

## Amazon Announces New Tucson Fulfillment Center

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“Since we first broke ground in Arizona over 10 years ago, we have found a network of support from community leaders to statewide officials, a dedicated workforce and fantastic customers,” said Mark Stewart, Vice President of Amazon’s North America Operations. “We’re excited to open a new, state-of-the-art fulfillment center in Tucson and to continue innovating in a state committed to providing great opportunities for jobs and customer experience.”

Since 2007, Amazon has invested billions of dollars into its local fulfillment center infrastructure and through compensation to thousands of employees in the Grand Canyon State. Between 2011 and 2016, Amazon’s investments in the state contributed an additional \$900 million into Arizona’s economy, and using methodology developed by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Amazon estimates its investments in the

state have created an additional 18,000 indirect jobs on top of the company’s direct hires.

“Amazon’s selection of Tucson for this impressive new facility demonstrates that southern Arizona has a lot to offer businesses in terms of talent, location, pro-business environment and quality of life,” said Governor Doug Ducey. “This project will create thousands of new jobs and generate significant capital investment in the region. We thank Amazon for its continued growth and investment in our state.”

Amazon employees at the more than 855,000-square-foot fulfillment center will pick, pack and ship small items to customers such as books, electronics, household items and toys.

“We see more and more international companies recognizing the advantages Tucson has to offer as a logistics hub and gateway to Mexico. Very pleased to welcome Amazon to Tucson,” said Mayor Jonathan Rothschild.

Pima County and Sun Corridor Inc. played an active role in bringing the project to Tucson.

“Southern Arizona continues to attract industry leaders like Amazon seeking the ideal location for their next phase of growth,” said Sandra Watson, President and CEO of

the Arizona Commerce Authority. “Amazon’s continued expansion throughout Arizona with this new operation in Tucson speaks to the company’s confidence in our state as an excellent place to do business.”

Amazon offers full-time employees innovative programs like Career Choice, where the company will pre-pay up to 95 percent of tuition for courses related to in-demand

fields, regardless of whether the skills are relevant to a career at Amazon. Since the program’s launch, over 16,000 employees have pursued degrees in game design and visual communications, nursing, IT programming and radiology, to name a few.

The project is being developed by Seefried Industrial Properties.

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