109	Overland Park, KS 66210	Lenexa, KS 66215
Phone	816.753.3810	816.753.3810	816.756.3511	816.756.3511	913.469.1006	913.492.4183
Additional Information	PreK thru 8th Grade	PreK thru 8th Grade	Infant thru PreK	Infant thru PreK	Infant thru Before/After School Care	Infant thru Before/After School Care
Day Care 4	Union Hill Day School	Union Hill Day School	Union Hill Day School	Union Hill Day School	Kiddi Kollege, Inc.	The Whole Child Development Center
Address	2911 Main Street	2911 Main Street	2911 Main Street	2911 Main Street	13041 Briar Street	9740 Rosehill Rd
City State	Kansas City, MO 64108	Kansas City, MO 64108	Kansas City, MO 64108	Kansas City, MO 64108	Leawood, KS 66209	Lenexa, KS 66215
Phone	816.756.2911	816.756.2911	816.756.2911	816.756.2911	913.239.8882	913.495.9797
Additional Information	Infant thru Kindergarten	Infant thru Kindergarten	Infant thru Kindergarten	Infant thru Kindergarten	Infant thru Before/After School Care	Infant thru Before/After School Care

Larger KC Metro Daycare Options

[Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City](#)

[Country Kids Day Care, Inc.](#)

[Creative World](#)

[Jewish Community Center Child Development Center](#)

[Kinder Care Learning Center](#)

[La Petite Acadamy](#)

[Spectrum Station Early Learning Center](#)

[St. Joseph Early Education Center](#)

[YMCA of Greater Kansas City](#)

Adult Daycare

[Benton House](#)

6 in region

[Hope Health Adult Day Care](#)

[Loving Arms Adult Day Care](#)

[Northland Adult Day Center](#)

[SummitView Terrace](#)

[The Carousel Adult Day Center](#)

[Truman Ridge Adult Day Center](#)

[Village Shalom Adult Day Care](#)

Graduated Adult Care

[Brookdale Senior Living](#)

3 in region

[John Knox Village](#)

[Kingswood Senior Living Community](#)

[Santa Marta Retirement Community](#)

[Tallgrass Creek](#)

[Wexford Place](#)

Graduated adult care includes a continuing care retirement community providing villas and/or apartments to assisted living, memory care and with transition to nursing care.

Assisted Living

[Addington Place](#) 4 in region

[Benton House](#) 6 in region

[Bickford Senior Living](#) 3 in region

[Bishop Spencer Place](#)

[Brookdale Senior Living](#) 1 in region

[Cross Creek at Lee's Summit](#)

[Delmar Gardens](#)

[Glenwood Village of Overland Park](#)

[McCrite Plaza at Briarcliff](#)

[Oxford Grand](#)

[Primrose Retirement Community](#)

[Rockhill Manor](#)

[SummitView Terrace](#)

[Sunrise Senior Living](#) 4 in region

[The Forum at Overland Park](#)

[Villages of Jackson Creek](#)

Skilled Nursing Care

[Advent Health Care Center](#)

[Bishop Spencer Place](#)

[Brighton Gardens of Prairie Village](#)

[Carondelet Place](#)

[Claridge Court](#)

[Delmar Gardens](#)

2 in region

[Lakeview Village](#)

[Maple Wood Healthcare Center](#)

[McCrite Plaza at Briarcliff](#)

[Promise Skilled Nursing Facility](#)

[Riverside Nursing & Rehabilitation Center](#)

[Sharon Lane Health Services](#)

[St. Joseph Place](#)

[The Forum at Overland Park](#)

[Villages of Jackson Creek](#)

Memory Care

[Addington Place](#) 4 in region

[Benton House](#) 6 in region

[Bickford Senior Living](#) 3 in region

[Cross Creek at Lee's Summit](#)

[Garden Terrace at Overland Park](#)

[McCrite Plaza at Briarcliff](#)

[Morningside Place](#)

[Oxford Grand](#)

[Seasons Memory Care](#)

[Stonecrest at Burlington Creek](#)

[Sunrise Senior Living](#) 4 in region

[The Gardens at Barry Road](#)

[Villages of Jackson Creek](#)

Area	Hotel	Rooms	Meeting Rooms	Maximum Contiguous Meeting Room Sq. Ft.
Downtown - Crown Center	KC Marriott Downtown	983	42	17,040
	Loews KC Convention Center Hotel (Opening 2020)	800	22	60,000
	Sheraton KC Hotel at Crown Center	730	22	17,487
	Westin KC at Crown Center	724	30	16,090
	Crowne Plaza KC Downtown	385	10	5,591
	Hotel Phillips KC	217	10	1,720
	Hilton President KC	213	9	4,488
	Aladdin Holiday Inn Hotel	193	3	2,760
	Courtyard by Marriott KC Downtown	153	2	3,056
	Residence Inn by Marriott KC Downtown	108	2	3,056
	TOTAL	4,506	152	
Country Club Plaza - Westport	InterContinental KC at the Plaza	366	20	11,868
	Marriott Country Club Plaza	295	18	5,628
	Embassy Suites Country Club Plaza	266	12	3,360
	Sheraton Suites Country Club Plaza	257	6	1,340
	Holiday Inn Country Club Plaza	240	8	2,580
	Hampton Inn & Suites Country Club Plaza	203	7	3,261
	The Fontaine	132	6	5,700
	TOTAL	1,759	77	
North - KCI Airport	Harrah's Casino and Hotel	392	10	10,000
	Marriott KCI Airport	382	17	4,510
	Hilton KCI Airport	347	21	6,570
	Argosy Casino Hotel & Spa	258	14	7,844
	Embassy Suites by Hilton KCI Airport	237	15	10,656
	Four Points by Sheraton KC Airport	200	8	3,000
	Ameristar Casino Hotel KC	184	6	5,700
	The Elms Resort Spa & Conference Center	153	8	4,005
	Holiday Inn KCI Airport	141	12	70,000
	Courtyard Marriott at Briarcliff	123	12	7,200
	TOTAL	2,417	123	
East	Adam's Mark Hotel & Conference Center	369	20	9,039
	Hilton Garden Inn - Independence	200	8	11,000
	Drury Inn & Suites KC - Independence	180	2	2,184
	Four Points by Sheraton KC - Sports Complex	167	6	2,400
	Courtyard KC East - Blue Springs	121	11	7,936
	TOTAL	1,037	47	
Southwest & West (Kansas)	Sheraton Overland Park Hotel at the Convention Center	412	14	10,800
	Marriott Overland Park	398	17	10,010
	Doubletree KC - Overland Park	356	19	9,000
	Crowne Plaza Hotel KC - Overland Park	257	9	3,900
	Embassy Suites by Hilton KC - Olathe	257	9	13,000
	Embassy Suites - Overland Park	199	4	625
	Drury Inn & Suites - Overland Park	165	1	814
	Courtyard by Marriott - Convention Center	168	5	1,188
	Hilton Garden Inn - KC Kansas	147	2	1,375
	TOTAL	2,359	80	
GRAND TOTAL		12,078	479	

Source: KC Convention Hotels 2019

Convention Center	Description
Kansas City Convention Center	Encompassing more than 800,000 sq. ft., the Kansas City Convention & Entertainment Facilities can serve all your meeting needs under one roof. The eight-square block convention and special event facility has 388,800 sq. ft. of column-free exhibit space on one floor; 48 state-of-the-art meeting rooms; a 2,400 seat fine arts theater; an arena that sits more than 10,700 people and a unique outdoor festival plaza. And not only is it all in one location, the complex is connected to major downtown hotels and parking by skywalks and underground walkways. The facilities are within a couple blocks and up to 1.5 miles from the four Class A buildings under consideration.
Loews KC Convention Center	Opening in Spring 2020, the facility will feature more than 60,000 sq. ft. of meeting and event space which will connect direct to the Kansas City Convention Center with a new connector bridge.
Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts	The 1,800-seat Muriel Kauffman Theatre features illuminated balconies encircling the vast 5,000 sq. ft. stage. The 1,600-seat Helzberg Hall includes a Casavant Organ as the visual centerpiece behind an expansive stage. Brandmeyer Great Hall features a four-level curtain wall of glass providing a stunning skyline backdrop and accommodates up to 450 seated guests, or 1,000 for a reception-style event. Also adjacent to all buildings under consideration downtown KCMO.
Overland Park Convention Center	The ballroom offers 25,000 sq. ft. for occasions of all types and sizes, with 7,354 sq. ft. of courtyard meeting rooms, and 58,500 sq. ft. of exhibition halls attached to the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel. The OPCC is 1.6 miles to the Sprint Campus and 8.7 miles to Renner Ridge Corporate Center.
BEST Conference Center	At the University of Kansas-Edwards Campus, the BEST Conference Center seats 50-380 and the Regnier Hall Auditorium seats 230. KU-Edwards is 6.8 miles to Renner Ridge Corporate Center and 4.7 miles to the Sprint Campus
Capital Federal Conference Center and Carlsen Center	Located at the Johnson County Community College, the 5,000 sq. ft. conference center can accommodate up to 330 people. The 190-seat M.R. and Evelyn Hudson Auditorium in the Nerman Museum on campus is also available. Yardley Hall is the largest of three theatres in the Carlsen Center at JCCC. Its total seating capacity is 1,341 divided on four levels - orchestra, tier, balcony and box. The Polsky Theatre has total seating capacity of 424 on two levels. JCCC is 5.1-5.2 miles to Renner Ridge or Capacity of 250 for a seated meeting; located at 133rd & Metcalf, 3 miles from Sprint Campus
NOAH's Event Center Museum of Prairiefire Hyatt Place Lenexa / Lenexa Conference Center Olathe Convention Center at Embassy Suites	Capacity of 300; located at 135th & Nall, 4 miles from Sprint Campus Total meeting space: 11,814 sq. ft.; 127 total guest rooms; 1 mile from Renner Ridge Corporate Center The conference center provides more than 25,000 sq. ft. of flexible meeting and event space, designed for groups from 10 to 1,000. The adjacent hotel features spacious rooms, a trendy bar and restaurant and a rooftop terraced patio. The facility is 3 miles to Renner Ridge Corporate Center.
Spring Hill Suites Radisson Lenexa Thompson Barn	Total meeting space: 1,320 sq. ft.; 124 total guest rooms; 1.7 miles to Renner Ridge Corporate Center Total meeting space: 18,000 sq. ft.; 297 total guest rooms; 7 minutes from Renner Ridge Corporate Main Hall: 2,280 sq. ft.; Meeting rooms: 741 sq. ft.; 5 minutes from Renner Ridge Corporate Center

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Happy to discuss whenever convenient.

Thanks,

Ephraim

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Subject: visits

Hi Scott and Kristi,

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Thanks,
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Is this still on today?

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Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 5:53:33 PM

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Date: May 21, 2019 at 9:30:45 AM EDT
To: Tiffany Simon - PTC <tiffany.simon@gsa.gov>
Subject: Re: Change Kansas City hotel

Hey Honey: Do you have your change of flight reservations

On Tue, May 21, 2019 at 9:27 AM Tiffany Simon - PTC <tiffany.simon@gsa.gov> wrote:
 Just in case you couldn't find the email

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Subject: Re: Change Kansas City hotel

We all already have reservations. The confirmation numbers are on the screen shot below. I'm not sure how to handle that with executive services but we already have rooms.

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Subject: RE: Change Kansas City hotel

Hello all,

I just called Exec Travel and they stated this hotel isn't available. I will see what's close by.

Michele

From: Taylor, Ityran - OSEC, Washington, DC
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Subject: RE: Change Kansas City hotel

Good morning Ladies,

Happy Friday!

Please cancel your folk's reservation with the Homewood Suites Kansas City Speedway or else they will be charged a "No Show" fee.

Thank you,

Tyra

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Subject: Change Kansas City hotel

Due to lack of availability and need to be closer to our meeting location, we had to change the hotel in Kansas City. Below is the information and confirmation numbers. Can you change or update the authorizations for everyone?

Thanks!

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Here is the updated list to include Anna Cafoncelli:

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The government rate is \$125/night. Confirmation #s for the team are below:

- Scott Angle – (b)(6)
- Don Bice – (b)(6)
- Michele Esch – (b)(6)
- Chris Hartley – (b)(6)
- Scott Hutchins – (b)(6)
- Jay Variyam – (b)(6)
- Tiffany Simon – (b)(6)
- Anna Cafoncelli – (b)(6)
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See attached for the agenda for Kansas City and a note from the EOI.

A rep from Kansas City will meet us at the hotel and we plan to leave by 8:45 so please be in lobby by 8:30.

Tiffany - please forward to Anna.

See you there!

Michele

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From: Sanat Valecha <(b)(6)@ey.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 1:52:14 PM
To: Esch, Michele - ARS
Cc: Catherine Von Seggern
Subject: FW: Final Itinerary & U.S. Senator Blunt press release | USDA #1808005

Hi Michele,

Please find an updated agenda from Kansas City. One of the building tours was removed.

