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## Town of Eatonville, OCPS seek bids to develop Hungerford Prep site

Orange County Public Schools and the Town of Eatonville are issuing an open call for developers to submit their qualifications and expertise to purchase and develop two parcels from the historic Hungerford Trust. This includes the highly sought-after site of the former Robert Hungerford Preparatory High School on Kennedy Boulevard in the Town of Eatonville. The school closed in 2009.

This joint effort is the first time that the site, which includes two parcels of approximately 95 and 17 acres, will be publicly advertised. The properties are owned by Orange County Public Schools, which has an agreement to convey ownership to the town. Eatonville will simultaneously convey the title to the successful developer. The Orange County School Board has chosen to collaborate with the Eatonville Mayor and Town Council in the sale process to ensure the best possible results from the development of the two sites.

The larger property includes about 2,500 feet that borders Interstate 4 on the east side, as well as lakeside frontage. The smaller property is about 3,000 feet west of Interstate 4, surrounded by developed office and residential properties. The Town is seeking a plan that would include residential and commercial uses, as well as areas for cultural, educational, recreational and civic uses. The parcels could be sold together or separately.

The Town of Eatonville, Florida, is the oldest incorporated African-American municipality in America, with a population of 2,200 and a rich cultural history. The Town, bisected and accessed directly from I-4, is located in Orange County just north of Orlando, between the cities of Winter Park and Maitland. This area is one of the fastest-growing corridors in the country.

The Request for Qualifications is being posted at <https://www.ocps.net/op/procure/Solicitations/Pages/Current.aspx> and on DemandStar, a statewide bidding network. A pre-submittal conference will be held on April 6 at 2 p.m., with each prospective developer's "Statement of Qualifications" due by April 28 at 2 p.m. at Eatonville Town Hall.

*(For more information, please contact Lauren Roth in Facilities Communications at 407.317.3700 ext. 2023774.)*

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