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**MAYOR LIGHTFOOT JOINS UBER CEO TO ANNOUNCE MAJOR EXPANSION  
BRINGING COMPANY'S NEW FREIGHT HEADQUARTERS TO CHICAGO**

*Tech company headquarters commits to growth in Chicago with second-largest office  
bringing 2,000 new jobs to the city*

**CHICAGO** -- Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot today joined Uber's Chief Executive Officer Dara Khosrowshahi to announce the opening of the company's new Freight headquarters in Chicago's Old Main Post Office, bringing more than 2,000 jobs and \$200 million annually in workforce and real estate investments to the Chicago area. Effectively making Uber one of the largest tech companies in Chicago, the company's newly signed 10-year lease builds on the city's growing reputation as an international transportation hub and a hotspot for global innovation.

"Today's announcement is a testament to Chicago's place as both a global transit hub and world-class destination for the tech industry to grow and thrive," said Mayor Lightfoot. "This investment also represents an important step in creating economic growth that is both dynamic and inclusive, with Uber leading by example through its collaboration with the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership, helping ensure the jobs of the future are available for every resident, and no Chicagoan is left behind."

"Uber has long recognized the incredible history, innovation, and talent that Chicago has to offer, and we're excited about the thousands of new jobs our businesses will help bring as we become one of the city's largest technology employers," said CEO Dara Khosrowshahi. "Chicago is the heart of America's transportation and logistics industry, and there is no better place to continue to grow our teams and open our dedicated Freight HQ."

As part of the company's strategy to support Chicago's tech ecosystem and talent hub at its second-largest office, Uber is partnering with the City of Chicago and the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership (CCWP) in an effort to broaden the reach, access and impact of its workforce in Chicago's communities. To assist in this effort, CCWP will receive more than \$80,000 in grant funding as part of Uber's Community Impact Initiative. With the majority of the hiring set to begin in 2020, Uber will



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leverage its platform to connect candidates from all parts of the city with local employers.

“We are honored to be the first recipient of Uber Technologies’ Community Impact Initiative grant. With these funds, we will decrease transportation barriers for people seeking work. Additionally, we are pleased to serve as a source of untapped and diverse talent for the 2,000 jobs with Uber Freight,” said Karin M. Norington-Reaves, CEO Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership. “Whether in information technology, logistics, distribution or professional services, our clients have the drive and ability to successfully contribute to Uber’s labor force.”

As one of Freight’s primary engineering hubs, Uber Freight HQ will be focused on Freight engineering operations, sales and account management. Tech remains Chicago’s fastest-growing industry sector, employing more than 143,000 people working with more than 4,000 digital companies – one of the largest tech talent pools in the United States. As one of the fastest-growing logistics companies in U.S. history, Uber Freight's relocation to Chicago is a testament to the city's growing, diversified tech economy, its inherent geographic location as a major transit hub and its strong talent pool.

Chicago also offers corporate partners like Uber access to some of the world’s most connected cargo facilities at O’Hare, supporting trade to 45 nations every week. As the largest intermodal logistics hub in the nation, Chicago also is home to one of the nation’s largest networks of trucking transportation and one of the top Interstate highway junctions in the U.S.

“Today’s announcement from Uber further demonstrates Chicago’s position as a global leader in tech, innovation and talent,” said Andrea Zopp, president and CEO of World Business Chicago. “From major companies like Uber to rapidly growing start-ups, Chicago’s tech economy is creating new jobs for our incredibly diverse talent pool.”

In addition to today’s expansion announcement, Uber is also launching a new transit feature to its Chicago-area app. The new transit technology will allow passengers to view public transit routes that will get them to their destination, along with departure and arrival times, and walking directions—encouraging passengers to adopt eco-friendlier multi-passenger modes of transportation.

Uber’s newest office will serve as one of the company’s primary engineering hubs and will fuel continued growth in tech jobs in Chicago. Among the company's fastest-growing business units, Uber Freight's free app matches carriers with shippers to eliminate friction in the supply chain and enable shippers to price,



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tender, and track freight at unprecedented scale and speed.

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