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Re: Wakulla County Triumph Application #48
First Responder Communication System

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Dear Ms. Skelton,

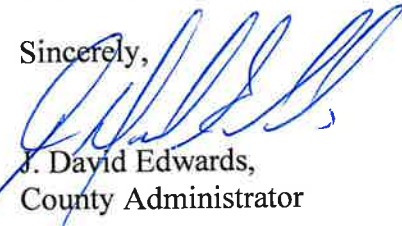
The County's above referenced application is seeking Triumph funding to procure a new first responder communication system. The application approached the project in two phases as follows:

Phase 1 is for the procurement of a professional consulting firm to develop a needs analysis, procurement assistance and implementation of a new first responder system to best serve the needs of the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office and the Wakulla County Fire and Rescue/EMS Department. The County committed a cash match up to \$150,000.00 for Phase 1. The application inferred that the County would not move forward with this Phase unless Triumph first funded Phase 2.

Phase 2 is seeking up to \$7.0 million from Triumph for the acquisition and installation of a new first responder system.

Based on staff discussions with your office, I am confirming that the County is moving forward with procuring professional consulting services for the Phase 1 needs analysis. It is expected that the needs analysis will provide detailed information on the County's current public safety needs along with new system and equipment recommendations as well as potential cost. The County will provide Triumph with the completed needs analysis and any subsequent amendments to the application.

It is my understanding that expenses incurred by the County for Phase 1 will be considered as match for this project application. Your assistance in moving this important application forward in the Triumph process is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. David Edwards,
County Administrator

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