Also included is a press release:

"Additionally, I want to make you aware of a press release from U.S. Senator Roy Blunt (below) that came out a few minutes ago. It does not mention the site visit in any way ... and only reflects on the KC

region as a finalist as well as the KS/MO Federal Delegations' support of our metro as a location of choice.

We have the letter they reference (Full text of the letter is [here](#)) as part of our presentation package for tomorrow. I know that we will knock your socks off during your visit to KC!"

Thank you!

Regards,
Sanat Valecha

Sanat Valecha | Senior | Advisory Services

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From: Jill McCarthy [mailto:McCarthy@thinkkc.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 12:51 PM

To: Catherine Von Seggern <(b)(6)@ey.com>; Sanat Valecha <(b)(6)@ey.com>

Cc: Tim Cowden <Cowden@thinkkc.com>; Kim Young <Young@thinkkc.com>; Jason Klumb <(b)(6)>

Subject: Final Itinerary & U.S. Senator Blunt press release | USDA #1808005

Importance: High

Catherine and Sanat,

Please find attached the FINAL itinerary for the team's visit to the KC region. ONE important note is the removal of the Ambassador Building near KCI Airport. The building's ownership is far down the path on a major lease and believe it will be locked up yet this week. In fairness to the USDA team, they have withdrawn the building from consideration.

Additionally, I want to make you aware of a press release from U.S. Senator Roy Blunt (below) that came out a few minutes ago. It does not mention the site visit in any way ... and only reflects on the KC region as a finalist as well as the KS/MO Federal Delegations' support of our metro as a location of choice.

We have the letter they reference (Full text of the letter is [here](#)) as part of our presentation package for tomorrow. I know that we will knock your socks off during your visit to KC!

I wish for you a good (but not great, wink-wink) visit in your travels today, and an easy path into KC this afternoon/evening.

I look forward to seeing you soon! As a reminder, I will meet up with the team at the hotel tomorrow morning to blaze the trail to Union Station and our secure parking area.

Lastly, when you fly into KCI Airport ... ignore the ugly, dated and inefficient flow that's there today. Know that construction is already underway on a new \$1.5 billion single terminal airport that will be first-class all the way!

My best wishes,
Jill

JILL McCARTHY

senior executive | corporate attraction

Kansas City Area Development Council

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From: Haase, Matt (Blunt) [Matt_Haase@blunt.senate.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 11:07 AM

Subject: FW: Missouri, Kansas Delegations Urge USDA to Select Kansas City-Area as Headquarters for Research Agencies

Wanted to share this release.

From: Senator Blunt Press Office <PressOffice_Blunt@blunt.senate.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 11:04 AM

To: Senator Blunt Press Office <PressOffice_Blunt@blunt.senate.gov>

Subject: Missouri, Kansas Delegations Urge USDA to Select Kansas City-Area as Headquarters for Research Agencies



For Immediate Release
May 21, 2019

Contact: [Katie Boyd](#), [Tate O'Connor](#)
Press Office: 202-224-1403

Missouri, Kansas Delegations Urge USDA to Select Kansas City-Area as Headquarters for Research Agencies

“Kansas City is ideally located for ERS and NIFA employees to simultaneously be closer to the agricultural stakeholders and rural communities they serve”

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senators Roy Blunt (Mo.), Josh Hawley (Mo.), Jerry Moran (Kan.), and Pat Roberts (Kan.), and U.S. Representatives Emanuel Cleaver (Mo.), Vicky Hartzler (Mo.), Sam Graves (Mo.), Roger Marshall (Kan.), Ron Estes (Kan.), Steve Watkins (Kan.), and Sharice Davids (Kan.) today highlighted why the Kansas City-area should be selected as the new headquarters for the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Economic Research Service (ERS) and National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) in a letter to USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue.

“Kansas City is home to a highly-skilled workforce, including to approximately 5,000 USDA employees and contractors,” **the members wrote**. “The Kansas City Animal Health Corridor, stretching from Manhattan, Kansas to Columbia, Missouri, is the largest concentration of animal health companies in the world. Kansas is the future home of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF), the nation’s foremost animal disease research facility. Over a dozen land-grant universities and research institutions are located in close proximity of Kansas City. This concentration of animal health companies, NBAF and land-grant universities will not only complement the research capabilities of ERS and NIFA, but continue to foster a talented workforce to meet the personnel needs of USDA in the future. ...

“We agree the quality of life of USDA employees ought to be a key consideration in relocating the agencies, and assure you that Kansas City is a premier place for people to live and work. Kansas City has undergone significant development in recent years, including a revitalized downtown area that offers residents a vibrant and exciting lifestyle. Kansas City residents enjoy some of the shortest commute times of any metropolitan area and have

convenient access to popular destinations in both urban and rural areas of our states.”

Full text of the letter is [here](#).

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KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN AREA VISIT

May 21-23, 2019

Attendees:

- **Scott Angle**, Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture
U.S. Department of Agriculture
- **Don Bice**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration
U.S. Department of Agriculture
- **Michele Esch**, Special Projects Coordinator
Research, Education, and Economics
U.S. Department of Agriculture
- **Chris Hartley**, Senior Advisor
U.S. Department of Agriculture
- **Scott Hutchins**, Deputy Under Secretary
Research, Education, and Economics
U.S. Department of Agriculture
- **Jay Variyam**, Division Director
Food Economics Division, Economic Research Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
- **Tiffany Simon**, National Planning Manager
General Services Administration
- **Anna Cafoncelli**, National Office of Leasing
General Services Administration
- **Catherine Von Seggern**, Executive Director,
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- **Alysia Pohl**, Incentives Representative
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- **Tim Cowden**, President & CEO
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- **Jill McCarthy**, Senior Exec., Corporate Attraction
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- **Kimberly Young**, President
KC Animal Health Corridor
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Project Parameters:

- Relocation of USDA's 568 jobs for the Economic Research Service (ERS) and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) headquarters
 - ERS: 253 employees at \$120,000 average wage
 - NIFA: 315 employees at \$116,000 average wage
 - Benefits are not included in the average wage figure
 - Earliest report date: July 15, 2019
 - Latest report date: October 1, 2019
- Preferred building characteristics
 - Existing Class A office building for combined ERS and NIFA space
 - 120,000 sq. ft.
 - Will embrace hardened security measures
- KC Region vs. Indiana/Purdue and Raleigh Durham's Research Triangle
- Decision by month end, May 2019

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Evening

ARRIVE AT KCI AIRPORT: USDA Team

Pick up rental vehicles

Evening

CHECK-IN TO (b)(6) : USDA Team
(b)(6) | 816.753.8800

Evening

DINNER (suggestions below): USDA Team

Note: The Streetcar runs from approx. 5th to 23rd Streets along Main Street

BBQ:

- Fiorella's Jack Stack BBQ – 101 W 22nd Street, KCMO in the Crossroads
- Pigwich Local Pig – 20 E 5th Street, KCMO in River Market (closes at 8PM)
- Q39 – 1000 W 39th Street, KCMO in Westport

River Market:

- Brown & Loe – 429 Walnut, KCMO
- The Farmhouse - 300 Delaware, KCMO

Downtown/Power & Light:

- Bristol Seafood Grill – 51 E 14th Street, KCMO
- BRGR Kitchen + Bar – 11 E 14th Street, KCMO

Crossroads/Crown Center:

- Affäre – 1911 Main Street, KCMO
- Anton's Taproom KC – 1610 Main Street, KCMO
- The Antler Room – 2506 Holmes Street, KCMO
- Corvino Supper Club – 1830 Walnut Street, KCMO (same building as WeWork)
- Extra Virgin – 1900 Main Street, KCMO
- Farina – 2901 Baltimore Avenue, KCMO
- Nara – 1617 Main Street, KCMO
- Pierpont's – 30 W Pershing Road (inside Union Station)
- Rockhill Grille – 2000 Grand Boulevard, KCMO

Country Club Plaza:

- Black Dirt – 5070 Main Street, KCMO
- Gram & Dun – 600 Ward Parkway, KCMO
- Grand Street Café – 4740 Grand Street, KCMO
- Hogshead Kansas City – 4743 Pennsylvania, KCMO
- JJ's Restaurant – 900 W 48th Place, KCMO
- Stock Hill – 4800 Main Street, KCMO
- True Food Kitchen – 4740 Pennsylvania Avenue, KCMO

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Tues., May 21, 2019 (cont.)

Of course, following dinner, enjoy KC JAZZ:

- [Blue Room](#) – 1600 E 18th Street, KCMO
- [Green Lady Lounge](#) – 1809 Grand Boulevard, KCMO
- [The Majestic](#) – 931 Broadway Boulevard, KCMO
- [The Phoenix](#) – 302 W 8th Street, KCMO
- [The Raphael / Chaz](#) – 325 Ward Parkway, KCMO
- [The Ship](#) – 1217 Union Avenue, KCMO

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Before 8 AM BREAKFAST: **USDA Team**

8:00 AM INTERNAL TEAM DEBRIEF: **USDA Team**

8:45 AM TRAVEL TO KCADC OFFICES: **USDA Team**

Note: *Jill McCarthy will meet the team at (b)(6) to provide logistics support*

Union Station, Suite 200 | 30 W Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108

Note: The front parking lot will be closed in preparation for the KC Symphony Memorial Day Concert; Jill will guide the team to staff parking below Union Station. The KCADC offices are located on the 2nd floor in the southeast corner of the building.

8:45 AM Local State Partners arrive at KCADC offices

Union Station, Suite 200 | 30 W Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108

9:00 AM **INTRODUCTIONS**

Union Station, Suite 200 | 30 W Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108

- *Tim Cowden, KCADC*

9:05 AM **PROJECT OVERVIEW and Q&A**

- *USDA and Representatives*

9:20 AM **KC REGION | OVERVIEW PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION**

- *Tim Cowden, KCADC*
- *Jill McCarthy, KCADC*
- *Larry Hisle, Executive Director, Greater Kansas City Federal Executive Board*
(b)(6) / larry.hisle@gsa.gov
- *Rob Cowan, Center Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services-NBC*
816.251.2222 / (b)(6)

Wed., May 22, 2019 (cont.)

10:00 AM STATE of KANSAS | GOVERNOR KELLY REMARKS & FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROPOSAL

- Governor Laura Kelly, **State of Kansas**
- General Richard B. Myers, ret., President, **Kansas State University**
785.532.6221 | (b)(6)@k-state.edu
- David Toland, Secretary of Commerce, **Kansas Department of Commerce**
785.296.6790 | david.toland@ks.gov
- Alicia Hutchings, Business Recruitment Team Lead, **Kansas Dept. of Commerce**
(b)(6) | alicia.hutchings@ks.gov
- Mike Beam, Secretary, **Kansas Department of Agriculture**
(b)(6) | mike.beam@ks.gov
- Beth Johnson, Senior Vice President, **Overland Park Chamber of Commerce & EDC**
913.766.7612 | bjohnson@opchamber.org
- Blake Schreck, President and ED Director, **Lenexa Chamber of Commerce & EDC**
(b)(6) | bschreck@lenexa.org
- John Engelmann, Manager, Economic Development, **Evergy | KCP&L and Westar**
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10:30 AM STATE of MISSOURI | FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROPOSAL

- Rob Dixon, Director, **Missouri Dept. of Economic Development**
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- Christopher Daubert, Vice Chancellor and Dean of University of College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR), **University of Missouri**
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Wed., May 22, 2019 (cont.)

11:00 AM BREAK

11:10 AM **KC REGION | TEAM KC: LIFE + TALENT**

- Jessica Palm, VP, Lead Executive: **TeamKC: Life + Talent | KCADC**
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- Emily McVey, Director, **KC Animal Health Corridor**
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- Paul Bogart, Corporate Recruiter, **MRIGlobal**
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- Molly Weaver, Director, Talent Acquisition, **Children's Mercy Hospital**
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- Fred Wise, HR Director, Global Talent Acquisition, **Hallmark Cards, Inc.**
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12:00 PM **LUNCH: USDA team on their own at Union Station**

- Food Truck Wednesdays at Union Station, Plaza Level
Reflecting Motion Art Installation in the Haverty Family Yards
Purchase food option of choice and return to KCADC Presentation Room for privacy
- Select Members of the Federal Executive Board invited by Larry Hisle
Executive Director, **Greater Kansas City Federal Executive Board**

1:00 PM **STATE OF MISSOURI | GOVERNOR PARSON REMARKS**

- Governor Mike Parson, **State of Missouri**
- Rob Dixon, Director, **Missouri Dept. of Economic Development**
- Chris Chinn, Director, **Missouri Department of Agriculture**
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- Blake Hurst, President, **Missouri Farm Bureau**
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1:20 PM BREAK

Wed., May 22, 2019 (cont.)

