

**TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC. PRE-APPLICATION FORM**

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**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

Name of Individual/Entity/Organization: Project Lead The Way

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for K-12 students and teachers across the United States. Through pathways in biomedical science, computer science, and engineering, PLTW empowers students to develop the in-demand knowledge and transportable skills they need to thrive in an evolving world. With nearly 13,000 programs in more than 10,500 schools nationwide, over 3 million students are currently engaged in PLTW's transformative learning experiences. PLTW programs can be found in all types of schools—public, private, charter, and specialized academies, and settings — urban, rural, and suburban. PLTW's approach to professional development infuses a new way of teaching into the classroom. Through PLTW professional development, teachers learn how to lead the engaging PLTW experience in their classrooms; they learn to facilitate and coach and become comfortable in these roles as their students soar to new heights. PLTW has trained more than 55,000 teachers to date to instruct PLTW's engaging, rigorous curriculum. PLTW will host several regional trainings in the Triumph Gulf Coast region and schools can start their new PLTW programs during the 2018 school year.

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Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program: PLTW representatives are in partnership discussions with Bay, Escambia, Okaloosa and Wakulla School Districts. All four have at least one PLTW program and have expressed interest in expanding PLTW K-12. We will partner with Gulf, Franklin, Santa Rose and Walton districts, as well as any charter schools and private schools that are interested. We are partnering with the HSU Foundation to help address both in school and out of school STEM opportunities. In addition, PLTW has established a strong national support system of numerous Fortune 500 companies, local businesses, foundations, nonprofit organizations, community colleges, and universities all across the country. These partners play a critical role in carrying out our mission by creating an ecosystem of support around students and teachers, engaging them in learning and equipping them with tools, resources, and experiences that connect the classroom to the real world.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Project Lead The Way (PLTW)**

PLTW proposes a partnership with Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. to transform education in the Panhandle by expanding access to PLTW K-12 pathways and teacher professional development offerings throughout the Triumph Gulf Coast region, and provide every district and school the opportunity to implement PLTW programming.

### **Funding Request**

PLTW requests \$4 million in funding from Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. to support this initiative. PLTW will provide up to \$400,000 in in-kind resources throughout the duration of the project which will include onsite project staffing, service and support for participating districts and schools, grant management resources, marketing and communications resources, and promotional event resources. Participating school districts will offer additional in-kind support.

### **Proposed Locations**

PLTW will engage with interested partners and districts and schools throughout all eight counties in Northwest Florida as part of this initiative. Those counties include: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf, Franklin, and Wakulla.

### **Project Summary**

PLTW has been partnering with districts and schools in Florida since 2003 and in the Panhandle since 2007. Schools throughout Florida currently offer more than 450 PLTW K-12 programs. PLTW has trained more than 1,500 teachers in Florida, which has impacted hundreds of thousands of PLTW students to date. PLTW and its partners have invested more than \$2.5 million in grants to Florida districts and schools, through the PLTW Grant Program. These partners include ArcelorMittal, Atlas Holdings, Georgia-Pacific, Lockheed Martin, Verizon, and many more. Additionally, PLTW has relationships with several institutions of higher education throughout the state including the University of Florida, Embry-Riddle University, Florida Gulf Coast University, as well as several community colleges.

PLTW will use the funding provided through this partnership with Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. to provide grants to districts and schools to implement and/or expand PLTW programs and teacher professional development. PLTW will host a non-competitive grant process for schools to be sure applicants are ready to implement before being awarded funding. PLTW requires no administrative fees; therefore, 100% of grant funds go directly to support schools in their implementation of programs. Districts and schools receiving grants may use funds for teacher training expenses, PLTW participation fees, and equipment and supplies needed to implement PLTW programs.

#### *PLTW Program Implementation Grants:*

Districts and schools in the eight-county region will be eligible to apply for grants to implement or expand the following PLTW programs:

- *PLTW Launch* taps into K-5 students' exploratory nature, engages them in learning that feels like play, and encourages them to keep discovering – now and for years to come. Whether designing a car safety belt or building digital animations, students engage in critical and creative thinking, build teamwork skills, and learn to try and try again when faced with challenges. We offer 24 ten-hour modules for schools to choose from.
- *PLTW Gateway* sparks a joy of discovery and illuminates the range of paths and possibilities students can look forward to in high school and beyond. Tackling challenges like designing tires for a moon rover, cleaning up an oil spill, or solving a medical mystery, students in grades 6-8 learn to test their limits and question what's possible. We currently offer ten nine-week units for schools to choose from.
- *PLTW Computer Science* engages students in grades 9-12 in real-world activities like creating an online art portal or using automation to process and analyze DNA-sequence data. These projects illustrate how intricately computer science is woven into our society, challenge students to think big, and transform students into builders of tech. We have three year-long courses and are piloting a Cybersecurity course next year.
- *PLTW Engineering* engages students in grades 9-12 in collaborative, real-world activities like designing a home, using a flight simulator to learn basic pilot skills, or exploring algae as a biofuel source. By pushing themselves to rework and refine their projects, students learn that both failed attempts and perseverance are key to learning and innovation. Students that participate in three courses can apply for a certification from the Florida Engineering Society in addition to software certifications.
- *PLTW Biomedical Science* engages students in grades 9-12 to step into the roles of medical investigators, surgeons, and biomedical engineers. The program's collaborative, hands-on explorations inspire students to make an impact on the lives of those around them, while preparing them with the know-how and experience to make their ideas a reality. Students completing three courses can apply for a Bio-technician certification from the University of Florida.

#### *PLTW Professional Development Grants:*

In addition to the PLTW Program Implementation Grants, districts and schools in the eight-county region will be eligible to apply for grants to provide all teachers professional development, regardless of whether or not they intend to teach a PLTW course in their classrooms. These "standalone" teacher professional development offerings include "Activity-, Project-, Problem-Based (APB) Learning" training modules and "STEM Career Literacy" training modules. PLTW is committed to transforming teaching and aims to empower all teachers with the tools and confidence they need – ensuring that any classroom in the eight-county region might have the same student-engagement levels found in PLTW classrooms.

#### *Transforming Education and Workforce in the Triumph Gulf Coast Region:*

PLTW has an excellent track record in helping transform education and workforce landscape in diverse states and regions throughout the country. National Partners such as Toyota, Lockheed Martin, Chevron, Verizon and numerous other companies invest in PLTW through our grant process to transform education and workforce skills in areas that they do business. Other partners such as the Corporate Partnership for Economic Growth (Indiana), MASS STEM Hub

(Massachusetts), KC STEM Alliance (Kauffman Foundation/Kansas City region) and the Governor's Office for Student Achievement (Georgia) are all using PLTW as a mechanism to transform education and economic development opportunities throughout their states and regions. PLTW will collaborate with districts and schools, 2-year and 4-year higher education institutions, and business and industry partners to build seamless K-career pathways for students in the eight-county region. This will provide avenues for all students, regardless of background, that connect them to real-world, work-based, career learning opportunities.

### **Project Timeline**

PLTW will prepare a comprehensive work plan setting out the tasks to be undertaken as part of this initiative, based on the following timeline:

#### **Fall 2017/Winter 2018:**

- Confirmation of partnership approval between PLTW and Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. Schools can start the readiness application process immediately.

#### **Winter/Spring 2018:**

- PLTW will release details of the grant opportunity on [pltw.org](http://pltw.org). The grant details will include a description of PLTW's partnership with Triumph Gulf Coast, grant requirements, award amounts, and implementation timelines.
- In collaboration with key stakeholders, PLTW will begin outreach to districts and schools in the eight-county region, inviting them to apply for the opportunity.
- PLTW will notify awarded districts and schools and request that grantees complete the PLTW participation form, sign PLTW Terms and Conditions, sign their grant agreements, and submit a W-9 to begin their program implementations.
- Districts and schools will finalize the selection of teacher(s) who will enroll in PLTW Professional Development offerings.
- Teacher(s) will register for PLTW Professional Development and complete Readiness Training prior to attending.

#### **Spring/Summer 2018:**

- Districts and schools will purchase necessary equipment and supplies.
- Teachers will complete PLTW Professional Development.

#### **Fall 2018-Spring 2019:**

- Districts and schools will begin implementation of PLTW programs.
- Districts and schools will receive ongoing school and technical support from PLTW.
- By April 30, districts schools will provide PLTW with implementation reports.
- PLTW will submit an aggregate end-of-year report to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. by June 15, 2019, including information on implementation progress for grantees, data collection from grantees, and project spending information.

*(This same timeline, work plan, and reporting plan will be executed in year 2 and year 3 for new districts and schools that begin implementation in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 academic years.)*

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**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

**Name of Individual/Entity/Organization:** Pensacola-Escambia Promotion and Development Commission.

**Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization:** The Pensacola-Escambia Promotion and Development Commission (PEDC) is Escambia County's economic development authority created by Special Act 67-1365, Laws of Florida. The PEDC is governed by a 9-Member Board of Directors, focused on the development of job creation assets and economic development marketing and promotion. The PEDC has a contractual relationship with FloridaWest, the community's sole economic development organization, whose purpose is to grow economic prosperity in the greater Pensacola, FL area.

