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West Jordan and PayPal Propose Partnership

WEST JORDAN, UT – The City of West Jordan and PayPal are moving forward with plans to partner on a data center at 3333 W. 9000 South, the site of the former Fairchild Semiconductor facility, which closed in 2014. The city’s Redevelopment Agency is working with PayPal and various taxing entities to complete an agreement to bring PayPal to West Jordan.

“PayPal is excited to work with the City of West Jordan and other governing bodies to develop a mutually beneficial data center project in Salt Lake County,” said Don McDaniel, PayPal Project Lead. “PayPal aims to have a positive impact in every community where we have a presence, and West Jordan is no different.”

Previously named “Project Pepper River,” the proposed project agreement focuses on a partial rebate of \$6.8 million of personal property tax from PayPal’s data storage equipment for a 10-year period. The company anticipates installing server equipment valued at \$663 million and also expects to employ 20 people at the site.

“This project is a good fit for our community because it involves a significant capital investment but does not place a heavy burden on our schools or roads,” said Mayor Jim Riding. “We are thrilled to see this building repurposed and are eager to welcome PayPal to our community.”

PayPal is in negotiations to be a tenant of Aligned Energy, which purchased the Fairchild property in March and converted it to a data center. Additional tenants are also expected to occupy the building. The PayPal facility plans to use 100 percent renewable energy by 2021.

“This project is about investment in the local community and diversifying the city’s tax base,” said Economic Development Director Kent G. Andersen. “We expect PayPal to act as an anchor tenant to bring additional tech companies to the community, further expanding the city’s high-tech profile.”

The RDA has been meeting with various taxing entities since October. The Board of Education of the Jordan School District unanimously supported the project at their Nov. 27 meeting. The project goes before the Salt Lake County Council today at 2 p.m. It will then go before the Utah State School Board of Education Thursday, Dec. 6. Final approval is scheduled for consideration by the city’s RDA board at their meeting tentatively set for Jan. 9, 2019.

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