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## Amtrak Takes Next Step to Enhance the Customer Experience at Philadelphia 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station

Issues RFQ Seeking Developer Partner

PHILADELPHIA – As part of its ongoing work to enhance the customer experience at Philadelphia 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station, Amtrak announced today it is seeking a master developer partner to update the historic station. With the release of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), Amtrak begins a two-phase process that will result in the selection of a preferred developer who will assist in: introducing new customer amenities, reinvigorating the retail and commercial potential of the station, enhancing transit and pedestrian circulation and expanding the station's concourses to accommodate anticipated increases in ridership.

"The re-introduction of the RFQ is a significant milestone for Philadelphia, as it represents the next step in realizing the future vision of 30th Street Station," said Amtrak Senior Program Manager, Natalie Shieh. "By partnering with the right development team, Amtrak will update this world class transportation hub for the traveling public and for the city of Philadelphia, its next great neighborhood."

The historic 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station is the third busiest station in Amtrak's national system, serving more than 4 million Amtrak passengers and more than 12 million combined SEPTA and NJ TRANSIT rail commuters annually. Amtrak recently made capital investments at 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station totalling over \$85 million, including the current refurbishment of the building facade, improvements to the public restrooms, replacement of the passenger elevators and escalators and restoration of the historic bronze entrance doors.

Information related to the RFQ can be found on the <u>Amtrak Procurement Portal</u>. Learn more about these and many other infrastructure investments that Amtrak is leading at nec.amtrak.com.

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