

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: **Okaloosa County School District**

Proposal Title: **Okaloosa Technical College North Campus Creation**

Amount of Triumph Funds Requested: **\$8,350,000**

Total Estimated Project Cost: **\$21,190,040**

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization:

The Okaloosa County School District (OCSD) serves approximately 32,000 students from pre-kindergarten to adult education. Each of our schools has its own distinct characteristics while sharing the unified mission and vision of the District—"Placing students on a pathway to success by providing high quality instruction, a wide array of marketable experiences, and unparalleled extracurricular opportunities while developing relationships that meet both their academic and emotional needs." With 66 schools, homeschool and online school options, OCSD provides high standard of education to all students in Okaloosa County. This is seen in the professional culture that exists at each facility where a high level of performance is expected of OCSD students. As a result, all students engage in rigorous, standards-based curriculum that promotes critical thinking and application of learning across content areas with the ultimate purpose of inspiring a lifelong passion for learning. Because of this high-performance level, the OCSD was one of only three districts in the state that earned a grade of A for two years in a row under the state of Florida's new grading system and the only school district in northwest Florida to earn this accomplishment.

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

To be determined

REQUIRED EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In a maximum of two (2) pages, please describe the proposed project or program and anticipated outcomes 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.

Executive Summary for Okaloosa Technical College North Campus Creation

Okaloosa Technical College (OTC) seeks to expand its program offerings to meet the local workforce demand. Expanding OTC's program offerings by adding another campus to support the training needs of local industry can bring a multitude of benefits for both the college and the community it serves: addressing local workforce needs, increased access to education, community economic development, partnerships with collaboration, community engagement and support, alignment with local and regional economic development strategies, meeting industry demand for innovation and long-term sustainability. Expanding program offerings through adding another campus is not only beneficial for Okaloosa Technical College but also vital for the overall economic development and prosperity of the community. It creates a win-win situation where the college can provide the education and training needed by local industry, and in return, the community and businesses thrive, making the region more vibrant and competitive.

(i) Funds being sought from Triumph Gulf Coast: \$8,350,000

This request seeks funding to support the expansion of OTC in the north end of Okaloosa County. This specific project would allow the purchase of property in the Okaloosa Industrial Air Park, which is located three miles northeast of the City of Crestview located at 5660 John Givens Rd in Crestview, Florida. The Air Park surrounds the Bob Sikes Airport and offers the ideal environment for education and industry to come together in partnerships. This request reflects the cost of purchasing the property, renovating the building, purchasing equipment, supplies, curriculum, certifications for up to seven years.

Funding Request	
Item	Cost
Property Acquisition & Classroom and Lab Renovations	\$6,500,000
Equipment, Supplies, Software, Exams	\$1,500,000
Grant Facilitator	\$350,000
Total Project Cost	\$8,350,000

(ii) Amount and identity of other sources of funds for the proposed project:

Matching Funds	Cost
In-Kind Donation (Potential)	
Donation of portion of the property from property owner	\$500,000
Other Grant Matching Funds (Potential)	
FLDOE Workforce Capitalization Grant	\$2,920,000
Carl Perkins Grant Funding	\$100,000
Legislative Funding Request	500,000
Okaloosa Sheriff's Department	
Resource Officer	\$383,040
Okaloosa County School District	
Five Teacher Salaries + Fringe	\$3,076,000
One School Administrator, Registrar, Support Staff	\$2,225,333
Resource Officer	\$383,040
Operation of Facilities	\$875,000
Equipment, Supplies, Lab Fees, Technology, Scholarships	\$1,877,627
Total Matching Funds	\$12,840,040

(iii) Location of Project

Okaloosa Technical College currently is located at 1976 Lewis Turner Blvd in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. The college offers dual enrollment courses to high school students in addition to the courses offered to adult students. Due to the school's current location in the south end of the county, north end residents of Crestview, Laurel Hill, and Baker find it difficult to access the campus daily for training and skills. This request seeks to expand the program offerings to the north end of the county, at 5600 John Givens Road in Crestview, Florida, and target the prospective students

who live in the more rural areas of our county, as well as meet the demand of the growing population in the Crestview area. The north campus location will be an accessible option for students who are interested in commuting from even more rural areas of lower Alabama. Having an OTC north campus, will allow us to provide students with a technical education in high-skill, high-wage areas that will bring them into the local workforce with higher skills that help them earn and live in our county.

Moreover, the location is planned to be in close proximity to much of the growth areas of North Okaloosa County such as Bob Sikes Airport, Shoal River Ranch, and the industrial commerce areas of Crestview. These areas are targeted locations for growth towards more manufacturing corporations to meet the needs of our county and support our local way of life. The location of consideration for this project is 5660 John Givens Road in Crestview, Florida. This location is currently for sale and consists of over 7 acres of property with a 40,000 square foot building that could be converted to classrooms and laboratories for learning.

(iv) Summary Description

Several programmatic options for expansion of Okaloosa Technical College exist as the demand for skilled and trained labor continues to grow. Nathan Sparks, Executive Director of One Okaloosa EDC supports this request and states, "The proposed Okaloosa Technical College north campus stands to have a monumental impact on higher wage job creation in northern Okaloosa County for years to come. Located in the Okaloosa Industrial Air Park directly adjacent to Bob Sikes Airport, the proposed location will provide for high-impact partnerships with existing aerospace and manufacturing employers located in the immediate vicinity. Perhaps even more significant is the opportunity for OTC North to support new, high-value employers locating in both the Okaloosa Industrial Air Park (a Florida First Sites Certified Site) and the Shoal River Ranch Gigasite – a CSX Select Certified Site located a mere 5 miles from the proposed OTC North campus." As One Okaloosa EDC looks to gain manufacturing companies to join our county at the Shoal River Ranch site, the need for career certificate programs in Manufacturing is our first priority for expansion. Specific programs like Advanced Manufacturing, Welding, Electronics, are all programs that would be implemented on this campus. The Florida Department of Education has called for grant proposals for the Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive (CAP) Grant that will increase training programs in the areas of semiconductor creation which is set to grow exponentially in Florida. The expansion would also allow training in Building Trades and Construction Design Technology with an emphasis on Plumbing and Industrial Pipefitting. Additional offerings in all technological areas would be considered and particularly in Applied Cybersecurity. Adult and dual enrolled high school students in each of the programs will have the opportunity to take industry certifications.

(v) Summary Timeline of Project

Upon the grant award, OTC will begin the expansion immediately at the new location of the campus. Within months of the purchase, beginning cohorts of students in several programs listed in the description could begin. Within 12 months of the purchase of a building over 150 students would be enrolled in 5-10 programs of study to benefit our community. Students would begin earning certifications and licenses ongoing and a full expansion would be realized within 2 years of grant funds being approved and allocated.

This project will provide approximately 1000 students, over a seven-year period, with an industry-grade work space for each of the programs. These innovative, hands-on spaces will increase the number of industry certifications and credentials to over 4,000 between all of the programs. Triumph Gulf Coast would then have an investment of \$2,087.50 per certification if OTC north were to realize the benefit of the full grant funds of \$8,350,000.