Stimulating Job Growth for Okaloosa County

Accomplishments for FY 2012

- Assisted new and expanded companies in creating 610 new jobs
- Assisted new and expanded companies for retention of over 200 jobs
- Activated 35 new projects in addition to working ongoing FY11 projects
  - Projected Capital Investment - $112,375,612
  - Projected Job Growth – 3,217
  - Conducted 11 site tour visits with consultants and decision-makers
- Expanded Business Incubator at the Fort Walton Beach W.E. Comb Campus
  - Two new STEM industry start-up companies
- Expanded Crestview’s State Enterprise Zone yielding new job opportunities for local residents
- Technology Coast Manufacturing & Engineering Network (TeCMEN)
  - Established Unmanned Air & Ground Vehicle Working Group
  - No-Cost Incumbent Training Program Provided
    - $64,365 value; 5 company participants; 21 employees
- Industry Recruitment, Retention and Expansion Fund Grant Program
  - Millions of IRREF funds secured for new and expanding companies
- Enhanced County and Municipal Collaboration
  - Brownfield Revitalization Promotion
  - Downtown CRA Development and Support
  - Enterprise Zone Promotion
  - Streamlining Regulatory Processes
  - Incentive Options Workshops
  - Incubator Development Education
  - Demographic & Statistical Information Provided
  - Federal Funding Opportunities Assistance
- Established Membership Retention and Expansion Committee
  - Focus Areas: Public/Government; Development/Real Estate; Aerospace/Defense; Services; and Financial.
  - Progress reports provided at Policy Board meetings.
  - Reviewed and enhanced member benefits for optimum return on investment
  - Established new EDC website
- Partnerships and Collaboration
  - Autonomous Vehicle Center Initiative
  - County-Wide Six Pillars Community ™ Strategic Planning Initiative
  - Building Industry Association of Okaloosa and Walton Counties
  - Chambers of Commerce
  - Emerald Coast Association of Realtors
  - Space Florida on FAA six test sites for UVC
  - Florida’s Great Northwest
  - Enterprise Florida Inc.
  - Office of Economic Development and Engagement
  - Department of Economic Opportunity
  - Florida Defense Alliance
  - Florida Defense Support Task Force
  - RESTORE Act Committee
  - Educational Institutions
  - Municipal Collaborations
  - Airbus Competitive Strategic Planning Committee

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