

Governor Pritzker, Cook County Board President Preckwinkle and Amazon Announce Two New, State-of-the-Art Fulfillment Centers to be Built in Illinois

New facilities will create more than 2,000 new, full-time jobs, on top of the company's current 11,000 employees across the state

(Matteson, IL) – Monday, June 22, 2020 — Today, Governor JB Pritzker, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Amazon announced the company will launch two new, state-of-the-art fulfillment centers in Matteson and Markham, creating more than 2,000 new, fulltime jobs, with industry-leading pay and comprehensive benefits starting on day one. These fulfillment centers in Markham and Matteson will be the first facilities located in Cook County to feature Amazon's innovative robotics technology. The company launched its first fulfillment center in Illinois in 2015, and is now home to 11 fulfillment and sortation centers in Joliet, Aurora, Crest Hill, Edwardsville, Minooka, Monee, Romeoville, Waukegan, and Wood Dale.

"I'm committed to making Illinois a leader and placing us among the most forward-thinking and innovative states in the country. As the home to some of the best research universities in the world, producing the second largest number of computer science graduates, the fourth largest number of MBAs in the nation, and the fifth highest number of data scientists, Illinois is well on its way," said Governor JB Pritzker. "I'm excited to see Amazon increasing their presence here in Illinois and creating thousands of much-needed jobs for our residents."

"The Village of Matteson is thrilled to welcome Amazon to our town. As a global leader of the rapidly growing distribution industry Amazon will now have access to our exceptional regional workforce, a very vibrant business climate and our continuing commitment to attract diverse forms of economic development," said Matteson Village President Sheila Chalmers-Currin. "This particular project is clearly an economic engine that will attract hundreds of jobs to our town."

Amazon employees at both new fulfillment centers will utilize Amazon's innovative robotics technology to pick, pack and ship smaller customer items such as books, electronics, small household goods and toys. This technology increases workplace efficiency by allowing employees to dedicate more time to other important tasks. In addition, robotics and automation expedite the processing of customer orders, allowing products to be delivered faster.

"We believe that the economic benefit experienced by the City of Markham and surrounding communities will be great and I am truly grateful to Amazon," said Mayor Roger Agpawa. "I am proud of this administration and the leaders of our communities who have worked so hard to ensure that Markham remains viable in an ever-changing commerce climate."

"We are excited to join the community and create more than 2,000 new, full-time jobs with industry-leading pay and benefits at our two newest fulfillment center in the state," said Mike Flannery, regional director of Amazon Operations. "This facility will utilize Amazon Robotics, with 24 years' worth of technological innovations. We are grateful for the support we have received from state and local leaders who have helped make this project possible."

Amazon jobs are great jobs with great benefits. On top of the company's industry-leading \$15 minimum wage, full-time employees receive comprehensive benefits, including full medical, vision, and dental

insurance as well as a 401(k) with 50 percent company match, starting on day one. The company also offers up to 20 weeks of maternal and parental paid leave and innovative benefits such as Leave Share and Ramp Back, which give new parents flexibility with their growing families. At Amazon, these benefits and opportunities come with the job, as does the ability to communicate directly with the leadership of the company, in a safe, innovative work environment.

"Amazon's two new fulfillment centers in Matteson and Markham will serve as an economic engine for Cook County's Southland," said Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. "I am pleased to welcome these state-of-the-art facilities to Cook County and am grateful for the much-needed job opportunities it will bring to the region."

In addition, Amazon has pledged to invest over \$700 million to provide upskilling training for 100,000 U.S. employees for in demand jobs. Programs will help Amazonians from all backgrounds access training to move into highly skilled roles across the company's corporate offices, tech hubs, fulfillment centers, retail stores, and transportation network, or pursue career paths outside of Amazon.

Since 2010, Amazon has invested more than \$4.4 billion in Illinois through its customer fulfillment infrastructure and compensation for its employees. Amazon's investments in Illinois have contributed an additional \$3.3 billion into the state's economy, and, using methodology developed by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Amazon estimates its investments in the state have created an additional 10,000+ indirect jobs on top of the company's 11,000 direct hires.

Amazon's fulfillment network supports millions of businesses of all sizes worldwide through its Fulfillment By Amazon offering. There are more than 73,500 authors, small and medium-sized businesses, and developers in Illinois growing their businesses and reaching new customers on Amazon products and services.

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