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HSBC Cements Chicagoland Presence With New Arlington Heights Location

****HSBC to Transfer Nearly 1,500 Jobs in 2016 to Arlington Heights****

****Lease Includes Substantial Investment to Renovate Building****

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New York - HSBC North America Holdings Inc.* announced today the signing of an 11-year agreement with Torburn North Campus LLC to lease a 162,396 square-foot premises located at 1421 W. Shure Drive in Arlington Heights, a suburb of Chicago, Illinois. The re-designed Arlington Heights office is scheduled to open in the Spring of 2016 and HSBC will transfer nearly 1,500 employees from its Mettawa and Elmhurst offices, in suburban Chicago, to the Arlington Heights location over a period of several months.

"The Chicagoland area continues to be an important market for HSBC given its strength in manufacturing and international trade," said Patrick Burke, President and Chief Executive Officer, HSBC North America Holdings Inc. "This move underscores HSBC's long-term commitment to this vibrant region. We look forward to being part of the Arlington Heights community while providing a high-quality work environment for our employees."

The site was chosen taking into account where the majority of the Mettawa and Elmhurst employees already live and the ability for HSBC to source future talent. The new premises will be renovated to be environmentally efficient, designed and furnished in keeping with HSBC's global workplace standards which includes a state of the art 'open plan' office configuration

HSBC's global business operations will continue to be located in downtown Chicago (West Monroe and South Wacker). Additionally, the employees currently based in the HSBC Elmhurst office and supporting the Consumer and Mortgage Lending business will remain in that location.

Note to editors:

About HSBC North America Holdings Inc.

*HSBC North America Holdings Inc. is the holding company for HSBC Holdings plc's operations in the United States and, as of March 31, 2015, had assets of US \$301 billion (US GAAP). The company's businesses serve customers in the following key areas: retail banking and wealth management, commercial banking, private banking, and global banking and markets.

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