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The UPS Store set to open in Global Center, Huntington Convention Center

Downtown location ideally situated to service local businesses and convention exhibitors

(CLEVELAND, June 27, 2018) – The UPS Store is scheduled to open its doors for business inside the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland and the Global Center for Health Innovation, managed by SMG, on Monday, July 2. The UPS Store utilizes 1,100 square feet of space on the southwest corner of the first floor (Atrium level) of the Global Center and provides a variety of packing, shipping, freight, postal, printing and business services. The UPS Store will be open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“Located in the heart of downtown Cleveland, The UPS Store is perfectly situated to provide a variety of office services to local business owners and the legal community in the adjacent Justice Center and to also provide valuable shipping options for thousands of convention exhibitors and attendees,” said **George Hillow**, executive director of the Cuyahoga County Convention Facilities Development Corporation (CCCFDC). “The CCCFDC and County leadership team carefully evaluated this amenity as we toured other facilities during the past two years and recognized a need for this type of service-oriented business in our building.”

The UPS Store, located at the corner of St. Clair Avenue and Ontario Street, provides a full line of services for businesses, including domestic and international shipping, full-service printing, business mailboxes, shredding, notary, passport photos, and direct mail solutions. The UPS Store concept was originally launched in 1980 as a series of locally-owned and managed franchises.

“We are pleased to bring the quality and dependability of The UPS Store and the UPS brand to downtown Cleveland,” said **Nachi Lolla**, franchise owner of The UPS Store in downtown Cleveland along with two other locations in the United States, one of which is in another convention center. “We have found that our wide range of business services are much in demand by downtown business owners and convention exhibitors and attendees in similar markets.” **Mario DeStefano** will serve as the day-to-day manager of The UPS Store.

“Hosting more than 250 conventions, trade shows, and major events in the Huntington Convention Center on an annual basis requires a tremendous amount of shipping of exhibit booth components, printed materials, and other promotional items necessary for an exhibitor to effectively present its products to prospective customers in the trade show setting,” said **Ron King**, general manager of the Huntington Convention Center and Global Center. “The UPS Store is a common denominator in many SMG-managed convention facilities throughout the United States and we’re delighted to add this needed amenity to our building.”

The facility management team has completed several significant renovations and upgrades during the past few months, including the April 2018 opening of an expanded Au Bon Pain Café and Starbucks Coffee in the Global Center Atrium and the construction of seven additional meeting room spaces totaling 25,000 square feet on floors two and three of the Global Center.

About the facility

The Huntington Convention Center and Global Center, managed by SMG, provides 225,000 square feet of exhibit space, a 32,000-square-foot Grand Ballroom, 35 meeting and breakout rooms, a robust technology package, an expansive truck loading dock, and a 12.5-acre green

roof with spectacular views of Lake Erie. The attached 600-room Hilton Cleveland Downtown Hotel features a 32-story tower filled with guest rooms, meeting space, ballrooms, and multiple dining and entertainment options.

About SMG

Celebrating its 40th anniversary and founded in 1977, SMG provides management services to more than 230 public assembly facilities including convention and exhibition centers, arenas, stadiums, theaters, performing arts centers, amphitheaters, equestrian facilities, science centers and a variety of other venues. With facilities across the globe, SMG manages more than 15 million square feet of exhibition space and more than 1.5 million sports and entertainment seats. As the recognized global industry leader, SMG provides venue management, sales, marketing, event booking and programming; construction and design consulting; and pre-opening services for such landmark facilities as McCormick Place & Soldier Field in Chicago, Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco, Houston's NRG Park and the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans. SMG also offers food and beverage operations through its concessions and catering companies, currently serving more than 140 accounts worldwide. For more information visit www.smgworld.com.