

Denver, Globeville, Elyria-Swansea Communities to launch public review process to expand on equity package elements for the Triangle project at the National Western Center

Changes to the community equity package of the Triangle project draft RFP will be developed over a series of meetings beginning in March 2020

DENVER – The City and County of Denver’s Performance Based Infrastructure Office (PBI), in cooperation with Globeville and Elyria-Swansea (GES) residents, community leadership and greater Denver neighbors, will host a planning meeting on **March 18, 2020 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Johnson Recreation Center** to create a public review process for the Triangle equity package.

The “equity package,” also known as Schedule 20 of the Triangle project draft request for proposal (RFP), is a series of provisions that can directly benefit the local community. Examples of equity package elements currently drafted in the RFP include a community investment fund, and workforce development programming designed to create job opportunities through skilled trade applicable to the ongoing operations and maintenance of the Triangle.

At the March 18 planning meeting, the PBI Office will provide an overview of the Triangle project and RFP, and work with residents to create a process and schedule for the remainder of the public review meetings which will continue through April 2020.

The PBI office and the Denver team are committed to providing more input and transparency than standard Public Private Partnership (P3) projects across the country typically entail. The public review process comes in response to a request from the community for equitable and inclusive community engagement, and is designed to produce an equity package that is responsive to community needs, while supporting the competitive project process.

WHAT: Triangle project at the National Western Center Equity Package: Public Review Meeting

WHEN: March 18, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Johnson Recreation Center, 4809 Race St, Denver, CO 80216

The Triangle Project includes a triangle-shaped, 60-acre area on the southeast side of the National Western Center campus. The PBI Office has identified two redevelopment teams, through a request for qualifications (RFQ) process, that are qualified to design, build, finance, operate and maintain public facilities, including:

- restoration of the 1909 Stadium Arena and redesign into a new, public market;
- construction of an exposition hall;
- construction of a new, mid-size arena for the National Western Stock Show rodeos, concerts and other year-round entertainment events; and
- environmental clean-up of parts of the site and construction of infrastructure to support and connect the campus to surrounding neighborhoods.

The equity package currently includes requirements for:

- prevailing and livable wage obligations,
- diversity and inclusion requirements,
- workforce requirements,
- small, Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) contracting opportunities and requirements in the design, construction and operational stages
- public art requirements, and
- requirements that 20 percent of any residential development included be income-restricted affordable housing serving a range of incomes and family sizes.

The Triangle project will complete the campus and advance the vision and mission of the National Western Center and contribute to its long-term success, while helping to activate the campus with a mix of uses to further serve local neighborhoods and create jobs. The RFP will be scored on a best-value basis with technical, financial and community equity requirements.

To read and comment on the draft RFP, and learn more about the Triangle project at the National Western Center, visit the [PBI website](#).