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Business leaders consider Miami just making the Amazon HQ2 cut a win

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Miami officials and business leaders are celebrating just making the **top-20 cut** of cities that might host Amazon's second headquarters, even if Amazon HQ2 doesn't ultimately pan out. **The Miami Herald's Douglas Hanks points out** that being in consideration at all is a chance to highlight Miami's strengths (diversity, Florida's lack of an income tax, multi-lingual skills, not to mention sunny weather) and to retire some dated national stereotypes.

"This shows we're not just a fun-in-the-sun city," executive director of Miami's Downtown Development Authority Alyce Robertson told the *Herald*. "We move from our 'vacation spot' designation and into 'international business capital.' "

Amazon **will consider multiple real estate sites and incentives** submitted jointly by the Beacon Council of Miami-Dade County, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, and the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County.