1:30 PM KC REGION | KC ANIMAL HEALTH CORRIDOR & AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY

- Kimberly Young, *KC Animal Health Corridor*
- Emily McVey, Director, *KC Animal Health Corridor*
- Christopher Daubert, *University of Missouri*
- Scott Brown, *University of Missouri*
- Scott Bormann, VP, North America, *Merck Animal Health*
(b)(6) (m) | (b)(6)@merck.com
- Bob Petersen, Executive Director, *The Agriculture Business Council of Kansas City*
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- Dennis Ridenour, President & CEO, *BioNexus KC*
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2:15 PM KC REGION | RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE OVERVIEW

- Maria O'Dell, CEO, *Group O'Dell*
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- Dan O'Dell, Lead Agent, *Group O'Dell*
913.226.3399 (m) | dan@groupodell.com

3:00 PM KC REGION | COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE OVERVIEW

- Tim Cowden, *KCADC*
- Jill McCarthy, *KCADC*

3:15 PM PREPARE TO DEPART UNION STATION

3:40 PM BUILDING TOUR: Thrive (25 min.)

2555 Grand Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64108

Note: Parking spaces will be blocked directly in front of the building

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- Matt Eckert, *CBRE*
816.968.5837 | matt.eckert@cbre.com
- Bob Langenkamp, *EDC of Kansas City, MO*

Wed., May 22, 2019 (cont.)

4:25 PM

BUILDING TOUR: Crown Center (25 min.)

2400-2480 Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108

Note: Team will meet USDA at circle drive at 2460 Pershing Road

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- Ross Simpson, **Colliers International**
816.556.1157 / ross.simpson@colliers.com
- Bob Langenkamp, **EDC of Kansas City, MO**

5:10 PM

BUILDING TOUR: Lightwell / City Center Square (25 min.)

1100 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64105

- Sean Craven, **AREA Real Estate Advisors**
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- Tim Schaffer, **AREA Real Estate**
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- Hank Simpson, **AREA Real Estate**
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- Dawña Garza, **AREA Real Estate**
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- Bob Langenkamp, **EDC of Kansas City, MO**

5:55 PM

BUILDING TOUR: State Street Building (25 min.)

805 Pennsylvania Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64105

- Vince Dasta, **DST**
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- Edward Merriman, **Americo**
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- Matt Roney, **Kit Bond Solutions**
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- Bob Langenkamp, **EDC of Kansas City, MO**

6:25 PM

DAY CONCLUDES

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Thursday, May 23, 2019

Before 8 AM BREAKFAST: **USDA Team**

8:00 AM INTERNAL TEAM DEBRIEF: **USDA Team**

8:30 AM DEPART HOTEL: **USDA Team**
KCADC Team will meet USDA Team in the lobby of The Fontaine
901 w 48TH Pace, Kansas City, MO 64112 | 816.753.8800

9:00 AM BUILDING TOUR: Renner Ridge Corporate Center (25 min.)
9701 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, KS 66219

- Alan Lincoln, Director of Real Estate, **Kiewit Corporation**
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- Lonny Stump, **Copaken Brooks**
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- Blake Schreck, **Lenexa Chamber of Commerce & EDC**

9:50 AM BUILDING TOUR: Sprint Campus (25 min.)
6330 Sprint Parkway, Overland Park, KS 66211

- Chad Stafford, President, **Occidental Management Co.**
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OR:

- Gary Oborny, Chairman/CEO, **Occidental Management Co.**
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- Matt Eckert, **CBRE**
816.968.5837 | matt.eckert@cbre.com
- Beth Johnson, **Overland Park Chamber of Commerce & EDC**

10:15 AM DAY CONCLUDES | Travel to KCI Airport

11:00 AM INTERNAL TEAM DEBRIEF: **USDA Team**

1:00 PM DEPARTURE FLIGHTS: **USDA Team**

From: [Esch, Michele - ARS](#)
To: [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Fwd: FOUO_USDA_Site Visit Qualitative Scorecard_DRAFT_v2.xlsx
Date: Monday, May 13, 2019 2:14:07 PM
Attachments: [FOUO_USDA_Site Visit Qualitative Scorecard_DRAFT_v2.xlsx](#) Attachment (8 pages) withheld in full as duplicate of Bates Nos. 0131-0138. (Bates Nos. 0158-0165)

We are discussing this now.

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From: Sanat Valecha <(b)(6)@ey.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 12:06:42 PM
To: Esch, Michele - ARS
Cc: Catherine Von Seggern; Francisco E Rodriguez
Subject: FOUO_USDA_Site Visit Qualitative Scorecard_DRAFT_v2.xlsx

Hello Michele,

Attached, please find a qualitative scorecard we have drafted to support the upcoming site visits. We intend (b)(5) DPP

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Happy to discuss (b)(5) DPP. We are (b)(5) DPP

(b)(5) DPP

Thank you!

Regards,
Sanat Valecha



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To: [Hutchins, Scott - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Angle, Scott - NIFA](#); [Hartley, Chris - ERS](#); [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Variyam, Jay - ERS](#)
Subject: Fwd: Indiana - Mayors Joining the Agenda
Date: Sunday, May 19, 2019 1:45:15 PM
Attachments: [Project USDA - Agenda 5.20.19.docx](#) Attachments 1-2 (6 pages total) withheld in full under
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See attached for an updated agenda for Indianapolis and West Lafayette.
 Hard copies will be available when we arrive.

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From: Sanat Valecha <(b)(6)@ey.com>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 5:50:19 PM
To: Esch, Michele - ARS
Cc: Catherine Von Seggern
Subject: FW: Indiana - Mayors Joining the Agenda

Hi Michele,

The Indiana EOI shared updated agendas. The main update is that the two mayors confirmed they would be joining the tour.

Also attached is an email with a guided driving tour of West Lafayette.

Thank you!

Regards,
 Sanat Valecha

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From: Vinson, Kim [mailto:KVinson@iedc.IN.gov]

Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 12:29 PM

To: Catherine Von Seggern <(b)(6)@ey.com>; Sanat Valecha <(b)(6)@ey.com>

Subject: Indiana - Mayors Joining the Agenda

Catherine and Sanat – I just received confirmation that two Mayors have been confirmed to join us during the tour. The agenda is updated, I understand that it probably has been printed but wanted to provide notice for the elected officials.

Monday May 20 th	3:50 PM	Joe Hogsett (Mayor of Indianapolis)
Monday, May 20 th	6:00 PM	Tim Haak (Mayor of Zionsville)

Thank you,

Kim Vinson

Director, Domestic & International Attractions

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From: [Vinson, Kim](#)
To: [Catherine Von Seggern](#); [Sanat Valecha](#)
Subject: West Lafayette, Indiana - Self Guided Tour
Date: Friday, May 17, 2019 2:06:15 PM
Attachments: [West Lafayette Driving Tour.pdf](#)
[Kim Vinson.vcf](#)

Catherine & Sanat – West Lafayette provided a self-driving tour of the immediate West Lafayette Area, if the team would like to check it out. There is a tiny URL (in the upper lefthand corner of the attachment). Even if they don't take the tour, it's a good sneak peek at the community. Thanks, Kim.

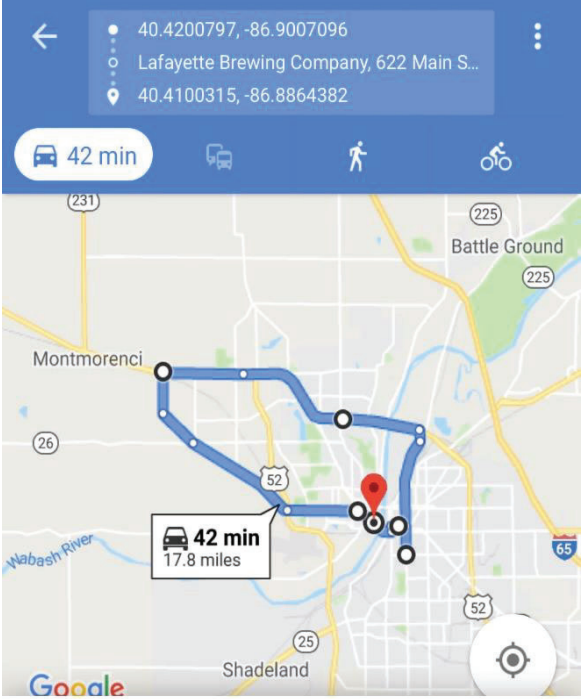
Kim Vinson

Director, Domestic & International Attractions

Indiana Economic Development Corporation
1 North Capitol Avenue, Suite 700
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317.408.1132



Self-Driving Tour of the Immediate Area

For Turn by Turn Directions, visit www.tinyurl.com/WLUSDA on your phone's web browser . Click "USE THE APP" at the bottom of the screen to open the app. (Must have Google Maps installed on phone for this feature.)	Turn by Turn Directions	Sites of Note
 Switch to the app Get real-time navigation and more in the Maps app STAY ON WEB USE THE APP	1. Head out of your hotel southeast on E State St. Toward Downtown Lafayette	
	2. At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit onto South St. and cross the bridge	
	3. Turn left onto N 2nd St	
	4. Turn right at the 2nd cross street onto Main St	
	5. Head east on Main St	Lafayette's Historic Downtown is home to a budding food scene that has spread area wide in recent years. La Scala, Red 7, East End Grill, Bistro 501, Black Sparrow and others are wonderful places to take in a meal and/or enjoy a craft beer or cocktail. This stretch is also home to the Lafayette Brewing Company and Thieme & Wagner Brewery. The Sixth Street plaza area is closed on Saturday mornings during the growing season for Downtown's Farmer's Market, the oldest Farmer's Market in the Hoosier State.
	6. Turn right onto N 9th St	Some of Lafayette's best, historic homes ranging from Italianate houses to Victorian and bungalows are featured throughout this neighborhood.
	7. Turn left onto Kossuth St	
	8. Head east on Kossuth St toward S 10th St	

	9. Turn left onto Main St	On your right will be Columbian Park, home to the Lafayette Zoo, Tropicanae Cove and Loeb Stadium, all of which are undergoing a multimillion update/upgrade
	10. Continue straight to stay on Main St	Downtown Lafayette has recently finished Phase 1 of a streetscape upgrade.
	11. Turn right onto N 9th St	9th Street is a classic near downtown corridor, mixing residential, commercial and industrial uses. On the left in an industrial zone is People's Brewing.
	12. Turn left onto Duncan Rd	
	13. Turn left onto Sagamore Pkwy N and cross into West Lafayette	
	14. Head west on Sagamore Pkwy W toward N Salisbury St	Shortly after entering West Lafayette you'll notice the suburban commercial corridor. A right turn on Salisbury would take you past the WL Farmer's Market (held on Wednesday afternoon at Cumberland Park, which will be home in 2020 to West Lafayette's new \$31.5M Wellness and Aquatics Center.
	15. Continue onto US-231 N/US-52 W	On the right shortly before reaching 231, you'll see one of our newest dining options, The Bryant. WL City Staff suggest stopping off at this point for a meal. It really is a great spot.
	16. Turn right into Agronomy Center for Research and Education (ACRE)	The Agronomy Center for Research and Education (ACRE) is utilized by over 50 researchers from eight departments, conducting approximately 180 research projects. This 1,408 acre farm facility is located northwest of campus. The Indiana Corn and Soybean Innovation Center was opened in 2016 to experiment with new ways to collect plant trait data and automate seed processing. A superintendent and four technicians are employed full-time with seasonal and student labor as needed.
	17. Exit ACRE	
	18. Turn left onto US-231 S/US-52 E	

	19. Turn right onto US-231/US-52 E	As you approach the State Street/231 intersection you will start to see the Discovery Park District as the skeleton for SEL's building is visible atop the hill on the left and the Rolls Royce Building are on the right. This is also the area that SAAB announced plans for this month to build a new facility to manufacture jets for the US Air Force in a joint venture with Boeing. The SEL and SAAB announcements will bring at least 600 jobs to
	20. Turn left onto W State St	
	21. Head southeast on W State St	The five story steel building on your right is Convergence, hopefully home to USDA offices. It is part of a \$1B-plus live/work/play development. The entirety of State Street from the river bridges to this point were rebuilt two years ago in a unique partnership between Purdue University and West Lafayette. The road has protected bicycle facilities for its entire 2.3 miles.
	22. Turn left onto Northwestern Ave	More than \$600 million in new development has been built or announced along the State Street Corridor in the last three years.
	23. Northwestern Ave turns slightly right and becomes Vine St	
	24. Turn left onto W Fowler Ave	
	25. Continue onto Northwestern Ave	Some of West Lafayette's nicest neighborhoods are directly adjacent to Campus. This is the Hills and Dales neighborhood.
	26. Turn right onto Northridge Dr	
	27. Turn right onto Crestview Pl	
	28. Turn left onto Ravinia Rd	
	29. Turn right to stay on Ravinia Rd	
	30. Turn right onto Forest Hill Dr	
	31. Turn left onto N Salisbury St	To your right is the New Chauncey Neighborhood
	32. Turn right onto Sagamore Pkwy W	

	33. Take the IN-443 exit toward IN-43/Happy Hollow	
	34. Continue onto Happy Hollow Rd	Happy Hollow is home to a unique clustering of Mid Century Modern homes. The bottom of the hill boasts Happy Hollow Park. The entrance is closed for two weeks as we finish a creek relocation project.
	35. Turn right onto N River Rd	
	36. Turn left onto E State St	
	37. Return to Hotel	

From: [Esch, Michele - ARS](#)
To: [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: highlights of agenda for tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 10:27:49 PM
Attachments: [Agenda May 16-17.docx](#)

Hope that this helps! (And that you actually see it!)

