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Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. P.O. Box 12007 Tallahassee, FL 32317

RE: Whiting Aviation Park

Dear Chairman Gaetz and Triumph Board Members:

Santa Rosa County is pleased to provide the following supplemental information related to the Whiting Aviation Park application submittal.

The partnership formed over many years between Naval Air Station Whiting Field (NASWF) and Santa Rosa County is recognized at the highest levels of the Navy as "The Santa Rosa Model." Since 2002, this partnership has buffered more than 5,000 acres around the base from encroachment through the use of Florida Defense Infrastructure Grants (DIG) and Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program funding. The 2017 Update of the Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis describes the tremendous importance of Whiting Field in Santa Rosa County. NASWF has a \$1.4 billion impact on the Santa Rosa County economy, generating 15,826 jobs and contributing over 36% of the county's GDP.

Santa Rosa County sits in one of the most active air traffic zones in the world, surrounded not only by military aviation installations but also by growing commercial aviation/aerospace operations. Recognizing the importance of this strategic location, Santa Rosa County has invested over \$6 million in pursuit of the Whiting Aviation Park project, and is prepared to provide a cash match of nearly \$1.8 million in addition to an aggressive incentive package to future tenants. In total, Santa Rosa County investment will amount to 52% of the total project cost to provide infrastructure to the first 40 acres of the 267-acre parcel. Project budget is as follows:

#### **Project Costs:**

Design & Engineering: \$1,200,000 Land & Easement Acquisition: \$4,976,600 Construction: \$9,118,375 Site Preparation/Master Plan: \$1,110,000 Incentive Packages: \$1,300,000

Total Project Costs: \$17,704,975

Other Project Funding Sources: County Investment to Date: \$6,086,600 County Cash Match: \$1,794,720 Incentive Packages: \$1,300,000

Total Other Funding \$9,181,320

Total Amount Requested: \$8,523,655

Future tenants of Whiting Aviation Park will be able to take advantage of the one of a kind limited access use agreement which allows "through the fence access" to the 6,000-linear foot runway and air traffic control. Whiting Aviation Park will further solidify NASWF as a unique asset – not only for Santa Rosa County – but also for the U.S. Navy. Allowing DOD suppliers to be adjacent to their end users increases flight hours for pilots and reduces downtime for aircraft, helping the base run more efficiently and contributing to the mission to produce the military's best trained "Aviation Warfighter."

Santa Rosa County respectfully submits this letter with the understanding that any Triumph award will include clawback provisions, to be identified and agreed upon at a future date. We thank you for your service to Northwest Florida and for your consideration of this worthy project.

Sincerely,

Dan Schebler County Administrator

# Whiting Aviation Park: Ready for Take Off

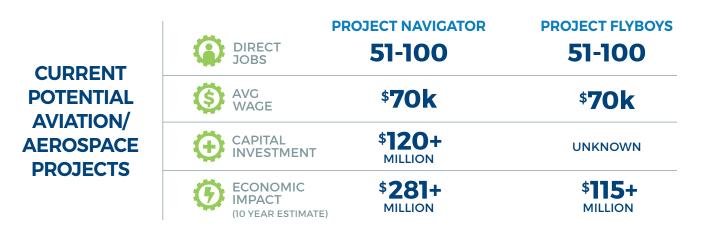
## **TRIUMPH REQUEST**

\$8,523,655 investment in Phase I to provide infrastructure for the first 40 acres

#### MISSED OPPORTUNITIES POTENTIALLY DUE TO LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

200+ aerospace/aviation jobs plus a \$27 million capital investment

#### How many more opportunities will we lose?



TIMELINE	FALL 2018	<b>EARLY 2019</b>	SPRING 2019	FALL 2020
TIMELINE	Triumph Award	<b>RFQ</b> Awarded	<b>Construction Commences</b>	Project Complete

#### SANTA ROSA COUNTY INVESTMENT

County Investment To-Date	\$6,086,600
Aggressive Incentive Package	\$1,300,000
Cash Match	\$1,794,720
Total County Investment	\$ <b>9,181,320</b>
Total County Investment.   Triumph Request	

#### PARK HIGHLIGHT

### Limited Access Use Agreement with US Navy

One of a kind agreement allows civilian tenants "through the fence access" to the 6,000 linear foot runway and air traffic control. The value of this agreement is incalculable, and **the results of a fully operational air park would be transformational**.



NAS WHITING FIELD

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# What makes Whiting Aviation Park unique



- Located adjacent to the busiest airport in the world – NAS Whiting Field – in the heart of Naval Aviation.
- Will compliment surrounding aviation industries. More importantly, it will attract new businesses that want, and need, to operate next to a fully functional Navy airport with access to 6,000 linear foot runway.
- Will continue to solidify Whiting Field as a unique asset – not only for Santa Rosa County – but also for the U.S. Navy. Allowing DOD suppliers to be adjacent to their endusers increases flight hours for pilots and reduce downtime for aircraft, which helps the base run more efficiently.



# Why Santa Rosa County?

#### **Economic Growth**

Top 5% of fastest growing counties in the United States

#### Work-ready Labor-force

More than 34k military retirees in the area with 2,400 more added each year

## **Aggressive Incentives**

County incentive program and BOCC adopted ordinance have helped create more than 1,500 jobs since 2012.