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PRESS RELEASE

CITY SEEKS TO GET FORMER FIRE STATION ONTO TAX ROLLS

(PITTSBURGH) Sept. 9 – Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, in conjunction with the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) announced that the City has issued a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the redevelopment of Engine House Number 16, located in the North Point Breeze neighborhood at Penn and North Lang Avenues. Built in the early 1900s, the former fire station currently serves as a classroom training facility for City firefighters.

"Located near Bakery Square, the new Target and the improvements planned for Penn Circle, the transformation of a basically vacant building into a symbol of new investment will further demonstrate East Liberty's revitalization," said Ravenstahl.

The URA will coordinate the RFP process, facilitate review and evaluation of proposals, and provide recommendations to the City. The City will then select the developer.

The RFP is available on the URA's website at www.ura.org and on the Buy in the Burgh website at www.buyintheburgh.com. The property is for sale only; lease proposals will not be considered. Responses are due no later than noon on Friday, October 22, 2010.

In September 2009, the Mayor's office and URA partnered to introduce www.buyintheburgh.com - an online searchable database of all City of Pittsburgh and URA-owned properties available for purchase.

"This user-friendly website is a great tool for accessing information and encourages investment on every scale," said Ravenstahl. "Whether you are looking for a site to start an urban garden, interested in purchasing property for a single-family home, or planning a large-scale redevelopment project, www.buyintheburgh.com is a great place to start."

Interested investors can search the online database to find vacant land and development sites. Properties can be located by address, neighborhood, block and lot, ward, or assessed value. All properties listed are within the City limits of Pittsburgh.

Information on the Mayor's 10-year Tax Abatement and Green-Up programs is also available on the site. Property owners within designated neighborhoods can take advantage of the 10-year tax abatement on renovations made to their homes or property, saving thousands in taxes in the long run.

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