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Oak Park Welcomes FedEx® Facility to Former Detroit Artillery Armory Site ***Development marks one of the largest commercial land deals on record for the City***

July 21, 2015, Oak Park, Michigan – The City of Oak Park announced today that FedEx® Corp. will initiate development of a distribution center on the old Detroit Artillery Armory site, located at 21200 Greenfield Rd., Oak Park, Michigan. FedEx® plans to construct a 304,000-square-foot facility, which is expected to employ more than 245 people and operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. That number could grow to as high as 400 within the first five years of operation.

“This new development showcases the City’s commitment to growing our tax base,” said City Manager Erik Tungate. “It is also historically significant as one of the largest commercial land deals on record in the City.” Completed in July 2014, Oak Park’s Strategic Economic Development Plan seeks to promote private sector investment and includes development of the vacant Detroit Artillery Armory site.

FedEx® will reside on 54 acres of the 100-acre parcel previously owned by commercial real estate company Schostak Bros. & Co. The project, which is estimated to cost approximately \$25 million, is expected to begin this month and conclude by August 2016 in anticipation of an active winter delivery season.

“We are extremely pleased to welcome FedEx® to the community,” added Oak Park Mayor Marian McClellan. “Oak Park was one of three sites under consideration by FedEx®, so this is a major victory for the City. Without a doubt, the City’s strategic location is an attractive feature for the shipping company.” Oak Park is centrally located within the region. It is bordered by three major thruways - John C. Lodge Freeway (M-10) to the west, Walter P. Reuther Freeway (I-696) to the north, and Eight Mile Rd. (M-102) to the south.

“The City’s Economic Development Department is committed to responsibly maintain and market our properties to businesses that enhance community initiatives,” said Kimberly Marrone, Manager of Community and Economic Development. “Responsible development increases our tax base, beautifies vacant land, and brings employment opportunities to the area.”

Oak Park recently launched Oakland County’s One-Stop Ready program, which focuses on identifying ways to streamline municipal processes for local businesses interested in investing in the City.

The City of Oak Park is situated on the southern-most border of Oakland County, Michigan, and serves as a suburban ambassador to Detroit. Incorporated as a city in 1945, Oak Park’s current population exceeds 29,300 and is home to more than 500 local businesses, including corporate headquarters.

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