Thursday, May 16, 2019

7:45 Depart hotel

Pick up Tiffany at (b)(6)

Pick up EY at (b)(6)

8:00 – 8:15 Arrive at EDPNC, Hunt Library 1070 Partners Way

Parking: There is a pay by space parking lot directly behind the building (use your license plate). The cost is \$2 per hour; \$1 per each additional half hour - using Pay-by-Space machines, debit and credit cards only. *Partners Way is partially closed for construction: Drive down Main Campus Drive and around the corner to the parking lot and Hunt Library*

[Use elevator under staircase to 4th floor]

8:30 begin presentations [Hutchins at 8:45]

Elected Officials to attend:

NC Representative Jimmy Dixon- NC House Ag Committee

NC Senator Norm Sanderson- NC Senate Ag Committee

Commissioner Steve Troxler- North Carolina Department of Agriculture

Friday, May 17, 2019

Pick up Tiffany at (b)(6)

Pick up EY at (b)(6)

7:45 am arrive at EDPNC Conference Room, 15000 Weston Parkway Cary, NC 27513

8:30 presentations begin

University systems (NCSU, Duke, UN, RTI)

11:45 depart to airport

From: [Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Sindall, Johanna](#); [Corder, Christopher - OCP, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: HOLD: Site Visit Ethics Brief/Training

Awaiting confirmation from OGC/Ethics, call in number will be added

From: [Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Esch, Michele - ARS](#); [Hutchins, Scott - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Knupp, Courtney - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Angle, Scott - NIFA](#); [Leibtag, Ephraim - ERS](#); [Hartley, Chris - ERS](#); [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Bender, Stuart - OE, Washington, DC](#); [Young, Benjamin - OGC, Washington, DC](#)
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June 13, 2019

Jim Schellinger
Indiana Economic Development Corporation
1 North Capitol Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46204

United States
Department of
Agriculture

Office of the Assistant
Secretary for
Administration

1400 Independence
Avenue SW

Washington, DC
20250

Dear Mr. Schellinger,

Thank you for hosting the USDA site visit team in Indiana on May 21-22, 2019. USDA appreciated your quick response to hosting the team and your ability to demonstrate all that Indiana has to offer. It was a pleasure to visit Indianapolis, Zionsville, West Lafayette/Lafayette, and Fishers. Each of these communities provided the team with a snapshot of the services available and the strong agribusiness environment in Indiana. Your hospitality and attention to detail was greatly appreciated.

The site visit provided a wealth of first-hand knowledge on the benefits of Indiana to help inform the final site selection for the new headquarters of the Economic Research Service (ERS) and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The team evaluated each city on a set of key objectives and discussion points:

- *Community Overview*: Subcategory examples include Community Demographics and Statistics, Local Business Climate, Major Economic, Research, And Public Policy Making Institutes, the Agribusiness Climate and Lodging and Hospitality Options.
- *Quality of Life and Residential Real Estate*: Subcategory examples include Quality of Life Considerations, Local Residential Real Estate Market and Availability of Housing.
- *Labor Market/Human Resources*: Subcategory examples include Labor Market Statistical Overview, Dual Career Considerations, and Availability of Contractor Resources.
- *Commercial Real Estate Overview*: Subcategory examples include the Local Commercial Real Estate Market, an Assessment of the Sites Proposed in the Expression of Interest, and Visits to Proposed Sites for the Agencies.
- *Incentives and Business Support*: Subcategory examples include State and Local Government Incentives and Support for Employee and Family Relocation.

The Secretary of Agriculture received the feedback from the site visit team and utilized qualitative data developed with the help of Ernst & Young to select the best location for these important agencies. Unfortunately, though extremely attractive as a potential location, we regret to inform you that the Secretary has not selected any of the sites in Indiana. A press release will be publicly released at 10:00 am ET on June 13, 2019 (<https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases>).

We sincerely thank you for your interest, efforts, and your patience throughout this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Bice', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donald K. Bice
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Administration

From: [Esch, Michele - ARS](#)
To: [Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Knuapp, Courtney - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: items to discuss at 12 pm
Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 11:37:11 AM
Attachments: [KC Itinerary_USDA ERS.NIFA May 2019.docx](#)
[Project Ag- Itinerary 5.16-17.19.pdf](#)
[Project USDA - Agenda 5.21.19.docx](#)
[Project USDA - Agenda 5.20.19.docx](#)

Attachments 3-4 (3 pages total) withheld in full under FOIA
 Exemption 4 (Bates Nos. 0196-0198)

All,

Attached are draft agenda's for the site visits. There are a few outstanding items they are still working on. Hard copies will be provided in the final packets at each location.

Here are a list of things to discuss on the 30 minute call. I am touching base with EY to find out what else they need from us.

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 - (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
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Special Projects Coordinator

Executive Director, NAREEE Advisory Board

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KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN AREA VISIT

May 21-23, 2019

Attendees:

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organization ➤ name8, title | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> organization ➤ name9, title
organization ➤ Tim Cowden, President & CEO
Kansas City Area Development Council (KCADC)
(b)(6) cowden@thinkKC.com ➤ Jill McCarthy, Senior Exec., Corporate Attraction
Kansas City Area Development Council (KCADC)
(b)(6) mccarthy@thinkKC.com ➤ Kimberly Young, President
KC Animal Health Corridor
(b)(6) young@thinkKC.com ➤ Jason Klumb, Consultant
Kansas City Area Development Council (KCADC)
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Project Parameters:

- USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) and National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)
- Relocation from current space in Washington, D.C.
 - ERS: 253 employees
 - NIFA: 315 employees
 - **TBD** average wage (believe approx. \$80,000-\$100,000)
 - Earliest report date: July 15, 2019
 - Latest report date: October 1, 2019
- Preferred building characteristics
 - Existing Class A office building for combined ERS and NIFA space
 - 120,000 sq. ft.
 - Will embrace hardened security measures
 - Additional expectations to be refined
- KC Region vs. Indiana/Purdue and Raleigh Durham's Research Triangle

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Evening

ARRIVE AT KCI AIRPORT: **USDA Team**

Vehicle with Driver will meet the team in circle drive outside the terminal

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***Tues., May 21, 2019 (cont.)***

Evening **CHECK-IN TO** **XXXX** **HOTEL:** **USDA Team**
 address | phone

Evening **DINNER (suggestions below):** **USDA Team**

Note: The Streetcar runs from approx. 5th to 23rd Streets along Main Street

BBQ:

- [Fiorella's Jack Stack BBQ](#) – 101 W 22nd Street, KCMO in the Crossroads
- [Pigwich Local Pig](#) – 20 E 5th Street, KCMO in River Market (closes at 8PM)
- [Q39](#) – 1000 W 39th Street, KCMO in Westport

River Market:

- [Brown & Loe](#) – 429 Walnut, KCMO
- [The Farmhouse](#) - 300 Delaware, KCMO

Downtown/Power & Light:

- [Bristol Seafood Grill](#) – 51 E 14th Street, KCMO
- [BRGR Kitchen + Bar](#) – 11 E 14th Street, KCMO

Crossroads/Crown Center:

- [Affäre](#) – 1911 Main Street, KCMO
- [Anton's Taproom KC](#) – 1610 Main Street, KCMO
- [The Antler Room](#) – 2506 Holmes Street, KCMO
- [Corvino Supper Club](#) – 1830 Walnut Street, KCMO (same building as WeWork)
- [Extra Virgin](#) – 1900 Main Street, KCMO
- [Farina](#) – 2901 Baltimore Avenue, KCMO
- [Nara](#) – 1617 Main Street, KCMO
- [Pierpont's](#) – 30 W Pershing Road (inside Union Station)
- [Rockhill Grille](#) – 2000 Grand Boulevard, KCMO

Country Club Plaza:

- [Gram & Dun](#) – 600 Ward Parkway, KCMO
- [Grand Street Café](#) – 4740 Grand Street, KCMO
- [JJ's Restaurant](#) – 900 W 48th Place, KCMO
- [Stock Hill](#) – 4800 Main Street, KCMO

Of course, following dinner, enjoy KC JAZZ:

- Blue Room – 1600 E 18th Street, KCMO
- [Green Lady Lounge](#) – 1809 Grand Boulevard, KCMO
- The Majestic – 931 Broadway Boulevard, KCMO
- Manifesto – 1924 Main Street, KCMO
- The Phoenix – 302 W 8th Street, KCMO
- [The Raphael / Chaz](#) – 325 Ward Parkway, KCMO



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Wednesday, May 22, 2019**Before 8 AM** BREAKFAST: **USDA Team****8:00 AM** INTERNAL TEAM DEBRIEF: **USDA Team**

8:45 AM TRAVEL TO KCADC OFFICES: **USDA Team**
Mini-Coach Bus service picks up USDA Team at **xxx Hotel**
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Union Station, Suite 200 | 30 W Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108

Note: Parking is available in front of Union Station; the KCADC offices are located on the 2nd floor in the southeast corner of the building

8:45 AM Local State Partners arrive at KCADC offices
Union Station, Suite 200 | 30 W Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108

9:00 AM **INTRODUCTIONS, PROJECT OVERVIEW and Q&A**
Union Station, Suite 200 | 30 W Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108

➤ **USDA and Representatives**

9:20 AM **KC REGION | OVERVIEW PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION**

- Tim Cowden, **KCADC**
- Jill McCarthy, **KCADC**
- Jason Klumb, **KCADC**
- Select Industry Leaders
ph | email
- Select Industry Leaders
ph | email
- Select Industry Leaders
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- Select Industry Leaders
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10:00 AM **STATE GOVERNORS | REGIONAL IMPACT**

- Governor Laura Kelly, **State of Kansas (D)**
ph | email
- Governor Mike Parson, **State of Missouri (R)**
ph | email

10:30 AM BREAK

**Wed., May 22, 2019 (cont.)****10:40 AM STATE of KANSAS | FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROPOSAL**

- David Toland, Secretary of Commerce, **Kansas Dept. of Commerce**
785.296.6790 | david.toland@ks.gov
- Alicia Hutchings, Business Recruitment Team Lead, **Kansas Dept. of Commerce**
(b)(6) | alicia.hutchings@ks.gov

11:00 AM STATE of MISSOURI | FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROPOSAL

- Rob Dixon, Director, **Missouri Dept. of Economic Development**
(b)(6) | rob.dixon@ded.mo.gov
- Deborah Price, VP, Business Recruitment & General Counsel, **Missouri Partnership**
(b)(6) | deborah@missouripartnership.com

11:20 AM KC REGION | TEAM KC: LIFE + TALENT

- Jessica Palm, Managing Director, **TeamKC: Life + Talent | KCADC**
816.374.5659 | palm@thinkKC.com
- Select Industry Leaders
[ph](#) | [email](#)
- Select Industry Leaders
[ph](#) | [email](#)
- Select Industry Leaders
[ph](#) | [email](#)
- Select Industry Leaders
[ph](#) | [email](#)

12:00 PM LUNCH: USDA team on their own at Union Station

Local fare will be available via a variety of Food Trucks located at Union Station, lower level
Purchase food option of choice and return to KCADC Presentation Room for privacy

- Select Members of the Federal Executive Board
[ph](#) | [email](#)
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Wed., May 22, 2019 (cont.)

