

February 26, 2013

Mr. Dan M. Tangherlini
Acting Administrator
U.S. General Services Administration
1800 F Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Mr. Tangherlini:

The Prince George's County Council, in partnership with County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, is proud to express its full support for Prince George's County as the host location for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) headquarters. We strongly believe that the proposed location at the Greenbelt Metro Station is a superior site that offers many outstanding attributes, including immediate access to Metro and the Capital Beltway, the ability to support a high quality consolidated, secure, office campus, and access to attractive retail and other amenities.

The Greenbelt Metro Station is one of the few locations in the National Capital Region that can meet all the real estate, logistical and security needs of a new FBI headquarters and, as an outstanding Transit Oriented Development (TOD) site, link such development with multiple modes of transportation and transit. This location is adjacent to Metro and MARC and the Capital Beltway, and highly proximate to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and I-95, providing direct access to key decision makers in Washington, D.C. and the metropolitan region, as well as nearby Baltimore, Maryland. This Prince George's County site may be found as an outstanding TOD opportunity in a community with an excellent quality of life.

Prince George's County is well prepared to support the FBI's mission of protecting this nation from international and domestic threats. Our advantages include a highly skilled workforce and strengths in cutting edge technology sectors and advanced research universities. The University of Maryland College Park is the region's largest research university, with nationally ranked disciplines in criminal justice, computer forensics, fire protection engineering, data analysis, biological sciences, language, homeland security and national security. The flagship institution of the University of Maryland System enjoys a long standing research, employment, and service partnership with the FBI and other key federal installations. Bowie State University can be a vital partner in support of the FBI and its national security and intelligence partners. Bowie State has been designated as a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education by the Department of Homeland Security and the National Security Agency. Prince George's Community College was designated by the National Science Foundation as a National Center for Cybersecurity. It leads a partnership of more than 96 colleges and universities, government agencies and nonprofit/for profit industries across the United States.

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This County is also proud to support other nearby and critical federal facilities, including Joint Base Andrews, the home to Air Force One.

Because a decision to locate the FBI headquarters at the Greenbelt Metro Station would be consistent with the County's long-term goals of creating new mixed use development centers that provide daytime employment populations, residential options and retail amenities that serve employees, residents and visitors, you can be confident that Prince George's County will provide an expedited, streamlined, review process and, with our federal, state, and private partners, a commitment to provide all necessary infrastructure to make FBI location here an indisputable success.

In closing, with a unified goal of attracting the FBI and other federal agencies to Prince George's County, we are all committed to demonstrating that Prince George's County should be considered the location of choice to work, live, and invest in the National Capital Region. We remain steadfast in our resolve to support and advocate for Prince George's County, and hope you will join us in recognizing our County as a superior location for the federal government.

Sincerely,

Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive

Andrea Harrison
Council Chair