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Greater Washington Partnership Welcomes Amazon's Commitment to the Capital Region

Capital Region—The Greater Washington Partnership released the following statement from CEO Jason Miller on Amazon's commitment to the Capital Region:

"Amazon's announcement is an incredible win for the Capital Region, and it is an important affirmation of our talent, our diversity, and our incredible potential. It also proves that the unprecedented unity among Maryland, the District, and Virginia sent a loud and clear message that we're all in this together.

"The announcement is just the beginning. Now we must seize this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and work together to show the world what an inclusive, unified region looks like. When one wins, we all win."

Additional Background

- In October, we launched, with the Urban Institute, the [Regional Housing Framework](#)—an effort to catalyze and inform action to address the Capital Region's future housing needs, beginning with the Washington metropolitan area.
- In June, we [announced](#) a first-of-its-kind alliance of university and business leaders to help build the workforce of the future. The CoLAB (Collaborative of Leaders in Academia and Business), as the initiative is called, connects the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia's leading higher education institutions and employers to align education and workforce needs.
- We helped lead the charge, [through the MetroNow Coalition](#), to successfully get the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia to provide dedicated funding for Metro.





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What They're Saying

“As a lifetime entrepreneur and co-founder of the region’s largest investment banking firm, I have had a front row seat in the evolution of the tech industry. As a champion for the region’s potential for economic growth, Amazon’s commitment validates this belief. Amazon chose the Capital Region because of our collective assets—an educated workforce, incredible universities, and a growing tech sector to name a few. Amazon’s new headquarters gives the region the opportunity to transition from a slow-growth to a fast-growth region, but we have to come together to ensure we capitalize on this opportunity.” – **Russ Ramsey, Chair of the Greater Washington Partnership**

“Amazon’s decision to invest here is a big win for the Capital Region - and just the latest proof that from Richmond to Baltimore, we are truly a super-region. We are already a global hub for tech innovation and home to some of the best educated, most skilled workforce in the country. Now, thanks to Amazon’s decision, we all have a great chance to continue to build around our common purpose: making this the best place in the world to live, work, innovate and compete.” – **Ted Leonsis, CEO of Monumental Sports and Entertainment and Vice Chair of the Greater Washington Partnership**

“Amazon’s commitment further elevates the Capital Region on the global stage. Their decision to invest here underscores what JPMorgan Chase and other businesses have long known— this is a great place to live and grow your business. We must capitalize on this opportunity to ensure that regional economic growth benefits everyone.” – **Peter Scher, Chair of the Mid-Atlantic region for JPMorgan Chase and Vice Chair of the Greater Washington Partnership**

“At Johns Hopkins University, our students and faculty are passionate in their pursuit of cutting-edge research that impacts lives. Amazon’s commitment is a testament to the Capital Region’s unique capabilities—its research institutions and academic medical centers, its proximity to the national capital, and its exceptional tech workforce. With Amazon as part of that constellation, we will continue to unleash the full potential of innovation locally and across the region.” – **Ron Daniels, President of The Johns Hopkins University**

“Amazon's decision to call Crystal City home isn't just exciting news, it's a sign that the company's leadership has recognized what we already know: the Capital Region boasts a world-class workforce; our business, political, and community leaders in every jurisdiction are unified as one team; and there's nothing but growth and success on our horizon. From Baltimore to Richmond, we are full of untapped potential and this announcement is just the beginning of a new era for the entire region.” – **Tom Farrell, Chairman, President and CEO of Dominion Energy**





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“I couldn’t be more pleased about Amazon’s commitment to the Capital Region. In February, Russ Ramsey, Ted Leonsis, and I wrote in the Washington Post that ‘if one wins, we all win,’ and we meant it. I’m confident that the addition of Amazon to the Capital Region will spark economic benefits that will reach far beyond the site of the new campus. Amazon will draw in new customers and new business from Baltimore to Washington D.C. and Loudoun County to Richmond. New residents mean more revenue that the region can invest to improve transportation and education that will have long lasting benefits for everyone in the Capital Region.” – **Shelia Johnson, founder and CEO of Salamander Hotels & Resorts**

“At MedStar, our central mission is to serve our patients, those who care for them, and their communities. To do that, MedStar needed a place where smart people work together at the intersection of technology, health, and academia. The Capital Region, from Baltimore to Richmond, provided that place. We’re excited by Amazon’s investment in the Capital Region because the impact will be felt throughout the region, inspiring new collaboration across sectors.” – **Kenneth A. Samet, President and CEO, MedStar Health**

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About the Greater Washington Partnership

The Greater Washington Partnership is a first-of-its-kind civic alliance of CEOs in the region, drawing from the leading employers and entrepreneurs committed to making the Capital Region—from Baltimore to Richmond—one of the world’s best places to live, work and build a business. Working in collaboration with leaders across our communities, the Partnership connects and leverages the region’s extraordinary assets to advance inclusive, actionable solutions that strengthen Greater Washington as a leading global region and center for commerce and innovation.

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