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## **St. Louis City, Federal Government Finalize Details of NGA Land Transfer**

**ST. LOUIS** – The City of St. Louis and federal government officials announced today that they have finalized the transactional details in order to transfer to the federal government the land in North St. Louis to be used for the Next NGA West headquarters.

“For over seventy years St. Louis has been proud to be the home of NGA West, and with this land transfer, we are ensuring our relationship will only strengthen into the future,” Mayor Lyda Krewson said. “But our renewed relationship isn’t just about building a new facility for the important work NGA does to protect our country, it’s about reinvesting in our community and establishing St. Louis as the center for geospatial excellence.”

Officials from St. Louis and the federal government finalized the legal details of the land transfer over the past few weeks. All documents are currently being circulated for the last of the signatures and recordation.

Upon recordation, the 97-acre site north of downtown St. Louis will be officially transferred to the United States Air Force. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will develop the land for NGA and oversee the construction of its new headquarters.

“We are enormously thankful to all of our public and private partners that assisted the City in our efforts to compete and ultimately be selected as the site for the Next NGA West headquarters,” said Otis Williams, Executive Director of the St. Louis Development Corporation. “It has been a total team effort to secure the funding required to assemble and prepare the 97 acre site to the specifications required to transfer the property to the federal government.”

"The land transfer is truly a historic day," said NGA Director Robert Cardillo. "Building upon our history in St. Louis, the new campus in North City will enable NGA to deliver our mission through the end of the century and beyond. We look forward to continue teaming with the talent and innovation of the St. Louis region. We are proud of all the work done to get to this point – and even more excited about what lies ahead."

"Establishing St. Louis as a national center for geospatial intelligence will lead to future growth and opportunities for the citizens of St. Louis and the state," Governor Mike Parson said. "Today's announcement is an important step in that process, and we look forward to working with our partners at the federal NGA and the City of St. Louis to continue this momentum."

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**Note to media:**

An official ceremony will be held mid-December, when City, State, Federal, and Military officials are all next able to attend. Information will be distributed as soon as details are finalized.

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