

TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC. PRE-SCREENING FORM

Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. ("Triumph Gulf Coast") has created an optional pre-screening process to provide initial consideration of potential ideas for projects or programs that may seek an award of funding. Applicants are not required to participate in the pre-screen process and may elect to submit an Application for consideration by Triumph Gulf Coast. In addition, notwithstanding the response from Triumph Gulf Coast on the pre-screening form, an Applicant may still elect to submit an Application.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name of Individual/Entity/Organization: Santa Rosa County School District

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: Santa Rosa County School District is the public education provider for Santa Rosa County but for the purpose of this project is seeking to expand to serve students through the disproportionately affected counties of Northwest Florida in career development.

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: Santa Rosa Economic Development, Pensacola State College, Locklin Tech, Pensacola State College, University of West Florida, App River, Gulf Power, Ascend Performance Materials, Institute of Human and Machine Cognition, Northwest Florida Manufacturer's Council

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-screening 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.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Santa Rosa County School District (SRCS D) is the public education provider for Santa Rosa County and seeks to expand to serve additional students through the disproportionately affected counties of Northwest Florida. SRCS D proposes the construction of Innovation High School which will serve 1,000 high school students through career programs and workforce development tailored to enhance the economic competitiveness of the region.

Project Overview/Description:

SRCS D is seeking an award of \$40 million from Triumph Gulf Coast for the construction of Innovation High School. Innovation High School will utilize a career-themed approach to workforce development and college and career readiness that simultaneously meets the needs of students and industry across Northwest Florida. The school will nurture innovation through science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) while preparing students for those high-skill, high wage employment opportunities in demand in our region. In addition to career-themed coursework, Innovation High will provide entrepreneurship skills training, activities to help students transfer to postsecondary education/training, and services that provide regional labor market and employment information.

The site for the proposed Innovation High School is a 40 acre parcel of land zoned for commercial or industry use which is centrally located in Milton, approximately 1 mile northwest of Interstate 10 off Avalon Boulevard. This site is located in close proximity to this major transportation corridor as well as its existing major railway.

Innovation High School will be dedicated to developing those essential skills needed to prepare students for regional in-demand career clusters including Advanced & Aerospace Manufacturing, Digital Systems & Cybersecurity, and Health & Human Services. SRCS D will partner with universities, state colleges, career centers, and industry leaders to develop exclusive training opportunities related to each career cluster allowing students to earn credit while investigating a potential career pathway. Through a collaborative approach, Innovation High School will supply talent needed to elevate our regional workforce.

Student Benefits:

Innovation High School will offer programs that prepare students for future occupations and postsecondary pathways at K-20 institutions with campuses in the disproportionately affected counties. Unlike traditional high schools, Innovation High School offers a career pathway for every student with curricula infused with real problems supplied by regional partners. This project will also address the needs of students who face unique economic challenges, including out-of-school and at-risk youth who seek college and career opportunities that may not currently be available to them in a traditional school setting.

These learning environments strengthen career readiness initiatives and provide the following benefits to students:

- Career exploration with multiple pathways for success
- Flexible choice programs
- Innovation, problem solving collaboration
- Industry certification earning opportunities
- Industry involvement in the classroom setting
- Various options for transitioning to higher education

This problem solving approach to education will provide rigorous, alternative pathways for students to meet high school graduation requirements and utilize work-based learning, promote career exploration and incorporate employability skills into all aspects of the learning environment. The district's STEAM Innovate program has fostered a passion for science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM). Innovation High is a natural next step for these students as well as any other STEAM minded student from within our region, regardless of attendance lines and county boundaries.

The workforce development training initiative accomplished through the career and technical programs proposed for Innovation High will strengthen career readiness; prepare students for high-skill, high wage employment opportunities; and encourage the pursuit of postsecondary education and advanced career training opportunities in the high demand industry clusters.

Community Benefits:

SRCS D is committed to establishing sustainable on-going partnerships to ensure that the programs offered at Innovation High School will provide students with transferable, sustainable workforce skills that are not confined to a single employer; and promote workforce and infrastructure. These programs will evolve as industry needs evolve for our region.

SRCS D will partner with the following regional industry and postsecondary education providers:

- Santa Rosa Economic Development
- AppRiver
- Ascend Performance Materials
- Gulf Power
- Institute for Human and Machine Cognition
- Northwest Florida Manufacturer's Council
- Locklin Technical Center
- Pensacola State College
- Northwest Florida State College
- University of West Florida

The communities of Northwest Florida will benefit by collaboratively addressing critical workforce needs in high demand areas thereby strengthening our region's economic competitiveness. This

collaborative approach will ensure that our students are ready for success after high school whether they choose to immediately enter the workforce or to pursue a postsecondary pathway. Internships with regional industry partners will also lead to higher employee retention and lower employee turnover.

Measurable Objectives:

The goal of Innovation High School is to provide students with real-world, technical job training skills to ready them for college or the workforce. Innovation High School's sustainable partnerships and workforce development programs create a comprehensive and integrated model that combines education, occupational skills, and support services. The success of Innovation High School will be measured in the following ways:

- High School graduation rate
- Industry Certification attainment
- Student placement in postsecondary training programs
- Internships with regional industry partners
- Employment with regional industry partners

In-kind Match and Project Timeline Summary:

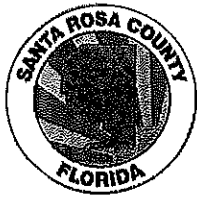
Pre-construction/Planning: SRCSD will provide the parcel of land valued at approximately \$350,000.00 on which to construct Innovation High School. SRCSD will also provide the cost of the architecture and engineering estimated at \$2.7 million with an anticipated completion date within 6 – 8 months of project award.

Construction: SRCSD plans to use funds from the Triumph Gulf Coast for the actual construction of Innovation High School which is estimated at \$40 million. The project is anticipated to be completed within 18 -24 months of receiving the requested project award.

Post-construction: SRCSD will provide the estimated annual cost of \$5.5 million for the operation for Innovation High School including but not limited to student support services, instructional services, curriculum development, staff training, operation of plant, and school administration.

Conclusion:

SRCSD is requesting funding from Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. for the construction of Innovation High School to serve students through the disproportionately affected counties of Northwest Florida. Innovation High School will offer programs emphasizing attainment of basic job skill competencies, provide unlimited opportunities for academic and occupational training, and ensure exposure of students and their parents to the regional job market and employment prospects. Innovation High School will give students a jump-start on a promising future straight out of high school by providing mastery of real-world, technical skills needed to supply our regional industry's evolving needs.



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November 8, 2017

Ms. Charlin Knight
Santa Rosa County School Board
5086 Canal Street
Milton, FL 32570

Dear Ms. Knight,

At the October 26, 2017 meeting, the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to support the submittal of the Innovation High School project to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.

Please feel free to contact this office at (850) 983-1855 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Schebler".

Dan Schebler
Assistant County Administrator

cc: Erica Grancagnolo