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AHA SEEKS DEVELOPERS FOR ENGLEWOOD DISTRICT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ATLANTA BELTLINE

ATLANTA, GA – The Atlanta Housing Authority announced today that it is seeking private-sector developers to create a sense of place and belonging with affordable and market-rate housing in the Englewood District and in partnership with the Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.

“This Request for Qualifications represents the starting point of an unprecedented opportunity to redevelop a community along the Atlanta BeltLine where families can live, work and thrive,” said Catherine Buell, CEO of the Atlanta Housing Authority.

“This new partnership with AHA significantly accelerates ABI’s unwavering commitment to an equitable Atlanta BeltLine for all,” said Paul Morris, CEO of Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.

AHA and its partners are seeking developers to build the first phase of a 37-acre property located in southeast Atlanta near the Atlanta BeltLine, within the Chosewood Park neighborhood and south of Grant Park.

The 37 acres consist of two non-contiguous sites. The first is a former public housing site located on the south side of Englewood Avenue and directly across from the BeltLine’s Boulevard Crossing Park.

The second area is located on the north side of Englewood Avenue and adjacent to the BeltLine. It is anticipated that approximately 10 acres of the 37 acres will be released to one or more developers as the first phase for development. For future phases, AHA may offer development options to respondents or issue a new solicitation. AHA may also select one or more respondents for a co-terminus development of Phase 1.

AHA and the Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. will spearhead an Area Development Plan, which will take into account the area's infrastructure, storm water management, green space, transportation and affordable housing needs.

The extensive planning process -- which will include the City of Atlanta, Invest Atlanta, the Atlanta Public Schools and other development stakeholders -- will serve as a catalyst for neighborhood revitalization and the creation of the Englewood District.

"Making affordable living a reality around the BeltLine and all across the city is a team sport," said Morris. "All who work to make a great community have an essential role to play. With AHA as our partner, this project will ensure we do well by doing good for all."

AHA will select qualified developers with a track record of engaging community leaders and stakeholders, stimulating economic development with retail opportunities, and mitigating community displacement.

A conference and site tour will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, April 20, 2017, at AHA headquarters at 230 John Wesley Dobbs Ave., NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Submissions to the RFQ are due 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

About Atlanta Housing Authority

The Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta, Georgia (AHA) is the largest housing authority in Georgia and one of the largest in the nation. AHA provides and facilitates affordable housing resources for nearly 22,000 low-income households comprised of approximately 50,000 people.

These affordable housing resources include AHA-owned residential communities, AHA-sponsored mixed-income, mixed-finance residential communities, tenant-based vouchers, project based rental assistance, supportive housing arrangements and homeownership opportunities. AHA's programs are funded and regulated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD").

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About Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.

The Atlanta BeltLine is the most comprehensive transportation and economic development effort ever undertaken in the City of Atlanta and among the largest, most wide-ranging urban redevelopment programs currently underway in the United States. The Atlanta BeltLine is a sustainable redevelopment project that will provide a network of public parks, multi-use trails and transit along a historic 22-mile railroad corridor circling downtown and connecting many neighborhoods directly to each other. Atlanta BeltLine, Inc., (ABI) is the entity tasked with planning and executing the implementation of the Atlanta BeltLine in partnership with other public and private organizations, including City of Atlanta departments. For more information on the Atlanta BeltLine, please visit www.BeltLine.org.