**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

**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.

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## THE BLUFFS CORRIDOR – BECK’S LAKE ROAD SEGMENT

TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC. PRE-APPLICATION SUMMARY, November, 2017  
Prepared by: Pensacola Escambia Promotion and Development Commission

### A. BACKGROUND

The Pensacola-Escambia Development and Promotion Commission (PEDC) has been tasked by the State of Florida to facilitate the development of competitive industrial sites along the lower Escambia River Basin. Programming, planning, design and regulatory work is currently underway. This effort is focused on developing low-cost and marketable sites to support an expanded manufacturing cluster in the panhandle of Florida. The gross study area includes properties totaling 6,328 Acres, and a number of off-site infrastructural assets and systems. The properties are owned by four contiguous, adjacent entities along the lower Escambia River as follows:

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Emerald Coast Utilities Authority | 2,181 AC. |
| Ascend Performance Materials      | 1,782 AC. |
| Gulf Power Company                | 941 AC.   |
| University of West Florida        | 1,424 AC. |

### B. CURRENT PROGRESS

The Phases of work have been programmed to support the gradual development of new heavy commercial and industrial site inventory. Thus far, these include necessary heavy industrial transportation and utility connections from Beck’s Lake Road southeasterly to Old Chemstrand Road. (Refer to Industrial Connector Map, page 3). Work progress is as follows:

#### PROGRAM PRIORITIES

| Program Stage                 | Description                                  | Date<br>(* = pending) |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Industrial Development Study  | Master Industrial Programming                | 2016                  |
| Phase 1 Industrial Connector  | Planning, Design and Regulatory Coordination | 2017                  |
| Phase 2 Industrial Connector  | Planning, Design and Regulatory Coordination | 2018*                 |
| Phase 3 Industrial Connector  | Planning, Design and Regulatory Coordination | 2019*                 |
| Beck’s Lake Road Construction | Construct Beck’s Lake Road Segment           | 2019*                 |

Thus far, PEDC has been tasked by DEO and FDOT to execute a complete Industrial Development Study over the ten square mile project area, and to provide design and regulatory support for the Phase 1 and Phase 2 Industrial corridor alignment.

#### **C. TRIUMPH Request.**

This pre-application is focused on securing funding for the construction of the **Beck's Lake Road Segment** of the program identified in the Program Priorities listed above. Preliminary estimates for the Beck's Lake Road Segment of the Industrial Connector are **\$8 million**.

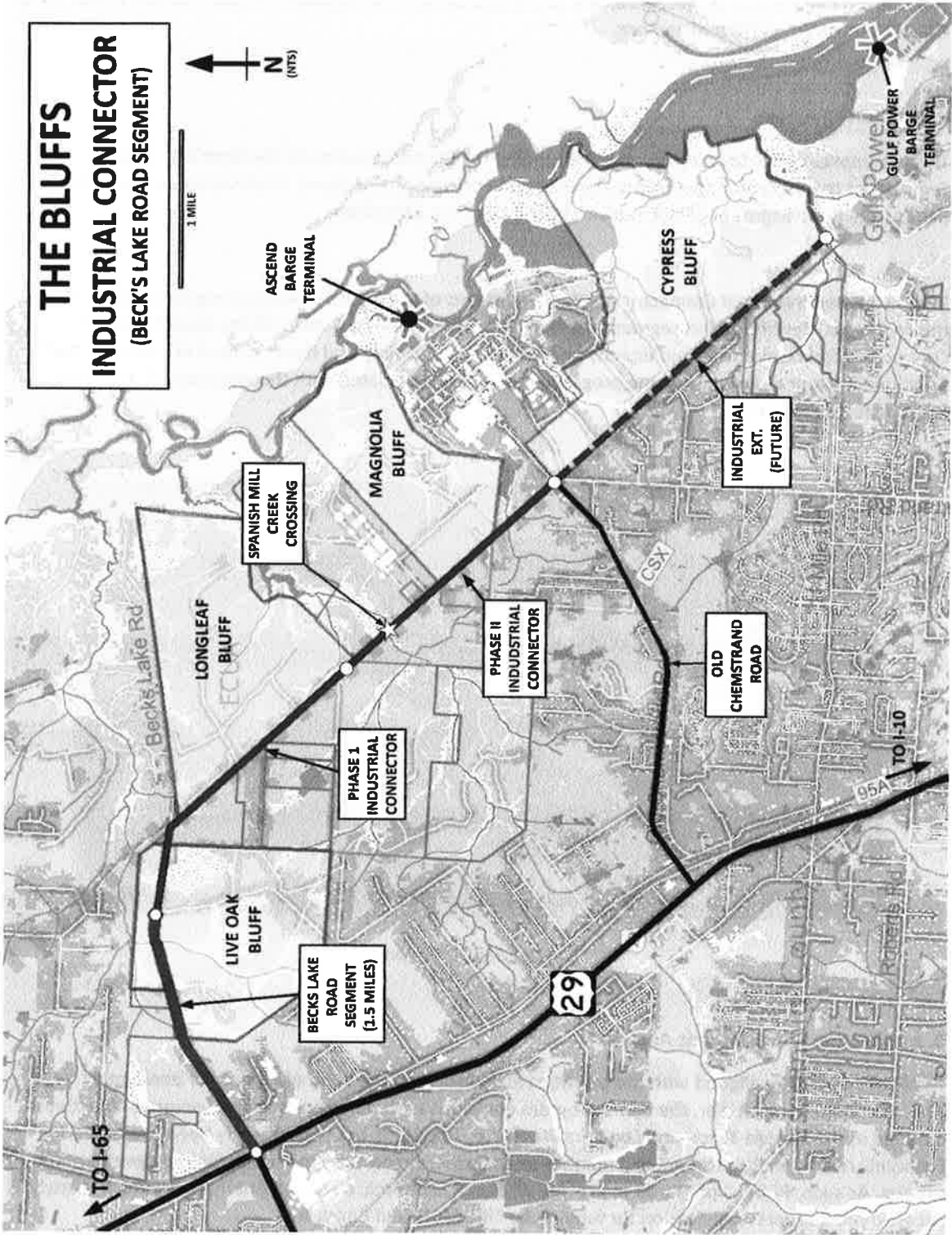
In the attached Industrial Connector graphic, the extent of the Beck's Lake Road segment included in this request is identified. This segment represents approximately 1.5 miles of the overall Industrial Connector alignment and would directly result in the accessibility and development of **Live Oak Bluff**. Additional technical, regulatory and programmatic detail associated with this request will be provided with the full application.



*Live Oak Bluff, IDS Report*

#### **D. Justification and Economic Analysis**

The Bluffs is directly aligned with the priorities established by the State of Florida for economic diversification. In particular, the Bluffs program conforms with the economic development objectives outlined in the **Florida Trade and Logistics Study 2.0**. The Bluffs has very recently been evaluated for Economic return on investment by a number of agencies, interest groups and industrial development experts. As such, PEDC is prepared to provide all of the economic development market data and analysis necessary to support qualification for funding by TRIUMPH Gulf Coast, Inc.







Board of County Commissioners • Escambia County, Florida

December 1, 2017

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Tallahassee, FL 32317

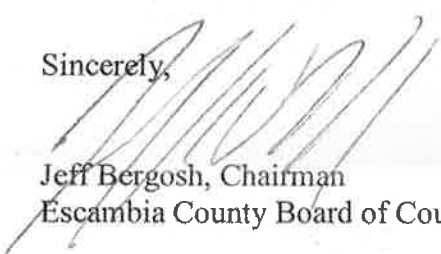
Dear TRIUMPH Gulf Coast Board Members,

At our regularly scheduled board meeting on November 30, 2017, the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) unanimously selected "The Bluffs Corridor – Beck's Lake Road Segment Project" to recommend to you for your review and consideration for funding. The project pre-application has been submitted by the Pensacola-Escambia Promotion and Development Commission (PEDC).

The Bluffs Corridor – Beck's Lake Road Segment Project represents a transformational opportunity for new jobs, economic diversification, and economic improvement for the citizens of Escambia County and Northwest Florida. The project will develop a competitive industrial site along the lower Escambia River to provide low-cost and marketable sites to support an expanded manufacturing cluster in Northwest Florida. This pre-application is focused on securing funding for the construction of the Beck's Lake Road Segment.

Thank you for considering The Bluffs Corridor Project for funding. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,



Jeff Bergosh, Chairman  
Escambia County Board of County Commissioners

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Name of Individual/Entity/Organization: Destin Fisherman's Cooperative Association

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: The Destin Fisherman's Cooperative Association has been operating as a Domestic Non Profit Corporation for 28 years and repairs the fishing fleet vessels at Fisherman's Boatyard in Freeport, Florida (Walton County). The organization established the Fisherman's Boatyard in 2006 to haul out large charter boats for Coast Guard Inspections and repair work on Fourmile Creek. The Fisherman's Boatyard has become a critical part of their operations since all vessels have to be hauled out and inspected annually by the Coast Guard.

Contact Information:

Primary Contact Information: Harold Staples

Title: Managing Member Destin Fisherman's Cooperative

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Telephone Number: 850-585-1290

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Website: N/A

Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program: Freeport Barge Port is adjacent to property owned by Destin Fisherman's Cooperative and will assist with matching funds for the bulkhead construction and dredging required for the construction. Permits that have been issued from ACOE and DEP are joint permits to both parties for the bulkhead that joins property lines.

