

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CASE TYPE: OTHER CIVIL

Public Record Media,

Court File No. 62-CV-18-4335

Plaintiff,

Honorable Leonardo Castro

v.

DECLARATION OF JOEL AKASONMinnesota Department of Employment and
Economic Development,

and

Greater MSP,

Defendants.

I, Joel Akason, hereby state and declare as follows:

1. I am the Senior Vice President of Business Investment and Research at Defendant Greater MSP. Unless otherwise noted, I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.

2. The final version of the bid that Greater MSP drafted in response to Amazon's RFP for its second headquarters ("HQ2") (the "Bid"), as well as draft versions of the final Bid document, were not uploaded or saved to the cloud-based service called Box (the "Box").


3. The Bid was uploaded and saved to a password-protected website separate from the Box. This website was the only place where the Bid was uploaded and saved.

4. Only Amazon and four individuals at Greater MSP were given the password to the password-protected site where the Bid was uploaded.

5. One of the two hard copies of the Bid that Greater MSP retained is filed in a locked cabinet in my office at Greater MSP.

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this Declaration is true and correct.

Dated: October 22, 2018



Joel Akason
Signed in Ramsey County, Minnesota