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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY CAREER CENTERS CONSOLIDATING THREE LOCATIONS TO BWI TECHNOLOGY PARK IN LINTHICUM HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

Non-profit corporation focused on job training, career services and job search assistance chooses St. John Properties building near BWI Airport off Nursery Road at MD Route 295

BALTIMORE, MD (September 12, 2017) – **Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation**

(AAWDC), a non-profit corporation that provides a wide array of services designed to assist businesses, unemployed residents and under-employed residents in Anne Arundel County, has revealed plans to consolidate three existing Career Center locations in the County into a new location contained within the BWI Technology Park in Linthicum Heights, Maryland. AAWDC signed a full-building lease with St. John Properties, Inc. for 23,360 square feet of space within 613 Global Way, a single-story project located near Baltimore-Washington International Airport and MD Routes 100 and 295. Bill Jautze, Leasing Agent for St. John Properties, represented the landlord in the transaction. The move, expected to be completed September 25th, will transfer nearly 60 employees to the new site, a figure that includes affiliated partner organizations in the Anne Arundel County workforce system.

More than 25,000 Anne Arundel County residents on an annual basis visit the existing Career Centers at Arnold Station on Ritchie Highway and the Glen Burnie site on Baltimore and Annapolis Boulevard, as well as the Youth Employment Services Center on Baltimore and Annapolis Boulevard. The new Anne Arundel County Career Center will include **Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation**; **Anne Arundel Community College**; the **Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Rehabilitative Services**; and the **Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation**. A full-service Career Center in Laurel, as well as Community Career Connection offices in BWI Airport, Ft. Meade, Meade Village and Pasadena Freetown Village will remain open.

“Several factors drove this real estate decision, led by the desire to achieve significant operational efficiencies through shared workspaces and combining all of our initiatives and partners under one roof,” stated Kirkland J.

Murray, President and CEO of Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation. “This consolidation is designed to make it easier for businesses and residents to access services from all Career Center partners while providing the additional space needed for our expanding services. After considering many sites throughout Anne Arundel County, we were attracted to the roadside visibility offered by 613 Global Way, our ability to secure the use of an entire building, and the convenience this site provides based on its location near the confluence of major highway and transportation systems.”

AAWDC supported nearly 6,200 Anne Arundel County residents in need of job development services in the past year, including nearly 25,000 visits to the County’s Career Center locations. The organization also works directly with local businesses to provide customized solutions including innovative sourcing strategies and talent management. AAWDC’s job seeker services include job preparation (resume and interviewing), career development and planning, essential skills development, assistance on switching careers, skills enhancement and credentialing and connections to open positions.

The partnership groups contained within the Anne Arundel County Career Center will offer a range of services to residents in Anne Arundel County as well as the surrounding region. **Anne Arundel Community College** will provide Adult Basic Education services including General Educational Development (GED) preparation courses. **The Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation** will provide job seeker services including resume writing, interviewing skills and job search assistance including employment assistance for veterans. **The Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services** will offer programs and services that help individuals with disabilities find meaningful employment.

BWI Technology Park is currently comprised of fourteen buildings totaling nearly 600,000 square feet of commercial office and flex/R&D space. The site is located directly off MD Route 295 in the BWI Business District. A number of retail amenities, including sit-down and fast-casual restaurants, surround the business community.

“The importance of jobs cannot be overstated as they fuel our economy, keep communities vibrant and contribute to consumer confidence and spending,” explained Richard Williamson, Senior Vice President of Leasing and Marketing for St. John Properties. “Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation continues to achieve great success in the region and represents the ideal model for stimulating job growth and matching open positions with people eager to work. Our building delivered each important requirement in the real estate search, including the availability of free parking and a highly-visible location.”

St. John Properties, Inc., founded in 1971, owns and has developed more than 18 million square feet of flex/R&D, office, retail and warehouse space in Maryland, Colorado, Louisiana, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Utah and Wisconsin. For more information about the company, visit www.sjpi.com