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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Individual/Entity/Organization: Destin Fisherman's Cooperative Association

Contact Information:

Primary Contact Name: Mr. Harold Staples

Title: Managing Member Destin Fisherman's Cooperative

Telephone No. : 850-585-1290

E-mail Address : Destincoop@dfc.gccoxmail.com

#### Section 1

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Triumph Funding Request: \$1,275,000.00  
Matching Funds From Assoc. \$425,000.00 (25%)

Total Cost of Project: \$1,700,000.00

#### Section 2

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The funding for the match will be shared by the Destin Fisherman's Cooperative and Freeport Barge Port for a total of \$425,000.00. The funding for match is in place and permits have been issued by the ACOE and DEP for the construction of the facility that will include a 100 foot long travel lift haul out facility.

#### Section 3

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The project is located on Fourmile Creek in Freeport, Florida (Walton County). The location is south of SR-20 at the confluence of Lafayette Creek and Fourmile Creek on the intracoastal waterway that is under ACOE maintenance jurisdiction. The existing facility was constructed in 2006/2007 by the Association for hauling out vessels that belong to the charter fishing fleet and private vessels. The property currently holds approximately 28 vessels up to 100 feet in length and operates with an 80 TN travel lift and haul out facility on the adjacent property through a lease. The adjacent property is for sale and the lease will not be in effect if and when it is sold. The Association will not have any means to haul out vessels unless a new travel lift haul out basin is constructed for the future operations. The permitting on the project was initiated in 2015 by the Association and the adjacent property owner and permits were issued on October 16, 2017 for ACOE permit no. SAJ-2015-03863 (SP-SWA) and DEP permit no. 0342474-002-EM-66. The permits are in effect for five years from the date of issuance for the construction of the facilities. The project includes dredging 3000 CY of existing creek bottom to provide a 10' draft into the basin for hauling out vessels for the cooperative. The adjacent property will have access for 50' wide 200' long barges to offload gravel, rock, and other materials for use by nearby asphalt plants and construction use.

#### Section 4

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The Fisherman's Boatyard has been transformational for the City of Freeport and is located at 132 Hales Lane in Freeport, FL on Fourmile Creek. The facility is part of the working waterfronts designation by the State of Florida (DEP) that was approved for the City of Freeport. The facility has been in operation for approximately 10 years and has provided significant economic boost for the area from the number of workers that use the facility for working on private and Cooperative member's vessels. The facility is in danger of losing access to the Fourmile Creek water and from the adjacent travel lift facility that is owned by another company. The cooperative has been working on permitting the facility for 18 months and recently (October 16, 2017) received ACOE permits for the dredging and wall construction required at the facility. The DEP permits were received October 16, 2017 and there are no other permits required to begin construction on the facility. The Association does desire to include some additional pilings that would require a minor permit modification but all the walls and dredging require for the basin are approved. The adjacent property is a proposed barge port and would utilize the same basin that will be constructed for the Cooperative. The Barge Port would import rock, gravel, limerock base, and other materials that are currently only available by trucking into Walton County. The project would provide economic benefit for both the Fishermans Boatyard and the adjacent proposed barge port.

The Destin Fisherman's Cooperative is requesting Triumph grant funds in the amount of \$1,275,000 for the construction of a 220' x 88' basin with 10' depth for a travel lift consisting of two piers extending into the water constructed of concrete capable of supporting 150,000 vessels. The facility will provide haul out for vessels up to 100 feet in length that will be placed at the existing facility for work and inspections by the Coast Guard. The project includes the installation of 505 linear feet of sheet pile walls, dredging the existing channel (3000 CY), and installation of pilings and concrete deck for the 80 TN travel lift that is owned by the Coop. The boat basin has been designed to handle boats up to 100 feet in length. Currently the lift pit that was constructed by the Cooperative constructed in 2006/2007 is located on the adjacent property belonging to G&S Boats. The present owner of this property would only give the cooperative an eight year lease which expired in 2015. The adjacent property where the travel lift pit is located will likely be sold soon which will eliminate any possible access for hauling out vessels at the facility. The Destin Fisherman's Cooperative is not in a position to purchase this property. The only portion of this property that the Cooperative has an interest in is the lift pit and the driveway to it that connects to on the north side of the parcel. The Cooperative and adjacent property owner will commit 25% of the costs associated with the project. The total project cost to construct the basin and travel lift facility is \$1,700,000 and the match would be \$425,000. The project would meet all the goals outlined by the Triumph Board in terms of economic development.

#### Section 5

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Timeline for Project. The construction of the project could begin immediately and would be completed within 120 days of commencement. The permits require a 48 hour notice to DEP and an onsite preconstruction meeting with ACOE. The contractor has not been selected so an additional 30 days would be required to retain a contractor and execute a contract.



**WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Board of County Commissioners**

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November 14, 2017

Susan Skelton, Executive Director  
Florida Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.  
P.O. Box 12007  
Tallahassee, Florida 32317

Dear Susan,

Let this letter serve as formal notification of the activities and directives taken by the Walton County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to comply with 288.8017, Fla. Stat.:

*"Each Board of County Commissioners shall solicit proposed projects and programs from other elected local governing boards within the County as shall provide Triumph Gulf Coast Inc. with a list of proposed projects and programs located within the County."*

After holding numerous public meetings throughout the County to educate and encourage citizens and business owners regarding the opportunities presented by Triumph Gulf Coast, 36 prescreen applications were submitted to the County for possible endorsement. The Walton County BCC appointed a committee, known as the Local Triumph Committee, of eleven individuals to evaluate and score these submittals. This committee is comprised of five nonaffiliated community stakeholders along with six members affiliated with local governmental agencies. Details regarding The Local Triumph Committee can be found on the Walton County website.

The initial meeting of the committee was held on November 1, 2017 to review and score the 36 submitted projects, which were to be submitted to the County by 5PM October 30. At this meeting, one project, Destin Fisherman's Co-op, was approved to be considered and scored by the committee even though it missed the submittal deadline. The committee was instructed to answer three questions about each project; 1) does the project meet statutory requirements for eligible uses 2) does the project meet statutory priorities and 3) is the project transformational. It was explained to the committee that the first two criteria were somewhat objective in nature and that the concept of "transformational" was quite subjective. Given the subjective nature of the final question each member was encouraged to use their creative mind to determine whether a project was transformational or not. Committee members were to vote either yes or no on each of the three scoring questions for every project.

Local TRIUMPH Committee Project Pre-Applications

| Project | Name                                     | Category | Project | Name                        | Category | Project | Name                         | Category |
|---------|--|----------|---------|-----------------------------|----------|---------|------------------------------|----------|
| 1       | 331 Water & Sewer Project                | A        | 13      | Westwood Ranch              | B        | 25      | Withdrawn                    |          |
| 2       | Owl's Head                               | A        | 14      | LECOM                       | A        | 26      | Tango Tango                  | D        |
| 3       | Walton County Broadband                  | A        | 15      | Destin Fisherman's Co-op    | A        | 27      | Sunshine Shuttle             | B        |
| 4       | Walton County School Board K-12          | A        | 16      | Stone Clinical              | A        | 28      | Waterside                    | D        |
| 5       | Walton County Sheriff - Jail Project     | A        | 17      | Crown Clinic                | B        | 29      | Kevoon Properties            | D        |
| 6       | Walton County Sheriff - Security Project | A        | 18      | Louis Louis                 | D        | 30      | Seaside Institute 1          | D        |
| 7       | NWF State College Sm City                | A        | 19      | Beech Street Transportation | D        | 31      | Seaside Institute 2          | D        |
| 8       | Regional Utilities                       | A        | 20      | Electric 98                 | D        | 32      | Amy Soles                    | D        |
| 9       | ARC                                      | A        | 21      | Victory Lighthouse          | D        | 33      | Cornpass Rose Academy        | D        |
| 10      | Veteran's Lodge                          | A        | 22      | Arca Global                 | D        | 34      | Anita Rowell                 | D        |
| 11      | Alaqua                                   | A        | 23      | Withdrawn                   |          | 35      | William Bridell - Light Rail | C        |
| 12      | Biophilla                                | A        | 24      | Withdrawn                   |          | 36      | Walton Wifi (Non-County)     | C        |

Each proposer was permitted to address the committee for three minutes to present their project. Those projects with no one to speak to the committee were read into the record and presented by county staff. After every presentation, each committee member scored the project by selecting yes or no on the above mentioned criteria. Upon all projects being presented and scoring complete, the Clerk of Count collected the scoring forms and reported the results back to county staff. Those projects receiving three yes votes got an A, those receiving two yes votes got a B, those receiving one yes vote a C and those not receiving any yes votes scored a D.

On November 7, 2017 the Walton County BCC was presented results of the scoring process and voted that those projects which received an A or B score would be endorsed for contemplation by the Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors as projects worthy of further consideration.

Please find attached, a complete list of submitted projects and the committee's score for each project. Those projects with scores of A and B are those endorsed by the Walton County Board of County Commissioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cecilia Jones".