1:00 PM KC REGION | KC ANIMAL HEALTH CORRIDOR & AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY

- Kimberly Young, *KC Animal Health Corridor*
- Select Industry Leaders
[ph](#) | [email](#)
- Select Industry Leaders
[ph](#) | [email](#)
- Select Industry Leaders
[ph](#) | [email](#)
- Select Industry Leaders
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1:45 PM KC REGION | RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE OVERVIEW

- TBD
[ph](#) | [email](#)
- TBD
[ph](#) | [email](#)

2:30 PM KC REGION | COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE OVERVIEW

- Tim Cowden, *KCADC*
- Jill McCarthy, *KCADC*

2:40 PM BREAK

3:15 PM BUILDING TOUR: Thrive (25 min.)
2555 Grand Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64108

- broker name, *company*
- community partner name, *organization*

4:00 PM BUILDING TOUR: Crown Center (25 min.)
2400-2480 Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108

- broker name, *company*
- community partner name, *organization*

4:45 PM BUILDING TOUR: Lightwell / City Center Square (25 min.)
1100 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64105

- broker name, *company*
- community partner name, *organization*



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5:30 PM **BUILDING TOUR: State Street Building (25 min.)**
805 Pennsylvania Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64105

- *broker name, **company***
- *community partner name, **organization***

6:00 PM **DAY CONCLUDES**

Evening **DINNER: USDA Team**

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Before 7:45 AM **BREAKFAST: USDA Team**

7:40 AM **INTERNAL TEAM DEBRIEF: USDA Team**

8:15 AM **DEPART HOTEL: USDA Team**
KCADC Team will meet in the Hotel Lobby | Drive separately
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8:50 AM **BUILDING TOUR: Renner Ridge Corporate Center (25 min.)**
9701 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, KS 66219

- *broker name, **company***
- *community partner name, **organization***

9:45 AM **BUILDING TOUR: Sprint Campus (25 min.)**
6330 Sprint Parkway, Overland Park, KS 66211

- *broker name, **company***
- *community partner name, **organization***

10:50 AM **BUILDING TOUR: Ambassador Building (25 min.)**
12200 Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64163

- *broker name, **company***
- *community partner name, **organization***

11:20 AM **DAY CONCLUDES | Travel to KCI Airport**

11:30 AM **INTERNAL TEAM DEBRIEF: USDA Team**

12:30 PM **DEPARTURE FLIGHTS: USDA Team**

Project Ag- USDA Relocation Itinerary

North Carolina Triangle Region

May 16,17

Thursday, May 16			
Time	Meeting/Activity	Facilitator(s)	Location
8:30-10:45 AM	Triangle Region Overview to include Commercial Real Estate Overview	Wake County Economic Development, Durham Chamber, NC Commerce, Governor Cooper's office, EDPNC	James B. Hunt Library Room 4107 1070 Partners Way Raleigh, NC 27606
10:45-11:30 AM	Discussion with local Federal Employees	EPA, NIEHS representatives	James B. Hunt Library Room 4107 1070 Partners Way Raleigh, NC 27606
11:30-12:30 PM	Residential Real Estate Overview and Relocation Discussion	Howard, Perry & Walston Relocation	James B. Hunt Library Room 4107 1070 Partners Way Raleigh, NC 27606
12:30-1:00 PM	Agricultural Partnership Discussion	Commissioner Troxler, Dean Linton, Larry Wooten, Scott Johnson	James B. Hunt Library Room 4107 1070 Partners Way Raleigh, NC 27606
1:00-1:30PM	Travel to 555 Mangum	Timothy Downs- Durham Chamber, EDPNC	555 S. Mangum Street Durham, NC 27701
1:30-2:30 PM	555 Mangum Overview	Timothy Downs- Durham Chamber, Mac Hammer/Doug Cook-Cushman Wakefield	555 S. Mangum Street Durham, NC 27701
2:30-2:45 PM	Travel to Parmer 14	Timothy Downs-Durham Chamber, EPDNC	14 TW Alexander Drive Research Triangle Park, NC 27709
2:45-3:45PM	Parmer 14 Overview	Timothy Downs-Durham Chamber, Lee Clyburn-CBRE	14 TW Alexander Drive Research Triangle Park, NC 27709
3:45-4:00 PM	Travel to Lenovo II	Wake County Economic Development, EDPNC	1009 Think Place Morrisville, NC 27560
4:00-5:00 PM	Lenovo II Overview	Wake County Economic Development, Jason High-CBRE	1009 Think Place Morrisville, NC 27560

Thursday, May 16

Time	Meeting/Activity	Facilitator(s)	Location
5:00-5:30 PM	Travel to Crabtree Terrace	Wake Economic Development, EDPNC	4509 Creedmoor Road Raleigh, NC
5:30-6:30 PM	Crabtree Terrace Overview	Wake Economic Development, Brian Carr/John Brewer-CBRE	4509 Creedmoor Road Raleigh, NC
6:30-7:00 PM	Return to hotel		

Friday, May 17

Time	Meeting/Activity	Facilitator(s)	Location
8:30-9:00 AM	University Partnership Discussion	UNC System, Duke University, NCSU	EDPNC Boardroom 15000 Weston Parkway Cary, NC 27513
9:00-9:15 AM	Travel to 11000 Weston Parkway	Wake County Economic Development, EDPNC	11000 Weston Parkway Cary, NC 27513
9:15-10:00 AM	11000 Weston Parkway Overview	Wake County Economic Development, Jane Doggett-Highwoods Properties	11000 Weston Parkway Cary, NC 27513
10:00-10:15 AM	Travel to Alexandria AgTech Center		5 Laboratory Drive Durham, NC
10:15-11:30 AM	Triangle Employer Roundtable Discussion	Major Triangle Employers	5 Laboratory Drive Durham, NC
11:30-11:45 AM	Travel to RDU for departure	Michael Landguth discussion of RDU improvements	Raleigh-Durham International Airport 2400 John Brantley Boulevard, Morrisville, NC

From: [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Taylor, Ityan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Kansas Trip
Date: Friday, May 10, 2019 3:04:46 PM
Attachments: [D. Bice #108414.pdf](#)

For my trip to Kansas. Uber trip receipt and the hotel receipt. Can you get the voucher all set.

Thanks!!

Don

(b)(6)

Guest Folio (Individual)

Folio #	108414
Arrival	Sunday Apr 28, 2019
Departure	Tuesday Apr 30, 2019
Nights	2
Adults/Children	1 0
Room Type	Double Queen
Room #	225

Donald Bice

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<u>Charge Summary</u>	
Total Charges	\$294.80
Taxes	\$47.02
Payments	-\$341.82
Total Due	\$0.00

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Extended</u> <u>Cost</u>	<u>Lodging</u> <u>Tax</u>	<u>Sales</u> <u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Charge</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
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Tue 4/30/19	Guest Payment MC 2533	-341.82	1	-341.82	0.00	0.00	-341.82	0.00	I

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Jill McCarthy
Kansas City Area Development Council
30 Pershing Road, #200
Kansas City, MO 64108

Dear Jill,

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that the Secretary of Agriculture has selected Kansas City as the future home of the Economic Research Service (ERS) and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). A press release will be publicly released at 10:00 am ET on June 13, 2019 (<https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases>).

Thank you for hosting the USDA site visit team in Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas on May 29-30, 2019. USDA appreciated your quick response to hosting the team and your ability to demonstrate all that Kansas City has to offer. It was a pleasure to hear (and see) how Kansas and Missouri partner, the amazing work of the Animal Health Corridor and to see our options in both downtown and suburban settings in Kansas and Missouri. Your hospitality and attention to detail was appreciated.

The team evaluated each city on a set of key objectives and discussion points:

- *Community Overview*: Subcategory examples include Community Demographics and Statistics, Local Business Climate, Major Economic, Research, And Public Policy Making Institutes, the Agribusiness Climate and Lodging and Hospitality Options;
- *Quality of Life and Residential Real Estate*: Subcategory examples include Quality of Life Considerations and the Local Residential Real Estate Market and Availability of Housing;
- *Labor Market/Human Resources*: Subcategory examples include Labor Market Statistical Overview, Dual Career Considerations, and Availability of Contractor Resources;
- *Commercial Real Estate Overview*: Subcategory examples include the Local Commercial Real Estate Market, an Assessment of the Sites Proposed in the Expression of Interest, and Visits to the Proposed Sites; and
- *Incentives and Business Support*: Subcategory examples include State and Local Government Incentives and Support for Employee and Family Relocation.

The Secretary of Agriculture received feedback from the site visit team and utilized qualitative data developed with the help of Ernst & Young to select the best location for these important agencies.

Please expect USDA staff to contact you in the very near future to begin to provide information on Kansas City to the employees of ERS and NIFA and to set up information sessions here in Washington, DC. We sincerely thank you for your interest, efforts, and your patience throughout this process. We look forward to working with you to achieve a smooth and successful relocation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DKB', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Donald K. Bice
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Administration

From: [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Tiffany Simon - PTC](#)
Subject: logistics
Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 12:07:39 PM
Attachments: [KC Itinerary USDA ERS.NIFA May 2019.docx](#) [Project Ag- Itinerary 5.16-17.19.pdf](#) [Project USDA - Agenda 5.21.19.docx](#) [Project USDA - Agenda 5.20.19.docx](#)
Attachments 1-4 (11 pages total) withheld in full as duplicates to Bates No. 0188-0198 (Bates Nos. 0205-0215).

Here are the draft agendas for each city. We are OK with regional person from GSA attending. Can they (b)(5) DPP

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June 13, 2019

Laura Lee

Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina

15000 Weston Parkway

Cary, NC 27513

Dear Ms. Lee,

Thank you for hosting the USDA site visit team in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina on May 16-17, 2019. USDA appreciated your very quick response to hosting the team and your ability to demonstrate all that Raleigh-Durham has to offer. It was a pleasure to get to visit so many parts of the Raleigh-Durham region – Research Triangle Park, downtown Durham, and Cary – and to hear about the amazing innovation being done in the agricultural industry in N.C. Your hospitality and attention to detail was very much appreciated.

The site visit provided a wealth of first-hand knowledge on the benefits of the Research Triangle to help inform the final site selection for the new headquarters of the Economic Research Service (ERS) and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The team evaluated each city on a set of key objectives and discussion points:

- *Community Overview*: Subcategory examples include Community Demographics and Statistics, Local Business Climate, Major Economic, Research, And Public Policy Making Institutes, the Agribusiness Climate and Lodging and Hospitality Options;
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The Secretary of Agriculture received the feedback from the site visit team and utilized qualitative data developed with the help of Ernst & Young to select the best location for these important agencies. Unfortunately, though extremely attractive as a potential location, the Secretary did not select Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina. A press release will be publicly released at 10:00 am ET on June 13, 2019 (<https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases>).

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Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Administration

From: [Knupp, Courtney - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Sindall, Johanna](#); [Corder, Christopher - OCP, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: NIFA Site Visit Report Back

Please plan to attend in person. This will be for NIFA employees.

From: [Knupp, Courtney - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Variyam, Jay - ERS](#); [Esch, Michele - ARS](#); [Hartley, Chris - ERS](#); [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Angle, Scott - NIFA](#); [Hutchins, Scott - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Kim, Gene W. - NIFA](#); [Jean, Pascale - NIFA](#); [Robertson, Garland - NIFA](#)
Subject: NIFA Site Visit Report Back

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From: [Esch, Michele - ARS](#)
To: [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: All Hands Run of Show
Date: Monday, May 6, 2019 2:13:50 PM

Come to main conference room where we've held the all hands meetings. Just going to stay in there.

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From: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 2:10:11 PM
To: Esch, Michele - ARS
Subject: Re: All Hands Run of Show

Room for site visit meeting set?

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From: Esch, Michele - ARS
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 11:49:56 AM
To: Hutchins, Scott - OSEC, Washington, DC; Angle, Scott - NIFA; Leibtag, Ephraim - ERS; Hartley, Chris - ERS; Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC; Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC; Park, Joon; Knupp, Courtney - FAS, Washington, DC
Subject: All Hands Run of Show

All

Below is the run of show for the all hands meetings today. Please let me know if you have any questions.

NIFA

12:30-1:30 PM

Waterfront Centre, 800 9th St SW

- Welcome/Introductions
- (b)(5) DPP
- (b)(5) DPP
- (b)(5) DPP
- (b)(5) DPP
- Adjourn

ERS

2:00 – 3:00 PM
PPIII, 355 E St, SW

- Welcome/Introductions

- (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]

- (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]

- (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]

- (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]

- Adjourn

Note: Don will not be able to attend. Joon will be in attendance.

Immediately after ERS all hands, the site visit team (Hutchins, Angle, Hartley/Leibtag, Bice) will meet with employee teams.

Thanks,
Michele

Michele Esch

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From: [Esch, Michele - ARS](#)
To: [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Taylor, Ityan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Alternate Hotels Suggestions in KC's Country Club Plaza Neighborhood
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 6:07:22 PM

Effie is booking my travel and they are both sold out....

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From: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 5:48:30 PM
To: Esch, Michele - ARS; Taylor, Ityan - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: Re: Alternate Hotels Suggestions in KC's Country Club Plaza Neighborhood

Can you check out these hotels?

