TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC. PRE-APPLICATION FORM

Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. ("Triumph Gulf Coast") has created a pre-application process to provide initial consideration of potential ideas for projects or programs that may seek an award of funding. Applicants are required to participate in the pre-application process. Notwithstanding the response from Triumph Gulf Coast on the pre-application form, an Applicant may still elect to submit an Application.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name of Individual/Entity/Organization: _____

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization:_____

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Contact Information:

      Primary Contact Information:_____

      Title:_____

      Mailing Address:_____

      Telephone Number: _____

      Email Address: _____

      Website: _____

Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program:_____

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REQUIRED EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In a maximum of three (3) pages, please describe the proposed project or program, including (i) the amount of funds being sought from Triumph Gulf Coast; (ii) the amount and identity of other sources of funds for the proposed project or program; (iii) the location of the project or program; (iv) summary description of the proposed program, including how the program will be transformational and promote economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties, and (v) a summary timeline for the proposed project or program.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This pre-application process will **not** result in an award of funding by Triumph Gulf Coast. Rather, this process is designed to facilitate submission of ideas for potential projects or programs before the Applicant expends time and/or resources to complete a full Application. All Applicants for funding are required to complete an Application, which will be scored, and then considered for award in the discretion of Triumph Gulf Coast Board.

Base IT, Inc.

Base IT, Inc. is a Florida non-profit corporation organized and based in Bay County, Florida to assist high school and college students, and members of our community looking to begin a career in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Our board of directors are made up of business leaders currently employed in the Bay County STEM workforce and youth serving organizations. All of our board members volunteer their time to support Bay County's efforts to enhance STEM career training and provide stronger STEM workforce.

HISTORY - Prior to the creation of Base IT, Inc., members of our Board of Directors worked closely together to provide valuable resources for the Mosely High School Information Technology Academy and students pursuing a career in Information Technology, CyberSecurity, and Computer Science. Over the past three years, we have collected computer equipment donations from many local businesses, visited the school for career presentations, appeared as guest speakers in classes, supported the Academy during the annual "Hour of Code" week, and most importantly, collected over $5,000.00 scholarship donations to the Gulf Coast State College Foundation.

To expand our abilities to support the Bay County community, we created Base IT, Inc. in March 2017 as a Florida non-profit corporation. In June 2017, we received our 501 (c)(3) public charity status from the IRS.

PURPOSE - As Base IT, Inc., we will continue to offer support to Bay County's future STEM workforce through training and improved access to educational opportunities. Base IT will collaborate with local non-profit organizations to bring IT training to segments of our community that are underrepresented in technology career fields. With funding from Triumph Gulf Coast, we will make critical STEM education and workforce development training accessible to the community by providing mobile workshops to introduce STEM opportunities to low-income and minority populations. We will also partner with local youth serving organizations to train and engage Bay County's future workforce. In doing so we focus on STEM fundamentals that will prepare individuals to participate in the many programs offered by local and Florida-based institutions of higher learning. (FS 288.8017 (e) and (f))

We will:

- Provide mobile computer workshops to introduce STEM opportunities to segments of our community that are underrepresented in technology career fields. The mobile workshops will include a collection of 20 laptops that can be temporarily setup at various churches and community centers. The workshop topics can include computer fundamentals, mobile device and smart phone fundamentals, introduction to STEM

certification programs and degrees offered by local and state institutes of higher learning.

- Cooperate and partnership with other likeminded non-profit organizations. Through this cooperation, Base IT, Inc. will establish a Coder Dojo computer lab of approximately 20 workstations (coderdojo.com). This program will be available to any young person aged 7 – 17. At a Dojo, they will learn skills such as building a website, creating an app or a game, and explore technology in an informal, creative, and social environment. Coder Dojo is a yearlong event beginning in January of 2018.
- Support a Gulf Coast State College Scholarship Foundation endowment and establish a Base IT, Inc. General College Scholarship Fund available to high school students seeking degrees at any one of the many Florida's Institutions of higher learning.
- Provide STEM industry-level certification testing vouchers for qualified low-come individuals. These vouchers will be used at Northwest Florida testing centers such as Pearson VUE and Prometric.
- Through the use of our website and workshops, we can also advise interested individuals to many other programs available to them to enhance their STEM career development such as free on-line training and advice regarding student financial aid available at Northwest Florida's Technical Centers, Colleges and Universities.

SUMMARY OF REQUIRED ITEMS - With your support, Base IT, Inc. will fill a much-needed gap in Bay County's complete STEM workforce development process.

i. Requested Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. funding amount - $100,000.00
ii. We receive donations from Bay County individuals and businesses. We are registered with the State of Florida as a non-profit public solicitor.
iii. Base IT, Inc. is located and will operate in Bay County, Florida.
iv. See PURPOSE above.
v. Base IT, Inc. is an active corporation. We have many accomplishments including creating our own website (base-it.org), initiated contact (and have actively engaged) with many Bay County High Schools, Haney Technical Center and Gulf Coast State College Advanced Technical Center. In addition, our members are currently serving on various Advisory Boards for these institutions. We are currently conducting partnership negotiations with a primary non-profit youth serving organization to establish Bay County's first Coder Dojo. We are ready to begin our other goals immediately upon receipt of this grant.

We believe that we satisfy the requirements of and meet Triumph Gulf Coast's priorities for economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of Bay County as set forth in Florida Statute 288.8017 (e) and (f).