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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Joe Negron
Senate President
305 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

The Honorable Richard Corcoran
Speaker of Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker,

This firm represents Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., as General Counsel with respect to the Gulf Coast Economic Corridor Act. Its Chairman, Senator Don Gaetz, requested we reach out to each of you for guidance on ensuring Triumph Gulf Coast is meeting the expectations and requirements set forth in the Act.

The Gulf Coast Economic Corridor Act passed in 2013 and amended during the 2016 session establishes Triumph Gulf Coast as the entity authorized and directed to deploy certain BP economic damage settlement funds to enhance and diversify the economy of the eight Northwest Florida coastal counties disproportionately affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

The Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors is currently reviewing more than one hundred requests for project funding from public and private entities. Prior to awarding funds, the Board is seeking guidance on a subject likely to arise in our deliberations:

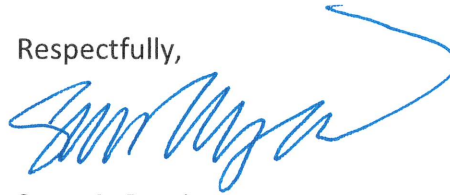
- ***Can Triumph funds be awarded to a private corporation or entity, whether profit or non-profit?***
- ***Can Triumph funds be awarded to a public entity for the acquisition or construction of improvements which will be located, in-whole or in-part, on privately owned property, whether profit or non-profit?***

- ***If allowed, what particular conditions or restrictions, if any, should be applied to awards to private entities or awards to public entities for construction of facilities, improvements, or acquisition of personal property or other services which will be located, in-whole or in-part, on private property?***

The Board is committed to fulfilling the intention of the Legislature as we carry out our important and transformational mission. Your continued guidance or that of your general counsels will be most helpful to us in being faithful to our mission.

With warm best wishes,

Respectfully,



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General Counsel to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.

cc: Legislative Delegation

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Senator George Gainer
Senator Bill Montford
Representative Jay Trumbull
Representative Halsey Beshears
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