Thx

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From: Esch, Michele - ARS
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 3:55:22 PM
To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: Fwd: Alternate Hotels Suggestions in KC's Country Club Plaza Neighborhood

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From: Sanat Valecha <(b)(6)@ey.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 2:45:46 PM

To: Esch, Michele - ARS

Cc: Catherine Von Seggern

Subject: Alternate Hotels Suggestions in KC's Country Club Plaza Neighborhood

Hello Michele,

Our point of contact at the Kansas City Area Development Council (KCADC) recommended we stay in a more centrally located hotel, unless there is a compelling reason to stay in the Homewood Suites Speedway. There isn't a site near our current hotel and the KCADC offices are 30 minutes east.

There is a citywide conference (Destination Imagination) impacting hotel availability particularly Downtown; however, the following hotels in the Country Club Plaza neighborhood (15 mins. from Downtown) may have availability to accommodate our party.

- **Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza**
 - 4445 Main St, Kansas City, MO 64111 • (816) 531-3000
- **Sheraton Suites Country Club Plaza**
 - 770 W 47th St, Kansas City, MO 64112 • (816) 931-4400

Let us know if you decide to and are able to rebook. Thank you!

Regards,

Sanat Valecha



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Subject: RE: Cost Analysis Final Draft Discussion
Date: Thursday, May 30, 2019 4:52:46 PM
Attachments: [FOUO USDA Site Visits Summary Overview DRAFT v6.pptx](#) Attachment (30 pages) withheld in full under FOIA Exemption 5: Pre-decisional/Deliberative (Bates Nos. 0227-0256)

All,

Attached is the updated brief for our meeting at 5:15.

Thanks,
Michele

Michele Esch

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Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 5:20 PM

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Subject: Cost Analysis Final Draft Discussion

When: Thursday, May 30, 2019 5:15 PM-6:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

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To: [Knupp, Courtney - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: ERS & NIFA Site Visit Report Back
Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 4:04:40 PM

I'll be a few minutes late. I've got a meeting with SP from 8:15 to 9:15. It may run short....or long.

Don

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From: Knupp, Courtney - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 5:10 PM

To: Knupp, Courtney - OSEC, Washington, DC; Variyam, Jay - ERS; Esch, Michele - ARS; Hartley, Chris - ERS; Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC; Angle, Scott - NIFA; Hutchins, Scott - OSEC, Washington, DC; Leibtag, Ephraim - ERS; Ver Ploeg, Shelly - ERS; Astill, Gregory - ERS; Bersani, Peter - ERS; Gibbs, Robert - ERS; Robertson, Garland - NIFA; Jean, Pascale - NIFA; Kim, Gene W. - NIFA; Ferguson, Cathi - ERS

Subject: ERS & NIFA Site Visit Report Back

When: Thursday, June 6, 2019 9:00 AM-10:00 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: 221-A Whitten Building

Please plan to attend in person if possible. We look forward to it!

From: [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Hutchins, Scott - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Angle, Scott - NIFA](#); [Esch, Michele - ARS](#); [Hartley, Chris - ERS](#); [Variyam, Jay - ERS](#); [Tiffany Simon - PTC](#)
Subject: Re: Final Itinerary & U.S. Senator Blunt press release | USDA #1808005
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To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC; Angle, Scott - NIFA; Esch, Michele - ARS; Hartley, Chris - ERS; Variyam, Jay - ERS; Tiffany Simon - PTC
Subject: Re: Final Itinerary & U.S. Senator Blunt press release | USDA #1808005

So are Scott Angle and I.

From: "Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Don.Bice@usda.gov>
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7:24:14 PM
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Subject: Re: Final Itinerary & U.S. Senator Blunt press release | USDA #1808005

Tiffany and I are booked on 9:18 to kc.

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From: Angle, Scott - NIFA
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To: Esch, Michele - ARS; Hutchins, Scott - OSEC, Washington, DC; Hartley, Chris - ERS; Variyam, Jay - ERS; Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC; Tiffany Simon - PTC
Subject: Re: Final Itinerary & U.S. Senator Blunt press release | USDA #1808005

We are delayed getting out of Indy. Mechanical issue. Hope it's fixed soon.

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Subject: Fwd: Final Itinerary & U.S. Senator Blunt press release | USDA #1808005

See attached for the agenda for Kansas City and a note from the EOI.

A rep from Kansas City will meet us at the hotel and we plan to leave by 8:45 so please be in lobby by 8:30.

Tiffany - please forward to Anna.

See you there!

Michele

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From: Sanat Valecha <(b)(6)@ey.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 1:52:14 PM

To: Esch, Michele - ARS

Cc: Catherine Von Seggern

Subject: FW: Final Itinerary & U.S. Senator Blunt press release | USDA #1808005

Hi Michele,

Please find an updated agenda from Kansas City. One of the building tours was removed.

Also included is a press release:

“Additionally, I want to make you aware of a press release from U.S. Senator Roy Blunt (below) that

came out a few minutes ago. It does not mention the site visit in any way ... and only reflects on the KC region as a finalist as well as the KS/MO Federal Delegations' support of our metro as a location of choice.

We have the letter they reference (Full text of the letter is [here](#)) as part of our presentation package for tomorrow. I know that we will knock your socks off during your visit to KC!"

Thank you!

Regards,
Sanat Valecha

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From: Jill McCarthy [mailto:McCarthy@thinkkc.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 12:51 PM

To: Catherine Von Seggern <(b)(6)@ey.com>; Sanat Valecha <(b)(6)@ey.com>

Cc: Tim Cowden <Cowden@thinkkc.com>; Kim Young <Young@thinkkc.com>; Jason Klumb

<(b)(6)>

Subject: Final Itinerary & U.S. Senator Blunt press release | USDA #1808005

Importance: High

Catherine and Sanat,

Please find attached the FINAL itinerary for the team's visit to the KC region. ONE important note is the removal of the Ambassador Building near KCI Airport. The building's ownership is far down the path on a major lease and believe it will be locked up yet this week. In fairness to the USDA team, they have withdrawn the building from consideration.

Additionally, I want to make you aware of a press release from U.S. Senator Roy Blunt (below) that came out a few minutes ago. It does not mention the site visit in any way ... and only reflects on the KC region as a finalist as well as the KS/MO Federal Delegations' support of our metro as a location of choice.

We have the letter they reference (Full text of the letter is [here](#)) as part of our presentation package for

tomorrow. I know that we will knock your socks off during your visit to KC!

I wish for you a good (but not great, wink-wink) visit in your travels today, and an easy path into KC this afternoon/evening.

I look forward to seeing you soon! As a reminder, I will meet up with the team at the hotel tomorrow morning to blaze the trail to Union Station and our secure parking area.

Lastly, when you fly into KCI Airport ... ignore the ugly, dated and inefficient flow that's there today. Know that construction is already underway on a new \$1.5 billion single terminal airport that will be first-class all the way!

My best wishes,
Jill

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From: Haase, Matt (Blunt) [Matt_Haase@blunt.senate.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 11:07 AM

Subject: FW: Missouri, Kansas Delegations Urge USDA to Select Kansas City-Area as Headquarters for Research Agencies

Wanted to share this release.

From: Senator Blunt Press Office <PressOffice_Blunt@blunt.senate.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 11:04 AM

To: Senator Blunt Press Office <PressOffice_Blunt@blunt.senate.gov>

Subject: Missouri, Kansas Delegations Urge USDA to Select Kansas City-Area as Headquarters for Research Agencies



For Immediate Release
May 21, 2019

Contact: [Katie Boyd](#), [Tate O'Connor](#)
Press Office: 202-224-1403

Missouri, Kansas Delegations Urge USDA to Select Kansas City-Area as Headquarters for Research Agencies

“Kansas City is ideally located for ERS and NIFA employees to simultaneously be closer to the agricultural stakeholders and rural communities they serve”

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senators Roy Blunt (Mo.), Josh Hawley (Mo.), Jerry Moran (Kan.), and Pat Roberts (Kan.), and U.S. Representatives Emanuel Cleaver (Mo.), Vicky Hartzler (Mo.), Sam Graves (Mo.), Roger Marshall (Kan.), Ron Estes (Kan.), Steve Watkins (Kan.), and Sharice Davids (Kan.) today highlighted why the Kansas City-area should be selected as the new headquarters for the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Economic Research Service (ERS) and National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) in a letter to USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue.

“Kansas City is home to a highly-skilled workforce, including to approximately 5,000 USDA employees and contractors,” **the members wrote**. “The Kansas City Animal Health Corridor, stretching from Manhattan, Kansas to Columbia, Missouri, is the largest concentration of animal health companies in the world. Kansas is the future home of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF), the nation’s foremost animal disease research facility. Over a dozen land-grant universities and research institutions are located in close proximity of Kansas City. This concentration of animal health companies, NBAF and land-grant universities will not only complement the research capabilities of ERS and NIFA, but continue to foster a talented workforce to meet the personnel needs of USDA in the future. ...

“We agree the quality of life of USDA employees ought to be a key consideration in relocating the agencies, and assure you that Kansas City is a premier place for people to live and work. Kansas City has undergone significant development in recent years, including a revitalized downtown area that offers residents a vibrant and exciting lifestyle. Kansas City residents enjoy some of the shortest commute times of any metropolitan area and have

convenient access to popular destinations in both urban and rural areas of our states.”

Full text of the letter is [here](#).

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Thanks Benny – (b)(5) DPP . Attached.

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To: Young, Benjamin - OGC, Washington, DC; Hutchins, Scott - OSEC, Washington, DC; Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC
Cc: Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC; Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC; Boswell, Kristi J. EOP/WHO
Subject: For Review: City Host Notification Letters

Attached are final drafts for letters from ASA Don Bice to host contacts in cities (2 rejections, 1 acceptance). These letters (b)(5) DPP

Please advise by noon Wed if you see any issues.

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PRE-DECISIONAL-DELIBERATIVE

June (b)(5) DPP

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Sincerely,

Donald K. Bice
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration

PRE-DECISIONAL/DELIBERATIVE

June xx, 2019

Name

Organization

Address

Dear xx,

(b)(5) DPP



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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration

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June (b)(5) DPP

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Sincerely,

Donald K. Bice
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration

From: [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Tiffany Simon - PTC](#)
Subject: RE: FW: USDA/GSA - POC and Vacancy Information
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 4:46:08 PM
Attachments: [Short List Employee Briefing 5-3-19v2.pptx](#)

Attachment (5 pages) withheld in full under FOIA
Exemption 5: Pre-decisional/Deliberative (Bates
Nos. 0277-0281)

From: Tiffany Simon - PTC <tiffany.simon@gsa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 12:52 PM
To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: USDA/GSA - POC and Vacancy Information

That is fine.

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On Tue, May 7, 2019 at 12:34 PM Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@usda.gov> wrote:

Need to do 4:45.

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From: Tiffany Simon - PTC <tiffany.simon@gsa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 9:52:53 AM
To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: Re: FW: USDA/GSA - POC and Vacancy Information

Good morning Don,

The sooner the better. I do have a couple of questions are there any meetings I need to be included on today for planning purposes? And when will the traveling schedule be made available?

I look forward to hearing from you today at 4:30. Here is my cell number (b)(6).

Have a great day!

Tiffany

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On Tue, May 7, 2019 at 9:39 AM Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@usda.gov> wrote:

I can call you at 4:30 today or 11:30 tomorrow.

From: Tiffany Simon - PTC <tiffany.simon@gsa.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 5:28 PM
To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: USDA/GSA - POC and Vacancy Information

Hi Don,

I will be back in the office tomorrow and I look forward to connecting with you first thing. I am free in the morning at 11 am and all afternoon.

Please let me know what time works best for you! I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Have a great day!

Thanks,

Tiffany

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On Mon, May 6, 2019 at 5:11 PM Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@usda.gov> wrote:

Nice to meet you via email Tiffany. We are looking to arrange the site visits for the 3 locations most likely early next week. We have a meeting tomorrow to discuss timing. Maybe we can set up a meeting or call so I can give you more of the back story and hear from you what you might need.

Don Bice

Dep Asst Sec for Administration

From: Michael Gelber - PD <michael.gelber@gsa.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 4:08 PM

To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@usda.gov>

Cc: Daniel Mathews - PBS <daniel.mathews@gsa.gov>; Stuart Burns - PT <johns.burns@gsa.gov>; Tiffany Simon - PAAA <tiffany.simon@gsa.gov>

Subject: USDA/GSA - POC and Vacancy Information

Following up on our conversation from last Friday (05/03):

1) GSA point-of-contact - Tiffany Simon will accompany USDA on its upcoming site visits. Ms. Simon's contact address is provided above.

2) Vacancy Information - there is no vacant space to accommodate the entire space requirement (120,000 square feet) in one building. GSA does have some vacant space in some of the discussed communities.

Leased (see attached file):

- o three of the identified communities (Indianapolis, Raleigh/Durham, and Madison) currently have 0 square feet of vacant space in GSA leased buildings;
- o Kansas City has 5,595 square feet of vacant space available across 2 leases; and
- o St. Louis has 1,368 square feet of vacant space available in one lease.