Cecilia Jones, Chairwoman  
Walton County Board of County Commissioners

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Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: County Government

**Contact Information:**

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## US 331 and US Highway 90 Water and Wastewater Expansion Project Executive Summary

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Dedicated Matching funds for the Project: \$17,000,000

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- B. \$5,000,000 Walton County RESTORE ACT POT 1 funds\*

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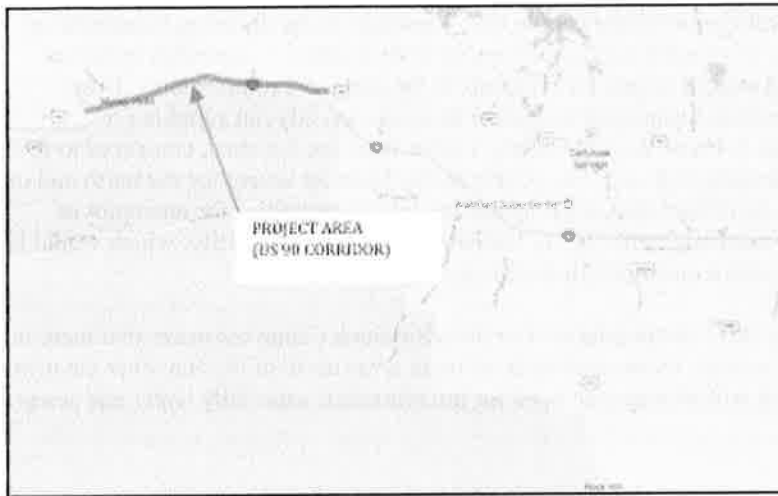
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**US 331 Corridor  
Project Area**

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## US 90 Corridor Project Area

#### 4. Summary Description of the Proposed Program.

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-Benefit the environment, in addition to the economy.

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The Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved this Project on November 7, 2017.

**5. Summary Timeline for the Proposed Project or Program.**

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**Walton County Research & Education Institute at Owl's Head Farms, Phase I  
Executive Summary**

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**1. Amount of funds being sought from Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.**

The Walton County Board of County Commissioners, in conjunction with the Walton County Tourist Development Council, Emerald Coast Tech College, Northwest Florida State College and Owl's Head Farms, is requesting a non-reoccurring \$10 million grant from Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. The total cost of the project is approximately \$15 million.

**2. Amount and Identity of Other Sources of Funds for the Proposed Project.**

Total Proposed Matching funds for the Project: \$5,000,000

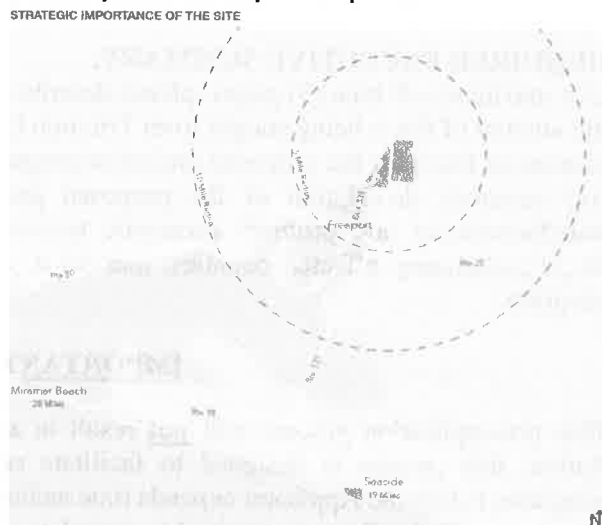
- \$2,000,000 land donation (10- acres) by DRE Investment LLC
- \$1,000,000 cash investment by DRE Investment LLC
- \$2,000,000 from Walton County RESTORE Pot 1 funds\*

**3. Location of the Project or Program.**

The project is located north of Choctawhatchee Bay in Owl's Head Farms, a 1,200 acre master planned, mixed-use Agrarian Community, under development along Highway 331 in Walton County, Florida. Owl's Head Farms is approximately five miles north of Hwy 20 in the City of Freeport.

This project is located in a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO). The RAO designation will be of particular benefit for expedited permitting and to start ups that spin off from projects and training opportunities at the Institute.

Additionally, Walton County has been designated a Strike Force County by the United States Department of Agriculture. This designation ensures that the federal government will give Walton County priority over other local governments should the County seek technical assistance or matching funds for this project.



<sup>1</sup> Adapted from Estelle Sommeiller, Mark Price, and Ellis Wazeter, Income inequality in the U.S. by state, metropolitan area, and county, an Economic Policy Institute report published in June 2016. Data are for tax units (single adults or married couples), referred to in the report as families, and for 2013, unless otherwise indicated.

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#### **4. Summary Description of the Proposed Program.**

This project will plan, design and construct necessary infrastructure, the Walton County Research & Education Institute building, its support facilities and fund the implementation of phase 1 programs.

Serving as nucleus of educational and entrepreneurial energy, the Institute will connect Walton County residents, businesses and educational institutions with new opportunities. The Institute will be operated through a public-private partnership between Walton County, academic partners and the private sector.

The Institute will host innovative programs related to agriculture, aquaculture, culinary, hospitality, healthcare, environmental research and autonomous vehicles. As a hub for economic development incubation, the Institute will seek to bridge the gap between academia and the private sector by supporting private sector partnerships that coincide with the programs offered.

The first phase will include a 9,000 square foot, state of the art, multipurpose facility housing two classrooms, a fully equipped lab, office space and meeting space. Additionally, the first phase will include greenhouses, an indoor arena and a commissary kitchen/food distribution center to support the institute's agricultural and culinary programming, as well as the economic development objectives.

Education Institute & Business Park



**Educational Programs.** Phase 1 Educational Programs will focus on agriculture, aquaculture, culinary and hospitality certifications and degrees. Programming will focus on innovative training methods to prepare the workforce to meet the existing demands of the tourism industry, while seeking to transform traditional agriculture practices and cultivating more profitable distribution networks.

The Institute will host the following Phase 1 Certification & Degree Programs:

- Emerald Coast Technical College and Walton County Tourist Development Council: Commercial Foods & Culinary Arts/Professional Culinary Arts & Hospitality
- Emerald Coast Technical College: Landscape & Turf Management
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- Northwest Florida State College: Hospitality and Culinary Management Associate of Arts
- Northwest Florida State College: Entrepreneurial Agriculture Programs

#### ***Research Initiatives.***

**Environmental.** In order to address the critical needs of the five (5) water sheds within the eight (8) disproportionately affected counties, the Institute will bring together local governments, state and federal agencies, NGOs and academia to develop a comprehensive strategy to develop and direct projects related to estuaries, storm-water, septic to sewer conversions, sediment loading, and State/FEMA mitigation recovery expenditures. Under the Federal RESTORE Act, 1.6 billion is allocated to Pot 2 for such projects. A concerted, comprehensive strategy to compete for these funds would transform Northwest Florida.

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***Economic Development Incubation.*** The synergies created through the Institute will be the catalyst for innovative public-private partnerships and new business ventures. Walton County is working to co-locate with the Institute a healthcare laboratory/research company wishing to bring 43 jobs with annual salaries averaging between 75k and 100k to Walton County. Strategic connectivity of this new venture with Sacred Heart Health Systems will further spur job growth while increasing access to rural healthcare. Programming will be implemented in Phase II to train healthcare professionals and technicians to meet the demands of the Healthcare industry as a whole, as well as new companies relocating to Walton County.

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- This project has been recommended by the BOCC of Walton County.
- This project is being pursued in partnership with the convention and visitor bureau.

The Board of County Commissioners approved this project on November 7, 2017.

**5. Summary Timeline for the Proposed Project**

This project has been under development since July 2016 with an initial investment of approximately \$100,000 on planning and coordination. This project can be completed within a window of 18 – 24 months once funding is secured. It is estimated that the final planning and design phase of this project will take approximately six months. The construction phase of this project will be completed in approximately 12 months.



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**History:** St. Andrew Bay Center is one of Bay County's oldest nonprofits, providing services to adults with disabilities for over sixty years. In the 1950's, the Agency began as a grassroots movement by parents who had children with disabilities. Initially, the Agency was known as the Mary Mackin School. It was the first school program for children with disabilities in our community. Over time, when public school programs were developed to meet this need, the Agency shifted its focus to serving adults. The Agency became known as the St. Andrew Bay Center, Inc. On July 20, 2017, we celebrated and announced to the community that we were aligning with The Arc of Florida and The National Arc which strengthens our branding awareness and increases curriculum opportunities. Our Agency proudly serves and supports over 230 individuals each year in Bay and Gulf County Florida. We serve varying disabilities, including: Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disabilities, Prader-Willi Syndrome, Down Syndrome, Mental Health, and Autism.

**Our Programs:** St. Andrew Bay Center offers two programs, both of which are designed around individual needs to promote independence, employment, safety, health, wellness, and self-sufficiency. Our administration operates on a 17% expense rate putting eighty-three cents on every dollar received back into our programming for our clients.

Our *Adult Day Training Program* is our largest program area supporting over 120 adults. This *respite program* provides ongoing self-enrichment programs designed to assist individuals to meet their personal goals and desires. Special training emphasis centers on health and wellness, education, life, and vocational skills. The Adult Day Training Program allows family members to drop off their loved one at our ADT Center Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 3:30pm giving them the opportunity to work and earn a living and support their families. For those special individuals that do not have a relative, we are their family.

