

Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.  
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Mr. Paul Arthur  
President / Director  
E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center  
4956 State Highway 20 East  
Freeport, Florida 32439

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Dear Mr. Arthur:

Thank you for submitting an application for funding to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. We appreciate your time and effort and your commitment to creating a better Northwest Florida.

As you may know, Triumph Gulf Coast has received many more requests for funding than can be supported with the resources available to us. Unfortunately, after a thorough review by our professional advisors, it does not appear that your proposal meets our purposes and requirements for substantially improving the economy of the eight counties disproportionately affected by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

We are required by law to score each application as to its likely return on investment and potential for diversifying and enhancing our regional economy. Proposal # 90, "E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center Camp Longleaf", was scored as a C based on the economic impact information provided in the application.

Proposals with a score of C, D, or F will not be recommended to our Board of Directors. There is no certainty that all A and B scored proposals will be funded.

The information provided in the application did not identify which areas of educational attainment would be addressed with the addition of new infrastructure, nor the curriculum to be employed by the Center. Also, no documentation was provided to verify the indicated increases in numbers of visitors nor projected increased revenues. Without such information regarding the projected number of visitors or new revenues it is not possible for our economists to determine the overall long term, sustainable economic benefits to the community.

Triumph Gulf Coast is not the only source of funds arising from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. The RESTORE Act, a federal law, provides \$6.2 billion to coastal states, counties and communities for environmental projects and other needs.

We appreciate your participation and welcome any future proposals that more closely fulfill the purposes and requirements of Triumph Gulf Coast. If you believe your proposal qualifies, you may want to be in contact with the RESTORE Coordinator in your county.

Sincerely,

Susan Skelton  
Executive Director