Federally-owned:

- o the attached file presents vacant space in existing Government facilities. Note the Goodfellow Boulevard (St. Louis) properties would require improvement prior to a long-term USDA occupancy.

I will share responses to the other items we discussed in a separate message.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this information.

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From: [Esch, Michele - ARS](#)
To: [Horder, Lilia - OCIO-CIO, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: FYI
Date: Monday, May 6, 2019 11:26:02 AM

Thank you so much. (b)(6) !

I will already be at ERS for the All Hands from 2-3 so he can meet us there. I will let you know the room number as soon as I know.

Michele

Michele Esch

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From: Horder, Lilia - OCIO-CIO, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 11:25 AM
To: Esch, Michele - ARS <Michele.Esch@ARS.USDA.GOV>
Cc: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: FYI

Got it, thanks for the guidance. He'll be there.

How are you heading over? Could he join you? He'll uber unless you've already got plans.

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From: Esch, Michele - ARS
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 11:17 AM
To: Horder, Lilia - OCIO-CIO, Washington, DC <lilia.horder@usda.gov>
Cc: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: FYI

Yes, this is the only time (from 3-4). This is the site visit team meeting with the employee groups for both agencies. I sent an email last week about the times for everything this week but (apologies) forgot to send the calendar invite for this part until this morning.

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From: Horder, Lilia - OCIO-CIO, Washington, DC

Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 11:09 AM

To: Esch, Michele - ARS <Michele.Esch@ARS.USDA.GOV>

Cc: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@usda.gov>

Subject: RE: FYI

Looping Don.

Thoughts:

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Let us know your thoughts.

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Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 11:06 AM

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Subject: RE: FYI

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From: Esch, Michele - ARS

Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 10:45 AM

To: Horder, Lilia - OCIO-CIO, Washington, DC <lilia.horder@usda.gov>

Subject: RE: FYI

Ok. Will he be able to join the 3:00 relocation site visit team meeting?

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From: Horder, Lilia - OCIO-CIO, Washington, DC

Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 10:27 AM

To: Esch, Michele - ARS <Michele.Esch@ARS.USDA.GOV>

Subject: FYI

Just flagging that Don won't be able to join the NIFA/ERS all hands meeting today.

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To: [Young, Benjamin - OGC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Knupp, Courtney - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Esch, Michele - ARS](#)
Subject: Incentives Process
Date: Friday, May 10, 2019 10:50:10 AM

Does this sound like what our approach would be:

INCENTIVES PLAN DURING SITE VISIT

- (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]
- (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]
- (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]

From: [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Taylor, Ityan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Outbound Flight to BWI 5/23
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 7:35:51 PM

Thanks!! Crazy delays on way to KC!

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From: Taylor, Ityan - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 4:02:06 PM
To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: Outbound Flight to BWI 5/23

Flight		Total duration 2 h 25 min
Southwest Airlines WN540		Airline Record Locator VDIJ5F
MCI Kansas City International Airport Kansas City, Missouri, United States	2 h 25 min 963 miles 1549 kilometers	BWI Balt/Wash Intl Baltimore, Maryland, United States
Departure Thursday May 23 2019 Weather 6:15 PM Terminal Building B	Seat Assigned at Check-in Economy Confirmed	Arrival Thursday May 23 2019 Weather 9:40 PM
CO2 Emissions: 423.72 lbs/192.6 kgs Non-stop		

From: [Young, Benjamin - OGC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Esch, Michele - ARS](#); [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Knupp, Courtney - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: RE: Outstanding Site Visit Questions as of 5/15/19
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 3:41:52 PM

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Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 11:18:29 AM
To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC; Young, Benjamin - OGC, Washington, DC
Cc: Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC; Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC; Knupp, Courtney - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: RE: Outstanding Site Visit Questions as of 5/15/19

Hi all

I have some of these questions handled but a few others need some help. Please review all but take note of the highlights below. Don – there are a few on the GSA process.

Thanks!
 Michele

Durham-Chapel Hill, NC

From Laura Lee (EDPNC) on 5/14/19:

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Indianapolis / Lafayette, IN

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Kansas City, MO-KS

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From: [Esch, Michele - ARS](#)
To: [Taylor, Ityan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Travel Booking Support
Date: Monday, May 13, 2019 8:58:51 AM

I am free now! I will walk down to your offices.

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From: Taylor, Ityan - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 8:58 AM
To: Esch, Michele - ARS <Michele.Esch@ARS.USDA.GOV>
Cc: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Travel Booking Support

Good morning Michelle,

Thank you for the logistics information! When are you free to chat?

Thank you,
 Tyra

From: Esch, Michele - ARS
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 6:20 PM
To: Taylor, Ityan - OSEC, Washington, DC <ityran.taylor@usda.gov>
Cc: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Travel Booking Support

Tyra,

Below are the logistics for the site visits next week.

Effie Coley in ARS is doing all of the booking for me, Scott Angle, Scott Hutchins, Chris Hartley, and Jay Variyam.

Tiffany Simon from GSA will also need to be looped into the logistics.

Let's plan to talk Monday morning.

Have a great weekend!

Michele

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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 6:16 PM

To: Esch, Michele - ARS <Michele.Esch@ARS.USDA.GOV>

Cc: Catherine Von Seggern <(b)(6)@ey.com>; Francisco E Rodriguez <(b)(6)@ey.com>

Subject: RE: Travel Booking Support

Hi Michele,

The North Carolina EOI sent along one additional hotel recommendation (Hampton Inn Glenwood South). I have inserted it into the report at the bottom of this email chain.

Thank you, and (b)(6) !

Regards,

Sanat Valecha

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From: Esch, Michele - ARS [<mailto:Michele.Esch@ARS.USDA.GOV>]

Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 6:12 PM

To: Sanat Valecha <(b)(6)@ey.com>

Cc: Catherine Von Seggern <(b)(6)@ey.com>; Francisco E Rodriguez <(b)(6)@ey.com>

Subject: RE: Travel Booking Support

Thank you!! We will get everything booked first thing on Monday. (b)(5) DPP

Have a great weekend. (b)(6) !

Michele

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From: Sanat Valecha <(b)(6)@ey.com>

Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 6:05 PM

To: Esch, Michele - ARS <Michele.Esch@ARS.USDA.GOV>

Cc: Catherine Von Seggern <(b)(6)@ey.com>; Francisco E Rodriguez <(b)(6)@ey.com>

Subject: Travel Booking Support

Hello Michele,

Below, please find details on the travel timeline and hotel recommendations for the upcoming site visits. We will follow up with hotel recommendations in Indianapolis, IN once we received them from the EOI applicant.

Thank you.

Travel Booking Support

Friday, May 10, 2019

5:21 PM

Travel Timeline

Durham, NC

- Arrive night of Wednesday, May 15
- Site visit – May 16 and 17
- Depart back home evening of Friday, May 17

Indianapolis / Lafayette, IN

- Arrive night of Sunday, May 19
- Site visit – May 20 and 21
- Depart to Kansas City evening of Tuesday, May 21

Kansas City, MO-KS

- Arrive night of Tuesday, May 21
- Site visit – May 22 and 23
- Depart back home evening of Thursday, May 23

Hotels in Durham, NC

Marriott City Center

500 Fayetteville Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Residence Inn Raleigh Downtown

616 South Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Hampton Inn Glenwood South

600 Glenwood Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27603

Hotels in Indianapolis, IN

TBD - awaiting EOI recommendations

Hotels in Kansas City, MO-KS

NOTE:

- EOI Applicant (KCADC) indicated that to use the corporate rates indicated below, the KCADC would have to make the reservation on our behalf. However, we can put our own credit cards down upon arrival.

In order of proximity to the EOI Applicant (Kansas City Area Development Council) offices:

Westin KC at Crown Center (diagonal from our office)

1 E Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108

www.marriott.com

Corporate rate: \$150/night

Sheraton at Crown Center (1.5 blocks away)

2345 McGee Street, Kansas City, MO 64108

www.marriott.com

Corporate rate: \$150/night

Crossroads Hotel in the Crossroads (2 blocks away)

2101 Central Street, Kansas City, MO 64108

<https://crossroadshotelkc.com>

Corporate rate: \$175/night

The Raphael (Marriott Autograph Collection) on the Country Club Plaza (4 miles)

325 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64112

www.raphaelkc.com

Corporate rate: \$199/night (suite)

The Fontaine on the Country Club Plaza (4 miles)

901 W 48th Place, Kansas City, MO 64112
www.thefontainehotel.com
Corporate rate: \$165/night, breakfast included

Keep in mind that traffic in KC is easily navigated. A 4 mile trip is quite short.

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To: [Taylor, Ityan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: TRIP Receipts
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 10:52:52 AM
Attachments: [aviscarKC.pdf](#)
[aviscarIND.pdf](#)

How could I forget!

From: Taylor, Ityan - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 10:18 AM
To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: TRIP Receipts

Hey Don,

Do you have a rental car receipts for the Indianapolis/Kansas City legs of your trip?

Thank you,
T

From: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 5:31 PM
To: Taylor, Ityan - OSEC, Washington, DC <ityran.taylor@usda.gov>
Subject: TRIP Receipts

Here are the trip receipts. Just missing my KC hotel and they are emailing me and one receipt for gas in NC.

NC first; IND/WestLaf; then KC. Gas for KC and IND in one file.

RECEIPT

Rental Agreement Number: (b)(6)
 Vehicle Number: 85964405

YOUR INFORMATION

BICE, DONALD
 WIZARD NUMBER: P3A229
 AVIS DISC:
 DEPT OF AGRICULTURE
 PAYMENT METHOD: MASTER XX2533

YOUR RENTAL

Picked up: MCI
 Date/Time: MAY 21, 2019@11:29PM
 Returned: MCI
 Date/Time: MAY 23, 2019@11:37AM
 Veh Group: Full-Size SUV-8 Pass
 Veh Charged: Full-Size SUV-8 Pass
 Vehicle: CHEVY TAHOE 2WD
 Odometer Out: 18472
 Odometer In: 18574
 Fuel Out: 26.0 In: 25.5

YOUR VEHICLE CHARGES

PR@ 220.00	220.00
DISCOUNT 5.0	11.00
YOUR TIME AND MILEAGE:	209.00

YOUR TAXABLE FEES

**11.11% FEE	26.45
CUST FAC CHARGE 3.00/DY	6.00
AFENA FUND 4.00/DY	8.00
TRANSP FEE 2.36/DY	4.72
VLF	12.89
ENERGY RECOVERY 0.60/DY	1.20
GARS 5.00/DY	10.00

YOUR SUBTOTAL

TAXABLE SUBTOT	278.26
TAX 8.600%	23.93

YOUR NON TAXABLE ITEMS

FUEL SERVICE	5.00
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TOTAL CHARGES	307.19
NET CHARGES	USD 307.19
YOUR TOTAL DUE:	0.00

PAID ON MASTER XX2533

**CONCESSION RECOVERY FEE

FUEL SERVICE = (26.0 GAL OUT
 - 25.5 GAL IN) * \$ 9.990/GAL

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RECEIPT

Agreement Number
Vehicle Number:

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YOUR INFORMATION

BICE, DONALD, K
 NUMBER: P3A229
 DISC:
 OF AGRICULTURE
 PAYMENT METHOD: MASTER XX2533

YOUR RENTAL

Picked up: IND
 Date/Time: MAY 19, 2019@03:05PM
 Returned: IND
 Date/Time: MAY 21, 2019@03:40PM
 Veh Group: Full-Size SUV-8 Pass
 Veh Charged: Full-Size SUV-8 Pass
 Vehicle: CHEVROLET TAHOE 4WD
 Odometer Out: 984
 Odometer In: 1192
 Fuel Out: 26.0 In: 26.1

YOUR VEHICLE CHARGES

BYE	80.00	38.00
FEH	160.00	160.00
DISCOUNT		8.00
YOUR TIME AND MILEAGE:		152.00

YOUR TAXABLE FEES

**11.11% FEE		18.22
CUST FAC CHARG	5.00/DY	10.00
VEH LIC RECoup	0.39/DY	.78
ENERGY RECOVERY	0.60/DY	1.20
GARS	5.00/DY	10.00

YOUR SUBTOTAL

TAXABLE SUBTOT	192.20
TAX 7.000%	13.45

YOUR NON TAXABLE ITEMS

#4% TAX	8.15
COUNTY SURCH 6.00	11.53

TOTAL CHARGES

NET CHARGES	USD 225.33
YOUR TOTAL DUE:	0.00

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- 26.1 GAL IN) * \$ 2.934/GAL

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From: [Tiffany Simon - PTC](#)
To: [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: USDA/GSA - POC and Vacancy Information
Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 7:19:03 AM

Good morning,

Just wanted to send a gentle reminder for the meeting invite for today's call at 1:30 pm.