Our *Supported Employment Program* provides an opportunity for individuals to broaden their employment skills and obtain and maintain jobs in the business community. Our employment specialists support this desire to work by providing critical support in the areas of career planning, job placement, training, counseling, job site consultation, and ongoing support. Local employers have found that diversifying their workplace and tapping into this rich resource of candidates is a positive and beneficial experience for their employees and business. Services include Discovery, Career Planning, Job Shadowing, Customized Job Development, Job Assessment - Accommodation, On-Site Job Training, Long Term Support, Transportation Assistance and Social Security Reporting.

**Purpose for Funding:** *The Arc of the Bay, 3YR Culinary Employment Training Program*  
The Arc of the Bay is partnering with Gulf Coast State College and CareerSource Gulf Coast utilizing our on-site commercial kitchen and community room, which host 100 guests along with the purchase of a food truck, teaching certified curriculums from the Culinary Program. We plan to hire three chefs who have graduated from the Culinary Program at GCSC providing all the necessary training in food preparation, baking and restaurant maintenance for adults with disabilities. The data collected from both CareerSource Gulf Coast and The Arc of Florida, shows high turnover and the demand for a skilled and reliable employee in the food service industry especially here in Bay County where the tourism/hospitality industry is a key economic driver. Adults with disabilities have goals for financial independence including owning their own home. We have letters of support from Dr. John Holdnak, President/Gulf Coast State College; Kimberly Bodine, Executive Director-CareerSource Gulf Coast and Member of the Board of Directors of The Arc of the Bay, Judy Tinder, Owner of Victoria's Last Bite Restaurant & City of Lynn Haven Commissioner Seat 4.

**Summary:**

- i. Requested funding from Triumph Gulf Coast – 3yr Program \$584,743.00
- ii. No current matching funds towards this new training initiative. We receive Federal & State funding through Medicaid Waiver and Dept. of Education, Vocational Rehab.
- iii. Our offices are located on 1804 Carolina Avenue, Lynn Haven, FL providing services Bay and Gulf County.
- iv. See Purpose for Funding above.
- v. The Culinary Employment Training Program was structured over a three year timeframe to lay the ground work for it to sustain itself. We have been working with Paul Ashman, Associate Professor at GCSC and several chefs and recent graduates from the Culinary Program collaborating on several very successful luncheon fundraisers this year utilizing our clients in training them in different aspects of jobs in the food industry ranging from food prep to waiting on tables. We have the best full-time chef prospect and highly recommended by Chef Ashman committed to joining our team once we receive funding. Our plans are to launch this initiative as soon as possible, with the current mindset, starting with summer semester, mirroring the current schedule at Gulf Coast State College.



**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: Walton County School District

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: Walton County School District is a public school, providing education at the kindergarten (K) through senior (12) levels as well as public postsecondary, technical college (post-secondary adult career-technical) programs to students

**Contact Information:**

Primary Contact Information: Charles Morse  
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Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program: Emerald Coast Technical College, CareerSource, Okaloosa-Walton;

Walton County Board of County Commissioners

**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.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY Proposed Project: Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.**

**Empowering Education and Transforming Economic Opportunities through Triumph**

Walton County School District proposes to develop educational/ training opportunities that will facilitate the region's current and future economic growth by expanding occupational preparation programs available to students at the postsecondary level and fostering both career exploration and preparation at the K-12 level. Expansion of technical college offerings and certifications that prepare students for current and future occupations in the health sciences and technology related industries provides a foundation for these students to invest one year or less in training, and then leverage technical certificates into associate's and bachelor's degrees through state-approved articulation agreements, thereby increasing the educational levels of the workforce and providing for transferrable, sustainable workforce skills that benefit employers in the region while facilitating the availability of a long-term talent supply.

Extending STEM coursework to include those critical thinking and design elements intrinsic in expanded arts/mathematics curriculum (STEAM) will help in making sure that all students in the elementary grades are fully literate and sufficiently prepared for the academic challenges of middle school and high school. Sufficient academic preparation can then expedite student success in career programs. Well-defined career pathways that begin in middle school/high school will facilitate student entry into postsecondary education and training/occupational programs that address the current and evolving economic development needs. Expansion of technical skills training and well-defined pathways for the student will provide for cost effective use of resources and maximum economic benefits to both the regional business community and the individual student.

**Amount of Funds being Sought from Triumph Gulf Coast:**

This proposed project is seeking **\$2.931 million** from Triumph Gulf Coast to provide the initial, quick response to those "urgent, common" needs in helping establish a new, vibrant economy for the northwest Florida region (Northwest Florida Forward, Strategic Plan 1.3). Career ladders begun by STEAM (**Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math**) programs in the elementary schools throughout the Walton County School District, strengthened by the middle/high school career education program offerings, and further defined by the targeted, region specific technical college programs in health sciences and IT/business will help the region benefit from cultivating its own skilled talent pipeline/

Through this Triumph Gulf Coast project, all elementary school students will have access to the innovative, critical thinking strategies intrinsic in STEAM curriculum. Initiating this portion of the proposal is projected to require **\$142,000** to help establish maker spaces and provide for needed professional development for teachers. Further definition of the STEAM curriculum through a focus in the health sciences, IT, and the arts at the district magnet school will require an initial investment of **\$350,000.00**. To intensify and support the current district offerings in IT/Technology/Business and health sciences programs, the requested initial investment is **\$239,000.00**.

The solid foundation afforded through these K-12 offerings will be refined through expansion of program offerings at Emerald Coast Technical College. The college currently enjoys a reputation of integrity in addressing regional workforce needs with an overall program completion, placement, and licensure rate of 91%, 92%, and 88%, respectively for the programs offered in 2016. This proposal is requesting supplemental funds to expand offerings in the health sciences and IT/business. Additional classrooms and laboratory space will make it possible to offer additional students the opportunity to benefit from these programs and to address regional workforce needs. Successful programs are already offered in practical nursing, patient care technician, and pharmacy technician. Additional facility space will provide for program offerings in surgical technician, medical laboratory assisting, medical coder/biller, phlebotomy, and IV therapy. This initial expansion will require **\$2.2 million**.

**The Amount and Identity of Other Sources of Funds for the Proposed Project:**

In addition to the support noted by CareerSource Okaloosa/Walton, Healthmark Regional Medical Center, Choctawhatchee Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Walton County Economic Development Alliance, the Walton County Board of County Commissioners, the City of DeFuniak Springs, and the Honorable Senator George B. Gainer, the Walton County School District will support the project with in-kind and matching funds amounting to **\$650,000** for pre-construction planning and project management. Contingent upon award, the Walton County Board of County Commissioners can commit **\$1 million** to further the project.

**The Location of the Project:**

The location of the project is **Walton County, Florida**. While the schools are all located in Walton County, the entire northwest Florida region will benefit. This is especially true of the expanded postsecondary career education program offerings that will be afforded through the project. The college currently provides short-term, rigorous career preparation programs to students throughout the panhandle of Florida as well as to neighboring Alabama students.

**Summary Description of the Proposed Transformational Project and How it Will Promote Economic Recovery, Diversification, and Enhancement of the Region:**

Viable, region-responsive career ladders will be expanded for both K-12 and adult students in the region. Development of the substructures of the region's economy through expansion of health sciences career preparation programs and rigorous K-12 career pathways helps address both short-term labor shortages and also long-term development of a robust, well-prepared labor force that can attract industry that will provide a diversified, vibrant economy for the region. Program offerings at Emerald Coast Technical college are short-term, with state-wide articulation agreements in place to further the student's

**Executive Summary Triumph Gulf Coast: Walton County School District/Emerald Coast Technical College**

education to A.S. and B.S. degree attainment. Each of these degree awards then help address a specific labor market need in the area.

**Summary Timeline for the Proposed Project:**

Upon notification of project award, the proposal blueprint begins with purchase of supplies and scheduling of professional development activities to implement the elementary and magnet school STEAM components. Construction pre-planning will begin, with actual expenditures for classroom/laboratory expansion beginning approximately two months from project award notification. The entire project should be fully implemented and students enrolled within nine months of project award. Because the postsecondary programs are short-term in nature, student recruitment will begin upon notification of award with the first graduating classes expected to enter the workforce within 12-18 months.



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November 6, 2017

Charles Morse  
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Dear Mr. Morse:

On behalf of CareerSource Okaloosa Walton, I am pleased to offer you this letter of support for Emerald Coast Technical College's **Walton County School Board K-12 Grant Proposal**. This grant will provide the opportunity to address training needs for K-5 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) programs in all elementary schools; 6-12 Secondary funding to strengthen the current IT/Technology programs and health science programs; Magnet School programs to define the STEAM Pathway at the school (currently looking at IT/Technologies, Health Science programs and the Arts); Emerald Coast Technical College addition of four classrooms to the existing Health Science Building to create additional Health Care programs and to expand some of the current IT/Technology/Business offerings to meet the demands outlined in the Northwest Florida Forward Strategic plan for the Northwest Florida Region. This grant will serve to strengthen opportunities for technical college and beyond.

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Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to show our support of Emerald Coast Technical College's proposal to expand these training opportunities for the residents in our community.

Feel free to contact me if further assistance is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele Burns".

