

## **Business Digest: Austin said to be among cities in mix for Sears headquarters**

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**Sears Holding Corp. said Wednesday that it is talking with two prospective destinations for its headquarters even as it talks to Illinois about staying in that state.**

Sears officials recently conducted tours of two sites and continue to talk with government leaders in Illinois about the looming expiration of a package of tax incentives tied to the its suburban Chicago headquarters, spokeswoman Kimberly Freely said. **Sears has 6,200 employees at its headquarters.**

Freely declined to name the two prospective locations. However, The Associated Press, citing an unnamed source, reported that the two sites are Austin and Columbus, Ohio.

The Associated Press reported that Sears officials toured potential sites in Austin and Columbus in September. They also met with officials who included representatives of the governors of both states, the AP reported.

A spokesman with the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce declined to comment.

**Courtesy of JB Goodwin**