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Columbus Department of Public Utilities Uniting up to 500 Employees through Downtown Office Commitment

Columbus, OH – The Columbus Department of Public Utilities will move offices from its current location at 910 Dublin Rd., to 37 W. Broad St. in Downtown Columbus. The move will initially bring 350 employees to Downtown with space to accommodate up to 150 additional employees in the future.

"Downtown offers an ideal office location for our Department of Public Utilities staff to connect and collaborate with industry partners, representatives from regulatory bodies, city colleagues and with one another," said Mayor Andrew J. Ginther. "By uniting much of the department under one roof, we'll accelerate collaboration and innovation to benefit the service we provide to our utility customers, while also contributing to the vibrancy of our Downtown."

The new location will house administrative positions and serve as a location for meetings of field employees.

"We are excited to bring these positions Downtown," said Kristen Atha, Director of Columbus Public Utilities. "The new location will provide our employees with a great working environment near other city offices, and in the heart of the community we serve."

Located at the northeast corner of Broad and Front Streets, 37 W. Broad is a 146,000 square foot building built in 1967. The building is now owned by Downtown Columbus, Inc. and sits diagonally across from Columbus City Hall.

"It's a win to bring more employees Downtown, and this move is helping to advance our strategic plan goal of having 120,000 workers Downtown by 2040," said Greg Davies, CEO of Downtown Columbus, Inc. "We're reinvesting in the Downtown core by repurposing existing underutilized space, rather than building new. This is a best practice in reducing office vacancy rates."

The move will occur in phases, as space becomes available and renovations are complete, beginning in the fall of 2025.

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About the City of Columbus

The City of Columbus is the 14th largest city in the United States with a population of 892,533 residents. The Columbus economy is balanced with a combination of education, technology, government, research, insurance and healthcare entities as major employers within the City. Columbus is gaining nationwide recognition for its booming downtown, historic neighborhoods, arts and sporting districts, open attitude and a noticeably affordable quality of life. Under the leadership of [Andrew J. Ginther](#), the City of Columbus has been named "America's Opportunity City." By banding together with labor, business, faith and community leaders in every neighborhood to expand equity and promote prosperity, Mayor Ginther is committed to making Columbus the very best community in the country.

About the Department of Public Utilities

Columbus Public Utilities serves the city and two dozen contract communities – total population 1.4 million and growing – with clean, safe drinking water and reliable sanitary sewer services to maximize quality of life and promote economic development.

The Division of Water treats a daily average of 145 million gallons of drinking water through three water plants, maintains distribution systems and related infrastructure, and directs water source protection programs, regulatory compliance, and water quality monitoring. Services provided by the Division of Sewerage and Drainage include wastewater collection and treatment, stormwater management, maintenance of two water reclamation plants as well as almost 4,700 miles of sanitary, storm, and combined sewer lines, and regulatory compliance programs to protect surface water quality. The Division of Power provides competitively priced electricity services to more than 18,000 customers, rates from which fund the city's entire streetlight system (59,000+ lights and counting), plus maintenance and capital improvements. Sustainable Columbus, the city's sustainability initiative based within the department, prioritizes equity and environmental justice guided by the Columbus Climate Action Plan, which commits our community to carbon neutrality by 2050 and a 45% reduction in emissions by 2030.

About Downtown Columbus, Inc.

Downtown Columbus, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization whose mission is to lead city-changing projects and collaborations that improve the connectivity, livability, and inclusivity of the Downtown Columbus experience. Downtown Columbus, Inc. drives development and progress of the Downtown Columbus Strategic Plan, working across sectors toward the vision for Downtown Columbus to become a neighborhood of connected, people-first urban districts that can be enjoyed by all. Learn more at downtowncolumbus.com.