Michele Burns  
Executive Director

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November 6, 2017

Charles Morse  
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Dear Mr. Morse:

On behalf of Healthmark Regional Medical Center, I am pleased to offer you this letter of support for Emerald Coast Technical College's **Walton County School Board K-12 Grant Proposal**. This grant will provide the opportunity to address training needs for K-5 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) programs in all elementary schools; 6-12 Secondary funding to strengthen the current IT/Technology programs and health science programs; Magnet School programs to define the STEAM Pathway at the school (currently looking at IT/Technologies, Health Science programs and the Arts); Emerald Coast Technical College addition of four classrooms to the existing Health Science Building to create additional Health Care programs and to expand some of the current IT/Technology/Business offerings to meet the demands outlined in the Northwest Florida Forward Strategic plan for the Northwest Florida Region. This grant will serve to strengthen opportunities for technical college and beyond.

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Sincerely,



Gerald C Beard  
Chief Operating Officer  
Healthmark Regional Medical Center



November 13, 2017

Charles Morse  
Director  
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Dear Mr. Morse:

On behalf of CHELCO I am pleased to offer you this letter of support for Emerald Coast Technical College's **Walton County School Board K-12 Grant Proposal**. This grant will provide the opportunity to address training needs for K-5 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) programs in all elementary schools; 6-12 Secondary funding to strengthen the current IT/Technology programs and health science programs; Magnet School programs to define the STEAM Pathway at the school (currently looking at IT/Technologies, Health Science programs and the Arts); Emerald Coast Technical College addition of four classrooms to the existing Health Science Building to create additional Health Care programs and to expand some of the current IT/Technology/Business offerings to meet the demands outlined in the Northwest Florida Forward Strategic plan for the Northwest Florida Region. This grant will serve to strengthen opportunities for technical college and beyond.

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Feel free to contact me if further assistance is needed.

Sincerely,

Scott Seay  
Vice President of Administration

Choctawhatchee Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Owned By Those We Serve



November 6, 2017

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Charles Morse  
Director  
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Dear Mr. Morse:

On behalf of the Walton County Economic Development Alliance I am pleased to offer you this letter of support for Emerald Coast Technical College's **Walton County School Board K-12 Grant Proposal**. This grant will provide the opportunity to address training needs for K-5 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) programs in all elementary schools; 6-12 Secondary funding to strengthen the current IT/Technology programs and health science programs; Magnet School programs to define the STEAM Pathway at the school (currently looking at IT/Technologies, Health Science programs and the Arts); Emerald Coast Technical College addition of four classrooms to the existing Health Science Building to create additional Health Care programs and to expand some of the current IT/Technology/Business offerings to meet the demands outlined in the Northwest Florida Forward Strategic plan for the Northwest Florida Region. This grant will serve to strengthen opportunities for technical college and beyond.

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Sincerely,

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Bill Imfeld  
Executive Director



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November 14, 2017

Charles Morse  
Director  
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Dear Mr. Morse:

On behalf of the City of DeFuniak Springs, I am pleased to offer you this letter of support for Emerald Coast Technical College's **Walton County School Board K-12 Grant Proposal**. This grant will provide the opportunity to address training needs for K-5 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) programs in all elementary schools; 6-12 Secondary funding to strengthen the current IT/Technology programs and health science programs; Magnet School programs to define the STEAM Pathway at the school (currently looking at IT/Technologies, Health Science programs and the Arts); Emerald Coast Technical College addition of four classrooms to the existing Health Science Building to create additional Health Care programs and to expand some of the current IT/Technology/Business offerings to meet the demands outlined in the Northwest Florida Forward Strategic plan for the Northwest Florida Region. This grant will serve to strengthen opportunities for technical college and beyond.

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Sincerely,

  
Bob Campbell  
Mayor



# THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

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**SENATOR GEORGE B. GAINER**  
2nd District

November 13, 2017

Charles Morse, Director  
Emerald Coast Technical College  
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As the Florida State Senator for District 2, I will make a commitment to offer to the Emerald Coast Technical College and other community partners my assistance in these expanded training programs in Walton County.

I am proud to submit to you my strongest recommendation for this continued investment in our community's education and training.

Sincerely,

George B. Gainer, Florida Senator, District 11  
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### REPLY TO:

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November 14, 2017

Susan Skelton, Executive Director  
Florida Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.  
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Dear Susan,

Let this letter serve as formal notification of the activities and directives taken by the Walton County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to comply with 288.8017, Fla. Stat.:

*"Each Board of County Commissioners shall solicit proposed projects and programs from other elected local governing boards within the County as shall provide Triumph Gulf Coast Inc. with a list of proposed projects and programs located within the County."*

After holding numerous public meetings throughout the County to educate and encourage citizens and business owners regarding the opportunities presented by Triumph Gulf Coast, 36 prescreen applications were submitted to the County for possible endorsement. The Walton County BCC appointed a committee, known as the Local Triumph Committee, of eleven individuals to evaluate and score these submittals. This committee is comprised of five nonaffiliated community stakeholders along with six members affiliated with local governmental agencies. Details regarding The Local Triumph Committee can be found on the Walton County website.

The initial meeting of the committee was held on November 1, 2017 to review and score the 36 submitted projects, which were to be submitted to the County by 5PM October 30. At this meeting, one project, Destin Fisherman's Co-op, was approved to be considered and scored by the committee even though it missed the submittal deadline. The committee was instructed to answer three questions about each project; 1) does the project meet statutory requirements for eligible uses 2) does the project meet statutory priorities and 3) is the project transformational. It was explained to the committee that the first two criteria were somewhat objective in nature and that the concept of "transformational" was quite subjective. Given the subjective nature of the final question each member was encouraged to use their creative mind to determine whether a project was transformational or not. Committee members were to vote either yes or no on each of the three scoring questions for every project.

Local TRIUMPH Committee Project Pre-Applications

| Project | Name                                     | Category | Project | Name                        | Category | Project | Name                         | Category |
|---------|--|----------|---------|-----------------------------|----------|---------|------------------------------|----------|
| 1       | 331 Water & Sewer Project                | A        | 13      | Westwood Ranch              | B        | 25      | Withdrawn                    |          |
| 2       | Owl's Head                               | A        | 14      | LECOM                       | A        | 26      | Tango Tango                  | D        |
| 3       | Walton County Broadband                  | A        | 15      | Destin Fisherman's Co-op    | A        | 27      | Sunshine Shuttle             | B        |
| 4       | Walton County School Board K-12          | A        | 16      | Stone Clinical              | A        | 28      | Waterside                    | D        |
| 5       | Walton County Sheriff - Jail Project     | A        | 17      | Crown Clinic                | B        | 29      | Kevco Properties             | D        |
| 6       | Walton County Sheriff - Security Project | A        | 18      | Louis Louis                 | D        | 30      | Seaside Institute 1          | D        |
| 7       | NWF State College Sim City               | A        | 19      | Beach Street Transportation | D        | 31      | Seaside Institute 2          | D        |
| 8       | Regional Utilities                       | A        | 20      | Electric 98                 | D        | 32      | Amy Stokes                   | D        |
| 9       | ARC                                      | A        | 21      | Victory Lighthouse          | D        | 33      | Compass Pose Academy         | D        |
| 10      | Veteran's Lodge                          | A        | 22      | Arca Global                 | D        | 34      | Anita Powell                 | D        |
| 11      | Alaqua                                   | A        | 23      | Withdrawn                   |          | 35      | William Bridell - Light Rail | C        |
| 12      | Biophilia                                | A        | 24      | Withdrawn                   |          | 36      | Walton Wifi (Non-County)     | C        |

Each proposer was permitted to address the committee for three minutes to present their project. Those projects with no one to speak to the committee were read into the record and presented by county staff. After every presentation, each committee member scored the project by selecting yes or no on the above mentioned criteria. Upon all projects being presented and scoring complete, the Clerk of Count collected the scoring forms and reported the results back to county staff. Those projects receiving three yes votes got an A, those receiving two yes votes got a B, those receiving one yes vote a C and those not receiving any yes votes scored a D.

On November 7, 2017 the Walton County BCC was presented results of the scoring process and voted that those projects which received an A or B score would be endorsed for contemplation by the Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors as projects worthy of further consideration.

Please find attached, a complete list of submitted projects and the committee's score for each project. Those projects with scores of A and B are those endorsed by the Walton County Board of County Commissioners.

Sincerely,



Cecilia Jones, Chairwoman  
Walton County Board of County Commissioners

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CJ/mdb

**THE LAKE ERIE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE  
HEALTH CARE CLINIC EXPANSION – NORTH WALTON COUNTY  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) is the nation's largest medical college and the only academic health center among the osteopathic colleges. Founded in Erie, Pennsylvania in 1992 to help meet the need for physicians in underserved areas, LECOM's mission is to prepare students to become osteopathic physicians, pharmacy practitioners, and dentists through programs of excellence in education, research, clinical care, and community service.

U.S. News & World Report ranks LECOM as the most applied to medical college in the country, among the top ten medical colleges graduating the most primary care physicians and reports that the College offers one of the lowest tuitions among all private medical colleges in the United States.

LECOM believes the community is our campus. LECOM serves as an integrated, comprehensive academic health system dedicated to healthcare education, and whole person, lifelong patient care. LECOM strives to improve the health and quality of life of all people, providing services to medically underserved areas, many of which are culturally diverse in terms of racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic composition.

