

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: Defense Technology Innovation Center

Name of Individual/Entity/Organization: Bay Defense Alliance

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: The mission of the BDA has been to study every aspect of our military installations and work to preserve and enhance Naval Support Activity Panama City's and Tyndall Air Force Base's missions and military value.

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Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program: Bay Economic Development Alliance, Gulf Coast State College, Florida State University Panama City, Naval Support Activity Panama City, 501 (C) non-profit to be formed

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.

PROJECT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

(i) Amount of funds being sought from Triumph Gulf Coast

- 1) No funding is being requested at this time

(ii) Amount and identity of other sources of funds for the proposed project or program

- 1) Department of Defense- Unknown
- 2) Florida State University Panama City- Unknown
- 3) Gulf Coast State College- Unknown
- 4) Defense Grant Funding- Unknown
- 5) Private Sector Investments- Unknown

(iii) Location of the project or program

- 1) Unidentified public property in Bay County

(iv) Summary description of the proposed project

This project is to form a 501 (C) nonprofit corporation comprised of local academia, economic development organizations, defense related entities, and other community organizations with the goal of promoting innovation, technology, defense, entrepreneurship, and STEM education from kindergarten through career.

In 2014, the Secretary of Defense prioritized Defense Innovation as being necessary for the military to pace rapid advances in technology that are occurring outside the traditional Research and Development process. Following that guidance, the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) partnered with a nonprofit innovation facilitator to be the intermediary to assist with collaboration, innovation, prototyping and exploration with industry, labs and academic partners. Developing a similar model here in Bay County, we could develop solutions to military specific problems set at a lower cost/risk while creating an environment that promotes local technology startups in in the area. This type of collaboration between local startups could propel technology into the economic mix Bay County needs.

One of the greatest benefits of technology innovation is education. As STEM continues to be an emphasis in today's education curriculum, the hands on experience this type of organization would provide is extremely valuable. From workforce training to robotics competitions, the opportunities an innovation type facility would provide are endless.

Bay County is continually searching for economic diversity in a tourism centric community. With a collaborative effort from Bay County partners, Defense Innovation and Technology could be the right solution to diversification.