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**MAYOR EMANUEL AND AMAZON OPEN COMPANY'S CHICAGO OFFICE**

*Growing Office in the Loop is Currently Home to More Than 200 Employees*

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today joined Amazon to open the company's new corporate office in Chicago. Located in the Loop, the office is home to more than 200 employees today and is growing. The company plans to double the office's footprint in the coming year.

"Amazon is a global company that recognizes Chicago has the talent and transportation that can help it continue to thrive for years to come," Mayor Emanuel said. "I want to thank Amazon for making this commitment to Chicago's innovation ecosystem and look forward to working together as they continue to grow right here in the city of Chicago."

The event occurred in advance of Prime Day - one of Amazon's biggest days of the year. During Prime Day the company will offer an epic day of deals on hundreds of thousands of products worldwide.

During the event, Amazon made a \$10,000 donation to Code Platoon. The non-profit helps veterans transition into the civilian workforce by providing technical training and career placement. After completing the 14-week program, veterans are eligible for an internship.

Since launching in Illinois in 2015, Amazon has hired thousands of full-time employees and is creating even more jobs for a total of 8,000 new full-time jobs in the state by 2018.

Amazon's Chicago office has teams working on Amazon Web Services, Operations, advertising and more. This is in addition to the Amazon Books store in Southport, Prime Now hub in Goose Island and Amazon@UIC's staffed campus pick-up point.

Earlier this year Site Selection Magazine named Chicago as the top metro in the country for corporate relocations for the fourth year in a row. In 2016, the Chicago metro area saw more new and expanding corporate locations than any other area in the country. World Business Chicago tracked a record 350 business expansions and relocations in the Chicago metro. These projects accounted for more than \$2.8 billion in investment and nearly 14,000 new jobs.

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