Thanks,

Tiffany

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Cc: [Horder, Lilia - OCIO-CIO, Washington, DC](#); [Beach, Allie - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: USDA/GSA - POC and Vacancy Information
Date: Monday, May 6, 2019 5:12:32 PM

For the short-term needs, it is likely (b)(5) DPP . We should (b)(5) DPP

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-Chris

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Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 5:08 PM
To: Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC <kristi.boswell@usda.gov>; Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC <kailee.tkacz@usda.gov>; Hutchins, Scott - OSEC, Washington, DC <Scott.Hutchins@usda.gov>; Johansson, Robert - OCE <robert.johansson@usda.gov>; Angle, Scott - NIFA <Scott.Angle@nifa.usda.gov>; Hartley, Chris - ERS <CHARTLEY@ERS.USDA.GOV>; Leibtag, Ephraim - ERS <ELEIBTAG@ers.usda.gov>; Esch, Michele - ARS <Michele.Esch@ARS.USDA.GOV>
Cc: Horder, Lilia - OCIO-CIO, Washington, DC <lilia.horder@usda.gov>; Beach, Allie - OSEC, Washington, DC <allison.beach@usda.gov>
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Subject: Re: USDA/GSA - POC and Vacancy Information
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2019 12:32:58 PM

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Front office number is 202 720-3291. Desk is 202 720-8492

From: Tiffany Simon - PTC <tiffany.simon@gsa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 11:07 AM
To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: USDA/GSA - POC and Vacancy Information

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We are having an ethics briefing for site visits at 3:30. I can send an invite.

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To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC
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I'll give you a call and we can chat about today's meeting and putting you in the loop for upcoming meetings. No call in at this point.

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Subject: RE: USDA/GSA - POC and Vacancy Information
Date: Monday, May 6, 2019 4:53:35 PM

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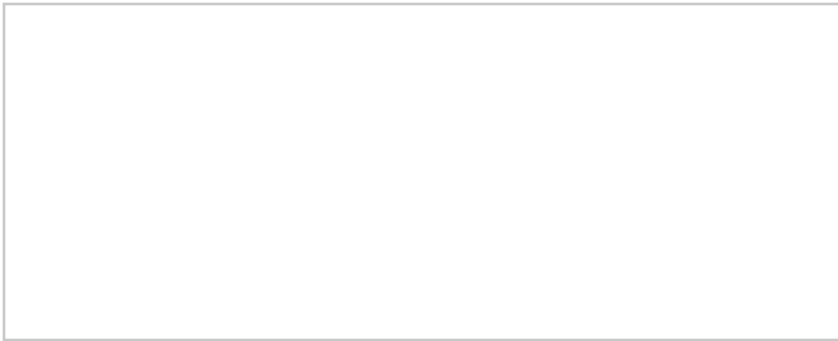
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Subject: RE: What are the economic entities you all visited with on site visits
Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 2:18:02 PM

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From: Knupp, Courtney - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 2:03 PM
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Subject: Revised Summary
Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 4:02:07 PM
Attachments: [FOUO USDA Site Visits Summary Overview DRAFT v4.pptx](#)

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 FOIA Exemption 5: Pre-decisional/
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Courtney,

See attached for the revised summary for the 4:30 meeting with the Deputy.

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To: [Young, Benjamin - OGC, Washington, DC](#); [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Boswell, Kristi J. EOP/WHO](#); [Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Knupp, Courtney - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Esch, Michele - ARS](#); [Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Sen. Blunt
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 5:15:55 PM
Importance: High

Hi all,

Senator Blunt's Deputy Chief of Staff reached out to the Secretary's office requesting a call to between the Secretary and the Senator regarding the KC ERS/NIFA relocation site visit. [REDACTED]

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Happy to discuss on the phone if it is easier. Thanks!

Erin

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Cc: [Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Knupp, Courtney - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Site Visits - FOUO
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 9:03:45 AM
Attachments: [FOUO USDA Community and Site Visit Overview vFDraft.pptx](#) Attachment 1 (5 pages) withheld in full as a duplicate of Bates Nos. 0018-0022. (Bates Nos. 0334-0338)
[FOUO USDA Site Visit Objectives v2.pptx](#) Attachment 2 (5 pages) withheld in full under FOIA Exemption 5: Deliberative/Pre-Decisional (Bates Nos. 0339-0343)

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Site Visit Team,

Attached are two presentations from E&Y regarding the site visits. (b)(5) DPP

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We have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow afternoon with several items on the agenda, [REDACTED]

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Subject: travel - Indy and KC
Date: Friday, May 17, 2019 3:52:41 PM
Attachments: Project USDA - Agenda 5.20.19.docx
Project USDA - Agenda 5.21.19.docx
Burton D. Morgan Parking - Purdue University 5.21.19.pdf

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Hi all

Below are the travel arrangements for next week. Please plan to meet in the lobby of the Courtyard Indianapolis at the Capitol at **7:30 am on Monday morning**. Please let me know if you have any issues.

Michele

Indianapolis

Sunday, May 19, 2019 | (b)(6) | (b)(6) | (b)(6)
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Chris Hartley	5/21	IND	6:23 PM	MSP	8:15 PM	MCI	9:48 PM	5/23	MCI			
Scott Hutchins	5/21	IND	6:20 PM	ORD	6:44 PM	MCI	9:22 PM	5/23	MCI	2:10 PM	IND	9:59 PM
Jay Variyam	5/21	IND	6:23 PM	MSP	8:15 PM	MCI	9:48 PM	5/23	MCI	2:15 PM	BWI	6:55 PM

Name	Date	From	Departure Time	To	Connection	To	Arrival Time	Date	From	Departure Time	To	Arrival Time
Catherine von Seggern	5/21	IND	6:23 PM	MSP	8:15 PM	MCI	9:48 PM	5/23	MCI	2:15 PM	LGA	6:16 PM
Sanat Valecha	5/21	IND	6:23 PM	MSP	8:15 PM	MCI	9:48 PM	5/23	MCI	2:15 PM	LGA	6:16 PM

Cell Phone Contact Numbers:

Name	Cell Number
Scott Angle	(b)(6)
Don Bice	(b)(6)
Michele Esch	(b)(6)
Chris Hartley	(b)(6)
Scott Hutchins	(b)(6)
Jay Variyam	(b)(6)
Catherine Von Seggern	(b)(6)
Sanat Valecha	(b)(6)

Don Bice and Michele Esch will have rental cars in all locations.

Michele Esch

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W. State Street

Park in your labeled space on the circle drive in front of Burton D. Morgan Center for Entrepreneurship (MRGN). *Note – the drive is one way, you must enter from W. State Street.

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Meeting location:
Birck Nanotechnology Center (BRK)
Room 1001 is the first room on your right

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From: [Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Taylor, Ityan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: TRIP Receipts
Date: Thursday, May 30, 2019 5:31:25 PM
Attachments: [budgetcarNC.pdf](#)
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NC first; IND/WestLaf; then KC. Gas for KC and IND in one file.



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RECEIPT

Your Information

Customer Name: DONALD BICE
Budget Customer Discount: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Method of Payment: (b)(6)

Your Vehicle Information

Vehicle Number: 90914832
Vehicle Group Rented: Standard SUV-5 Pass
Vehicle Group Charged: Full-Size
Vehicle Description: GRV MAZDA CX-9 FWD
License Plate Number: NCFDS3861
Odometer Out: 4442
Odometer In: 4572
Total Driven: 130
Fuel Reading: Out 8/8 | In 8/8

Your Rental

Pickup Date/Time: MAY 15, 2019 @ 7:33PM
Pickup Location: 1000 RENTAL CAR DRIVE
RALEIGH DURHAM AIRPORT
MORRISVILLE, NC, 27560, US
919-840-4781

Return Date/Time: MAY 17, 2019 @ 1:29PM
Return Location: 1000 RENTAL CAR DRIVE
RALEIGH DURHAM AIRPORT
MORRISVILLE, NC, 27560, US
919-840-4781

Additional fees may apply
if changes are made
to your return date, time
and/or location.

Your Vehicle Charges (MIN 1 DAY / MAX 30 DAY)

Rate Chart:	Free Miles:	Time and Mileage:
Miles: UNLIMITED		Your Discount:
Hourly: 27.76		2 Ad'l Day @ 37.00 =
Daily: 37.00		74.00
Ad'l day: 37.00		
Weekly: 1110.00		Time and Mileage:
Monthly: 1110.00		74.00

Your Optional Products/Services

Optional Services Total: 0.00

Your Taxable Fees

11.11% Concession Recovery Fee 9.51
FACILITY CHARGE 5.00/DY 10.00
VEH LICENSE RECOUP 0.78/DY 1.56
GARS 5.00/DY 10.00

Sub-total-Charges: 105.07
TAX 8.000% 8.41

Your Non-Taxable Products/Services

*6.5% SURCHARGE 6.83

Your Total Charges paid: 120.31
Prepayment 0.00

Net Charges: USD 120.31
Your Total Due: 0.00

Thank you for renting with Budget.
For all other inquiries, please contact us at 1-800-527-0700, or www.budget.com.

Your vehicle was rented to you by TINA. Your vehicle was checked in by NYIKISHA.

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BICE, DONALD

2803 JOSEF CT

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Room No: 510/OSTN
Arrival Date: 5/15/2019 8:05:00 PM
Departure Date: 5/17/2019
Adult/Child: 1/0
Cashier ID: EWILSON70
Room Rate: 129.00
AL:
HH #
VAT #
Folio No/Che 464611 A

Confirmation Number: (b)(6)

(b)(6) 5/17/2019 7:27:00 AM

DATE	REF NO	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES
5/15/2019	1993559	GUEST ROOM	\$129.00
5/15/2019	1993559	TAXES	\$17.09
5/16/2019	1993829	GUEST ROOM	\$129.00
5/16/2019	1993829	TAXES	\$17.09
5/17/2019	1993931	MC *2533	(\$292.18)
BALANCE			\$0.00

CREDIT CARD DETAIL

APPR CODE 045410
CARD NUMBER (b)(6)
TRANSACTION ID 1993931

MERCHANT ID (b)(6)
EXP DATE 08/23
TRANS TYPE Sale

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United States Gov.

Room: 209

Room Type: KSOF

Number of Guests: 1

Rate: \$125.00

Clerk: GFJ

Arrive: 19May19

Time: 06:39PM

Depart: 20May19

Time: 07:27AM

Folio Number: 89116

DATE	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	CREDITS
19May19	Room Charge	125.00	
19May19	Room Tax	21.25	
19May19	Overnight Parking	23.00	
20May19	Master Card		169.25

Card #: (b)(6)

Amount: 169.25 Auth: 035116 Signature on File
This card was electronically swiped on 19May19

BALANCE: 0.00

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Room No: 513/K1
Arrival Date: 5/20/2019 9:42:00 PM
Departure Date: 5/21/2019 8:19:00 AM
Adult/Child: 1/0
Cashier ID: MARY
Room Rate: 106.00
AL:
HH # (b)(6)
VAT #
Folio No/Che 454115 A

Confirmation Number: (b)(6)

(b)(6) 5/21/2019 8:19:00 AM

DATE	REF NO	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES
5/20/2019	1734219	GUEST ROOM	\$106.00
5/20/2019	1734219	STATE TAX	\$7.42
5/20/2019	1734219	LOCAL TAX	\$5.30
5/21/2019	1734359	MC *2533	(\$118.72)
BALANCE			\$0.00

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CREDIT CARD DETAIL

APPR CODE 065621
CARD NUMBER (b)(6)
TRANSACTION ID 1734359

MERCHANT ID (b)(6)
EXP DATE 08/23
TRANS TYPE Sale

WELCOME
00500033
KCI CAR CENTER INC
426 PARIS ST
KANSAS CITY MO
64153

DATE 5/23/19 11:32
TRAN# 9078662
PUMP# 07
SERVICE LEVEL: SELF
PRODUCT: PREMIUM
GALLONS: 6.861
PRICE/G: \$ 3.199
FUEL SALE \$21.95
CREDIT \$21.95

ENTRY METHOD USED :
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Acct: 2533
Term ID: 21
AUTH: 00-010864
Batch: 69 Seq: 029
INVOICE: 113046
Tran: 1644156

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CREDIT \$ 47.96

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To: [Vinson, Kim](#)
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Subject: USDA ERS/NIFA Update - Final selection
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2019 9:40:06 AM
Attachments: [Indy Letter.pdf](#) Attachment (2 pages) withheld in full as a duplicate of Bates Nos. 0185-0186. (Bates Nos. 0359-0360)

Please find a letter attached from Don Bice, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration at USDA, regarding the final location selection for ERS and NIFA.

For your reference, attached is an embargoed press release with additional details that USDA will [issue](#) at 10 am EDT. Please direct any additional questions to relocation@usda.gov.

We sincerely appreciate the work that you have provided in response to the Expression of Interest.

Michele Esch