

## **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: Florida Community Services Corp of Walton County d/b/a Regional Utilities

Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: Florida Community Services Corp of Walton County (d/b/a Regional Utilities) was created with the sole purpose to acquire, equip, maintain and operate water and sewer facilities, as well as providing other public services for Walton County, Florida.

#### **Contact Information:**

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

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### **REQUIRED EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Please see attached.**

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.

Florida Community Services Corp of Walton County d/b/a Regional Utilities is pleased to submit a request for Triumph Gulf Coast funding for the extension of a 30-inch transmission line from the Choctawhatchee Bay to the existing Owl's Head wellfield, north of Freeport, FL. This transmission line will serve as an additional, redundant line that will service the customer base during high flow, peak demand situations, as well as allow for additional growth within the franchise area in south Walton County.

Currently, the utility has two transmission lines that reach across the Choctawhatchee Bay that connect to one transmission line extending to the Owl's Head wellfield north of Freeport, FL. Adding the additional transmission line from just north of Choctawhatchee Bay to the wellfield will provide for two complete and independent lines that will provide redundancy, as well as ample capacity for the growing franchise area. The utility services approximately 21,000 water customers. With growth projections, that include the St. Joe Company Bay/Water sector plan, the utility is planning for the customer base to more than double. The construction of this project will insure that development is not hindered due to infrastructure needs.

The construction will take place in the existing east right of way of U.S. Highway 331 and will consist of placing 11 miles of 30-inch ductile iron and high density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe. (A map of Phase I and Phase II of the project is attached.)

Florida Community Services Corp of Walton County is requesting Triumph Gulf Coast funding for Phase I of the transmission line project in the amount of \$4,103,994.76. Phase I of the project will encompass constructing the transmission line from north of Choctawhatchee Bay to north of Joe Campbell Road in Freeport, FL. Florida Community Services Corp of Walton County will provide match funding with the construction of Phase II of the project. Phase II consists of the construction of the transmission line from Joe Campbell Road to the connection point at Owl's Head Wellfield, north of Freeport, FL. The estimated cost of Phase II is \$4,896,238.71. The construction will require both excavation and boring of pipeline. The matching funds are currently budgeted and reserved for this project.

Florida Community Services Corp of Walton County is dedicated to providing service to our existing and future customers with minimal impact to the current rates. Florida Community Services Corp of Walton County will commit matching funds for this project derived from impact fees and no additional economic impact will be imposed on the citizens of Walton County.

This project will help continue positive economic growth within Walton County. Historical figures for the utility have averaged a growth rate of 5.26% and continue to be sustained on a month to month basis. With projects under construction in Walton County, such as, the St. Joe Company Bay/Walton Sector plan and the U.S. Highway 331 corridor expansion, growth is

expected to exceed expectations. The planned build out for the St. Joe Company Bay/Walton Sector plan will double the current customer base of the utility.

The construction project will create a need for additional workforces within the utility through construction crews and additional maintenance crews. The transmission line, once completed, will assist the utility in continuing to provide safe, clean drinking water to the citizens and tourists of south Walton County. It will insure that the growth that is occurring and expected to continue will not be paused by the lack of infrastructure or capacity to serve.

Preliminary engineering designs and material plans have been completed, as well as all preliminary permitting required to begin the construction phase. Following is an overview of the anticipated constructions schedules for Phase I and Phase II of the transmission line projects.

#### **Phase I – 30-Inch Water Transmission Main from South to Just North of Joe Campbell Road**

*Week 1 – Week 3* - Mobilization and Installation of Erosion Control Measures

*Week 2 – Week 10* – Perform (16) 30-Inch HDPE Directional Bores

Each bore will require mobilization, pipe fusion, directional boring, traffic control, and supervision.

*Week 11 – Week 22* – Install 30- Inch Ductile Iron Transmission Main

Installation of ductile iron transmission main shall consist of open cutting of trench, placement of 30-inch ductile iron water main, connection to previously installed HDPE bores, filling and compaction of the trench, and grassing measures.

*Week 22 – Week 26* – Certification of Pipeline and De-Mobilization

This will include all testing and lab-work necessary to deem the water transmission line safe and functional. This phase will also include any needed erosion control and de-mobilization of all equipment.

#### **Phase II – 30-Inch Water Transmission Main from North of Joe Campbell Road to Owl’s Head**

*Week 1 – Week 3* - Mobilization and Installation of Erosion Control Measures

*Week 2 – Week 10* – Perform (5) 30-Inch HDPE Directional Bores

Each bore will require mobilization, pipe fusion, directional boring, traffic control, and supervision. These bores are much longer than the bores on Phase I.

**Week 11 – Week 22 – Install 30-Inch Ductile Iron Transmission Main**

Installation of ductile iron transmission main shall consist of open cutting of trench, placement of 30-inch ductile iron water main, connection to previously installed HDPE bores, filling and compaction of the trench, and grassing measures.

**Week 22 – Week 26 – Certification of Pipeline and De-Mobilization**

This will include all testing and lab-work necessary to deem the water transmission line safe and functional. This phase will also include any needed erosion control and de-mobilization of all equipment.

