UPS seeks Miami-Dade County incentives to build $65 million facility in Florida

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United Parcel Service Inc. (NYSE: UPS) is seeking incentives from Miami-Dade County in Florida to build a $65 million facility in the northwest part of the county.

“Project Ideal” is keeping its identity confidential as its application under the Targeted Job Incentive Fund was filed with the Beacon Council, an economic development agency in Miami. The county commission will vote on the item on July 19.

The application said the Atlanta-based global logistics and shipping firm's charitable foundation provided $50.7 million in global philanthropy to non-profit organizations last year. It also states: "From safety and volunteerism to diversity and our commitment to the environment, our commitment to sustainability grows year over year."

That's the same exact statement on the website of the UPS Foundation, which also provided $50.7 million in in global philanthropy in 2015.

Officials for UPS couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

Under the incentive deal, Project Ideal would invest $65 million in capital to build a
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180,000-square-foot vehicle packaging facility with automated sorting equipment.

Project Ideal would pledge to create 25 jobs with average salaries of $57,480 and retain 2,005 existing jobs. If it meets that goal, the company would receive $877,180 in county funds over six years.

However, it’s also considering Jacksonville, Fla., Nashville, Tenn., Louisville, Ky., for the project, according to the application.

The Beacon Council said that the new facility would generate $1.26 million in incremental property tax revenue over six years, so that would surpass the level of county incentives it would receive.

Beacon Council spokeswoman Maria Camacho said Project Ideal did not apply for additional incentives from Florida.

In March, Atlanta Business Chronicle reported UPS plans to open a new 200,000 square-foot global technology development center in Parsippany, N.J. that will house 1,000 employees.

The facility at 10 Upper Pond Road will sit on 20 acres and will serve as a new location for software developers, designers and other technology professionals – previously based in Paramus – to collaborate and develop innovative technology solutions that serve its customers, improve operational efficiencies, drive growth and run UPS’s global network.

The company noted employees at the Parsippany location helped conceive, design and develop technologies like UPS My Choice, UPS CampusShip, UPS WorldShip, UPS Tracking and other visibility tools. In addition, the employees supported the development of UPS Package Flow Technologies, which UPS says streamlined its scanning, automated sorting, driver dispatching and load-assist processes throughout its integrated delivery network.

"We are proud UPS will be developing this state-of-the-art technology facility in New Jersey further demonstrating a firm commitment and faith in the state as a place to live, work and do business," Governor Chris Christie said in a March statement. "UPS is another example of the economic growth and innovation that is continuing throughout our state. It's the success of companies like these in the
private sector - not the government - that will grow our economy and create jobs."

The four-story office space is expected to open in mid-2017.