Over the past 25 years, LECOM has expanded geographically and programmatically, and has gained national prominence. In Florida alone, LECOM has invested in excess of \$70 Million to establish the 60-acre Bradenton Campus. The initial \$40 Million capital investment in 2004 created the nation's first branch campus of an Osteopathic Medical School. In 2007, LECOM added its School of Pharmacy and in 2012 invested an additional \$40 million to create its School of Dentistry. In Walton County, LECOM invested over \$5.3 million in the project, including over \$2.8 million in building improvements, and over \$1.4 million in state-of-the-art equipment.

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**THE LAKE ERIE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE  
HEALTH CARE CLINIC EXPANSION – NORTH WALTON COUNTY**

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LECOM seeks a total of \$3,613,735.07 from Triumph Gulf Coast. This request is based upon the following estimated project costs:

| <b>TOTAL BUILDING COSTS</b>   |              |             |              |        |                       |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------|-----------------------|
| 10,000 sq. ft. ambulatory care clinic with pharmaceutical lab and dental facilities |              |             |              |        | <b>\$1,448,051.07</b> |
| <b>EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION COSTS</b>   |              |             |              |        |                       |
|   | UNIT COST    | NUMBER      | TOTAL COST   |        |                       |
| "pod" with 4 dental chairs  | \$142,683.77 | 1           | \$142,684.00 |        |                       |
| dental x-ray equipment  | \$120,000.00 | 1           | \$120,000.00 |        |                       |
| pharmaceutical lab equipment  | \$40,000.00  | 1           | \$40,000.00  |        |                       |
| <b>INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY COSTS</b>   |              |             |              |        |                       |
| IT connectivity and maintenance   |              |             |              |        | <b>\$400,000.00</b>   |
| <b>ANNUAL PERSONNEL COSTS</b>   |              |             |              |        |                       |
|   | BASE         | BENEFITS    | ANNUAL       | NUMBER | TOTAL COST            |
| physicians  | \$175,000.00 | \$57,750.00 | \$232,750.00 | 2      | \$465,500.00          |
| additional healthcare professionals   | \$30,000.00  | \$9,900.00  | \$39,900.00  | 2      | \$79,800.00           |
| clinical pharmacists  | \$120,000.00 | \$39,600.00 | \$159,600.00 | 2      | \$319,200.00          |
| support staff   | \$30,000.00  | \$9,900.00  | \$39,900.00  | 1      | \$39,900.00           |
| dentists  | \$150,000.00 | \$49,500.00 | \$199,500.00 | 2      | \$399,000.00          |
| dental assistants   | \$30,000.00  | \$9,900.00  | \$39,900.00  | 4      | \$159,600.00          |
| <b>TOTAL PROJECT COST ESTIMATE</b>  |              |             |              |        | <b>\$3,613,735.07</b> |

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Upon approval, LECOM is prepared to begin project implementation immediately. This will include, but not be limited to, total project realization, including architect plans, facility build out, accreditation submission, and a tentative project completion of one to two years from the date of approval.





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Name of Individual/Entity/Organization: Finch Transportation LLC dba Sunshine Shuttle

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: Transportation Services

**Contact Information:**

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Title: President

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

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**Triumph Gulf Coast Pre-Application**  
**Walton County Transit System**  
Executive Summary

**Project Purpose**

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The proposed service will serve to transport workers/commuters and others from and to the Northern end of the County to the tourist and hospitality area in South Walton. It will also provide a public transit linkage to essential services including government services, educational institutions and medical providers.

**Project as It Meets the Triumph Priorities**

This project meets the following Triumph goals and requirements as enumerated in the Gulf Coast Economic Corridor Act:

1. Provides a Local Match for projects in the disproportionately affected counties;
2. Partners with local governments to provide funds, infrastructure, land or other assistance for the project;
3. Is recommended by the Walton County Board of Commissioners;
4. Benefits the environment, in addition to the economy;
5. May be consummated quickly and efficiently
6. Promotes net-new jobs in the private sector with an income above regional average household income

**Project Cost and Sources of Funding**

The Applicant proposes to partner with Walton County to approach the Triumph Gulf Coast to co-fund the initial start-up and three year operations of the service. The project cost is estimated at \$5,524,587, broken down as follows:

|                        |                     |                |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                        | Total Project Cost: | \$5,524,587    |
|                        | Local Match:        |                |
|                        | Walton County:      | \$3,084,587    |
|                        | Private in Kind:    | <u>250,000</u> |
|                        | Total Local Match:  | \$3,334,587    |
| <b>Triumph Request</b> | <b>\$2,190,000</b>  |                |

The source of the Walton County funding is a Florida Department of Transportation Commuter Assistance grant awarded to the County, and the Applicant In Kind contribution toward the Local Match is five – passenger shuttle busses, valued at \$50,000 each.

***The proportionate share of the total project cost is Triumph 34%; Local Match 66%.***

The funding will cover operating, equipment and maintenance expenses. Included in the total is the procurement of lift-equipped, 26 passenger cutaway busses for the North-South line haul service. The five passenger shuttle busses will be used on the East-West service.

**Applicant Background and Project Readiness**

The Applicant, Sunshine Shuttle, LLC, is an established Walton County-based business, formed in 2003, with 85 current employees that include drivers, marketing, information technology and administrative staff. The company is asset-based with a fleet of 50 vehicles, providing its own operating, dispatching, administrative and maintenance services with a current liability insurance policy of \$5,000,000. Should the Applicant be selected, the Project will be a turnkey service, fully ready to deploy operations, with consumer friendly features such as geo-tracking of bus arrivals and departures and real time Apps using personal mobile phones.

***This project in its fruition will be a true example of a working public-private partnership.***

**Operational Start Up/ Key Milestones**

|     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1.0 | Establishment and Integration of North-South and East-West Route Network   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.0 | Identification of Commuter Parking Locations and Arrangements at Bus Stops |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.0 | Bus equipment procurement and testing                                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.0 | Rider Familiarization and Service Demonstration                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.0 | Schedule Verification  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.0 | Systems Integration with Hand Held Devices                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.0 | Publication of Schedules and Marketing of the Service                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8.0 | Live Operations  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### **Net-New Job Creation**

Net-New jobs are not confined to the applicant but more so to the entities, private and public on and along the route. This program will be an economic generator creating a ripple effect in our local communities. It will reduce the traffic by transporting employees

### **Project Sustainability**

The Applicant proposes to provide the service contemplated under this Pre-Application on a non fare paying basis, at least for the initial three year period, as advocated under the Commuter Service Grant awarded to Walton County. Under this proposed business model, the service will continue to require public subsidy after the third year, under a proposed 50/50 FDOT and Walton County cost share. The Walton County share can include private contributions from affected businesses benefiting from the shuttle services provided, in addition to marketing and advertising opportunities that can be offered on a fee basis.



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## Walton County Broadband Initiative Pilot Project

### Executive Summary

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  - b. Note: Subject to final BOCC appropriation.
3. **Location of the Project or Program.** The project location is entirely within Walton County. The Pilot Project will service an area of six (6) mile wi-fi radius of the Walton County Coastal Branch Library.
4. **Summary Description of the Proposed Program.**

Walton County is building a broadband infrastructure that stretches to every rural area of the County. This request will work off of the existing fiber infrastructure currently installed by Walton County. Walton County would like to build a 6-mile WI-FI radius around our Coastal Branch Library. This first phase of WI-FI will provide citizens and tourists with the opportunity to connect to the Internet for educational, health, public safety, tourists, and social needs. Users would expect high-speed rates over 30mbps, exceeding the FCC definition of broadband as 25mbps.

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Walton County realizes the importance of broadband to economic development, such as 39.7% of all new jobs from 2013-2015 are a direct result of high speed Internet being made available in areas where previously it was not. This project will directly impact all of our residents in the project area. In future Phases the project will be expended to all County libraries.

### Advanced Metrics

The biggest benefit for Walton County is the data that is garnered by the users on the network. Similar to Google and Amazon, Walton County would be able to utilize GPS to identify trends in travel, traffic analytics, beach access visited, and impacts on our Hospitality services.

### Economic Development

It has been proven that high speed Internet is a driver of economic development. We feel that this will greatly enhance our economic development in Walton County. Our main fiber project, which has just been completed, provided fiber to our industrial parks, and rural county areas.

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### **Public Safety**

With our existing fiber project, our goal was to provide the ability to control traffic signals, and traffic cameras remotely, to assist in the event of an evacuation. Our Sheriff's department can monitor traffic cameras to ensure the proper allocation of resources to the correct location. We provided fiber connections to all law enforcement and fire rescue facilities in accordance with FirstNet. Additionally, we have been able to establish 6 mile Wi-Fi radius around designated locations in the event of a natural disaster.

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This plan will allow our school buses to send real time camera footage to dispatch or other desired locations. Currently, school buses have to store footage on board with a DVR, which usually run out of recording space. GPS tracking of buses will assist in designing the best routes, and provide a level of safety for the School system.

Our ambulance and fire rescue vehicles, using GPS, can be routed accordingly based on who is closest to the emergency. Billing and run reports can be sent immediately following a call.

There are many other ways our first responders could utilize this network to become more efficient and provide a better service to the residents of Walton County.

