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Public Art Installation Marks the Completion of Vulcan's Amazon Phase VI

The completion of Amazon's newest 395,000 SF office block features an intricate glass canopy by world-renowned artist Spencer Finch

SEATTLE – September 25, 2014 –Vulcan Real Estate celebrated the unveiling of a new art installation today by artist Spencer Finch with a public ceremony featuring Vulcan VP of Real Estate Ada M. Healey, Deputy Mayor Hyeok Kim, Councilmember Mike O'Brien, Councilmember Tom Rasmussen and Amazon Strategic Planner of Global Real Estate Jessica Powers. Finch, who recently completed a piece for the National September 11th Memorial Museum in New York, spoke about the intricate glass canopy and its incorporation into the new Amazon Phase VI campus.

The art installation is integrated into a new public open space created between the two buildings. By engaging in a public-private partnership with the city, Vulcan was able to transform the former alley into an enchanting urban respite featuring Fitch's glass canopy and sculptural installation as well as water features, landscaping and heated outdoor seating. The space also serves as a cross-block connection between 9th Avenue N and Westlake Avenue N, providing easy access for pedestrians.

"We are thrilled that a public/private partnership has resulted in a wonderful new asset for Amazon, our city and the thousands of employees, residents and visitors in South Lake Union," said Ada M. Healey, Vice President of Real Estate for Vulcan.

Finch's piece, entitled "There is Another Sky," leverages the concept of a forest canopy and creates a lively open-air experience within an urban setting. Accompanying the canopy glasswork is a sculptural installation on the ground level of 100 "fireflies" in the form of LED lights throughout the planted areas of the courtyard. The blinking patterns of the LEDs have been choreographed to create a variety of flight patterns and activate in the late afternoon when natural light is low, creating a scene similar to a forest floor at dusk.

The installation marks the 18th public art piece Vulcan has commissioned as part of its art program for South Lake Union. Another art installation located on the Amazon Phase VI site is the "Grid-to-Grain" piece facing Republican Street. This artwork was created by Seattle artist Whitney Pearce to reflect the significance of the timber industry in South Lake Union's history.

Amazon Phase VI

Amazon Phase VI is part of a three-phase expansion for Amazon that will eventually total one million square feet with the completion of Phase VII and Phase VIII in 2015. Phase VI includes one 5-story and one 6-story office building, totaling 395,000 square feet.

Ample public space and streetscape amenities

Two large public plazas, one fronting 9th Avenue N and the other facing Westlake Avenue N, anchor each end of the winding cross-block galleria, drawing pedestrians into the passageway to enjoy seating areas and future restaurants and retail amenities. A number of streetscape improvements collectively activate the street around the Amazon block, including pedestrian lighting, overhead weather canopy protection and wayfinding elements to guide pedestrians as they explore the outdoor spaces.

Bicycle infrastructure and streetcar station

As additional benefits to Amazon employees and the South Lake Union community, the site includes public bike racks, a fix-it kiosk and 400 square feet of space for Seattle's first Pronto bike-share station.

Pronto bikes and branded rack and signage installations have been built into a portion of the exterior space of the building on 9th Avenue N. As part of the city's new bike-share system, Pronto is placing 50 stations throughout the city, totaling to 500 rentable bikes available for 24-hour, 3-day or yearly passes.

A portion of the building facing Westlake Avenue N offers an integrated a South Lake Union streetcar station where travelers will find ample seating, overhead weather protection and an interactive commuter information kiosk.

Sustainable features

Amazon Phase VI is targeting LEED Gold certification through the inclusion of a variety of sustainable features, such as 1,300 square feet of rain gardens, water catchment and retention systems, green roofs and provisions for a Pronto public bike-share station.

About Vulcan Real Estate

Seattle-based Vulcan Real Estate directs all real estate investment activities for Vulcan Inc., a Paul G. Allen company. Through strategic acquisitions and innovative development, Vulcan Real Estate has created a diversified portfolio of high-performing quality assets including office, biotech, residential and mixed-use projects. The company's integrated team of real estate professionals offers a full range of development and portfolio management services from site selection and urban planning to build-to-suit construction, leasing and asset repositioning. Its real estate model is based on quality, sustainable development that builds new value across the entire community. To date, Vulcan has delivered 5.6 million square feet in 26 new office, biotech, residential and mixed-use projects primarily in Seattle's South Lake Union neighborhood. The company has 900,000 square feet of commercial space under construction for Amazon.com and the Allen Institute for Brain Science and more than 1 million square feet in pre-development planning. The company currently manages nearly \$2 billion in real estate assets. For more information, visit www.vulcanrealestate.com.

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