### **Educational Benefits**

Our goal with our Fiber Project was to provide high speed Internet to every school so that they can move to completely digital environments related to testing and textbooks. Federal Education standards require that a certain percentage of all testing and reading materials be provided in digital format. We also have reached most, and plan on reaching all community centers in the County so that citizens who don't have the ability to drive almost 2 hours to a college campus, and have no internet access in their area, can take on line course in their community.

The wireless project we are proposing would expand on the idea of providing the best learning experience for our citizens. With Wi-Fi covering a 6 mile radius, students can utilize the network to research ideas, and complete school assignments while they are riding the bus home, or if their home is in the covered

area, they could perform these tasks from home using their library login credentials. We could essentially provide an environment where students can actively research issues that are passionate to them, and expand on those ideas while in transit

### **Health Benefits**

With our original fiber project, we provided high speed Internet to our rural health centers allowing them the ability to videoconference with the best doctors in the world at the push of a button.

The next step in the process begins with wireless technology. This benefit aligns with public safety by allowing our ambulances to send real time data to a destination medical facility before the patient arrives. When the patient arrives, all monitor and medical data are already on site and being reviewed. Additionally, any users would be able to utilize the Internet to quickly find their nearest health center, pharmacy or fire rescue location. Physical health will be affected as we can provide our tourist and residents with real time mapping to the closest park, beach access, or multi-use path.

### **Traffic Conditions**

This project will be instrumental in providing Walton County with specific information on users traveling trends. We will be able to utilize the garnered information to assess how visitor and residents utilize our most heavily traveled roadways.

### **Triumph Eligible Activities and Priorities:**

We believe this project directly impacts the Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. **Eligible Activity** of:

-Public infrastructure projects for construction, expansion, or maintenance which are shown to enhance economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affect counties.

We believe this project directly impacts the Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. **Priorities** as follows:

-Partner with local governments to provide funds, infrastructure, land, or other assistance for the project.

-Leverage of further enhance key regional assets, including educational institutions, research facilities, and military bases.

-Are recommended by the BOCC of Walton County, in which the project will be located.

The Board of County Commissioners at their November 7, 2017 meeting approved this Project and directed Staff and Consultants to prepare and submit this Pre-Application prior to the November 15<sup>th</sup> First Cut Off date.

## **5. Summary Timeline for the Proposed Project or Program**

Upon funding the Pilot Program could be installed and operational within nine (9) months.



**WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
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November 14, 2017

Susan Skelton, Executive Director  
Florida Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.  
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Tallahassee, Florida 32317

Dear Susan,

Let this letter serve as formal notification of the activities and directives taken by the Walton County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to comply with 288.8017, Fla. Stat.:

*"Each Board of County Commissioners shall solicit proposed projects and programs from other elected local governing boards within the County as shall provide Triumph Gulf Coast Inc. with a list of proposed projects and programs located within the County."*

After holding numerous public meetings throughout the County to educate and encourage citizens and business owners regarding the opportunities presented by Triumph Gulf Coast, 36 prescreen applications were submitted to the County for possible endorsement. The Walton County BCC appointed a committee, known as the Local Triumph Committee, of eleven individuals to evaluate and score these submittals. This committee is comprised of five nonaffiliated community stakeholders along with six members affiliated with local governmental agencies. Details regarding The Local Triumph Committee can be found on the Walton County website.

The initial meeting of the committee was held on November 1, 2017 to review and score the 36 submitted projects, which were to be submitted to the County by 5PM October 30. At this meeting, one project, Destin Fisherman's Co-op, was approved to be considered and scored by the committee even though it missed the submittal deadline. The committee was instructed to answer three questions about each project; 1) does the project meet statutory requirements for eligible uses 2) does the project meet statutory priorities and 3) is the project transformational. It was explained to the committee that the first two criteria were somewhat objective in nature and that the concept of "transformational" was quite subjective. Given the subjective nature of the final question each member was encouraged to use their creative mind to determine whether a project was transformational or not. Committee members were to vote either yes or no on each of the three scoring questions for every project.

Local TRIUMPH Committee Project Pre-Applications

| Project | Name                                     | Category | Project | Name                        | Category | Project | Name                         | Category |
|---------|--|----------|---------|-----------------------------|----------|---------|------------------------------|----------|
| 1       | 331 Water & Sewer Project                | A        | 13      | Westwood Ranch              | B        | 25      | Withdrawn                    |          |
| 2       | Owl's Head                               | A        | 14      | LECOM                       | A        | 26      | Tango Tango                  | D        |
| 3       | Walton County Broadband                  | A        | 15      | Destin Fisherman's Co-op    | A        | 27      | Sunshine Shuttle             | B        |
| 4       | Walton County School Board K-12          | A        | 16      | Stone Clinical              | A        | 28      | Waterside                    | D        |
| 5       | Walton County Sheriff - Jail Project     | A        | 17      | Crown Clinic                | B        | 29      | Kevo Properties              | D        |
| 6       | Walton County Sheriff - Security Project | A        | 18      | Louis Louis                 | D        | 30      | Seaside Institute 1          | D        |
| 7       | NWF State College Sim City               | A        | 19      | Beach Street Transportation | D        | 31      | Seaside Institute 2          | D        |
| 8       | Regional Utilities                       | A        | 20      | Electric 98                 | D        | 32      | Amy Soles                    | D        |
| 9       | ARC                                      | A        | 21      | Victory Lighthouse          | D        | 33      | Compass Rose Academy         | D        |
| 10      | Veteran's Lodge                          | A        | 22      | Arca Global                 | D        | 34      | Arlita Powell                | D        |
| 11      | Alaqua                                   | A        | 23      | Withdrawn                   |          | 35      | William Bridell - Light Rail | C        |
| 12      | Bophilia                                 | A        | 24      | Withdrawn                   |          | 36      | Walton Wifi (Non-County)     | C        |



Each proposer was permitted to address the committee for three minutes to present their project. Those projects with no one to speak to the committee were read into the record and presented by county staff. After every presentation, each committee member scored the project by selecting yes or no on the above mentioned criteria. Upon all projects being presented and scoring complete, the Clerk of Count collected the scoring forms and reported the results back to county staff. Those projects receiving three yes votes got an A, those receiving two yes votes got a B, those receiving one yes vote a C and those not receiving any yes votes scored a D.

On November 7, 2017 the Walton County BCC was presented results of the scoring process and voted that those projects which received an A or B score would be endorsed for contemplation by the Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors as projects worthy of further consideration.

Please find attached, a complete list of submitted projects and the committee's score for each project. Those projects with scores of A and B are those endorsed by the Walton County Board of County Commissioners.

Sincerely,



Cecilia Jones, Chairwoman  
Walton County Board of County Commissioners

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**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: City of Pensacola

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: The City of Pensacola is located in the Panhandle of Florida within Escambia County, one of the eight (8) disproportionately affect Counties as a result of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Located on the banks of Escambia and Pensacola Bays, and close proximity to a wide range of both indoor as well as outdoor activities.

Pensacola boasts a diversified population approaching 52,000 citizens. Pensacola is proud to lay claim to being America's First Settlement, often referred to as, "The City of Five Flags." Our City is steeped in rich history and tradition housing the Historic Pensacola Village, one of Florida's oldest churches, the Veterans Memorial Park which contains the only permanent replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (Wall South), as well as the T.T. Wentworth, Jr Florida State Museum. Pensacola is also home to the award winning Palafox St, IHMC (Institute for Human & Machine Cognition) along with many other recreational, educational and entertainment opportunities.

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Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program: Groups, organizations and entities are being sought for joint

Participation in this project. \_\_\_\_\_

**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.**

**SUMMARY – Morris Court Complex (Westside Resource Center and Library)**

- (i) \$18,000,000
- (ii) It is proposed that additional funding will be sought from the City's Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Funds, Due to the functioning of our local libraries, discussions with Escambia County will also be necessary
- (iii) The project will be located within the Morris Court area with an exact location to be determined
- (iv) This project combines two (2) project proposals; the Westside Library and the Westside Community Resource Center.

The project proposes the building of a complex within the Morris Court area, an area on the Westside of Pensacola that is economically challenged with a populous that seeks a greater level of equal service. This complex will house the Westside Library which will provide a diverse population with educational opportunities to better position them for entrance in an ever growing workforce. Equally, it will provide the opportunity and means to safely enhance workforce skills while providing access to job information and the ability to effectively apply for jobs through online portals. For the children, it will provide a springboard for personal growth, enhancing their educational and social opportunities while providing for a safe environment. Logistically, providing an opportunity for a venue where travel to and from can safely be achieved. This library will not only serve citizens of Pensacola, but also citizens in Escambia County who are located on the western side of the city/county.

This complex will also be home to the Westside Community Resource Center which, in conjunction with the library, will provide for the opportunity of educational and social enhancement through programs provided within a logistically inviting and safe environment. The combination of these two entities within this complex will provide easily accessible venues for those on the west side of the City / County, providing for seemingly endless opportunities for personal, professional and individual growth within our growing economy. These opportunities will assist in providing for a more prepared workforce, which will foster economic growth within the region. With the awarding of this project, it is viewed as a single snapshot of a much bigger picture that will be seen with all awards made. This project will allow for equal service to an economically depressed area that will then allow for greater opportunities to positively impact and participate many of the other awarded projects.

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