



# Okaloosa Technical College

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December 5, 2023

Mrs. Cori Henderson  
Florida Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.  
P.O. Box 12007  
Tallahassee, FL 32317

RE: 326 Okaloosa Technical College North

Dear Mrs. Henderson:

Please accept this letter as further support of Okaloosa Technical College's application for funding of OTC North.

OTC is proud to be the only post-secondary program in Okaloosa County with Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) accreditation. ASE is the only nationally recognized automotive certification and is the standard for training excellence in the industry. Therefore, the OTC North satellite campus will immediately hold this accreditation upon expansion. Additionally, OTC is the only program in the county to offer dual-enrollment in Automotive instruction. For students, expansion to OTC North would better support the career industry pathway by serving dual enrolled students at Crestview High, Baker, and Laurel Hill schools. With an increasing focus on emerging technology in the industry, our program located on the north end to serve area residents, would be the only program to offer training in electric and hybrid vehicles. Many of the skills learned in this pathway would support students who later aspire to train in related careers such as, diesel and airframe technicians. Finally, the automotive program at OTC North will also offer students the opportunity to earn advanced certifications that lead to ASE-Certified Master Automobile Technician status. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for automotive services technicians in the Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin, Florida, area is 650 and the annual mean wage is \$46,760. This does not include self-employed workers, of which the industry has many.

Further, I would like to offer possible uses for the building space Project Sound will lease for three years until their facility is ready for occupation. As explained, after that lease period they will vacate the campus allowing for further program expansion at this site. First and foremost, use of the space will be industry-driven and based on the needs of our local businesses. When the time comes to transition the space into an educational setting, we will work closely with our advisory councils and business partners to keep current on forecasts and trends within industry. At this time, expanding our manufacturing and production programs will be the most likely scenario. The state of Florida has awarded more than \$28 million toward the Florida Job Growth Grant to expand semiconductor manufacturing and chip manufacturing. Okaloosa County and OTC North would like to become a driving force in training a workforce for the semiconductor industry. Our goal is to train students for



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high-demand, high-wage jobs for the future. We also will leverage our strong relationship with the HSU Educational Foundation, a member of our institutional advisory member to determine a right niche for our efforts in the area of future programming. A multitude of skills, certifications, and training programs could be realized through this next phase of expansion that align perfectly with growth efforts around Bob Sikes Airport and Shoal River Ranch.

Per your other recommendations, please see additional attached documentation:

- Letter of Support OTC North Triumph
- 326 Okaloosa County Resolution
- Amended Table Page 10 to reflect modifications in certifications offered
- Budget Spreadsheet

Our district is very excited and appreciative of the opportunity to move forward with OTC North. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information in support of our application request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "W".

The following table outlines the programs, certifications offered for each program, and the projected number of certifications earned to demonstrate how OTC North will contribute to the disproportionately affected county over the course of the grant period (7 years). The goal is to continue growth and development through the ten (10) year mark and well beyond.

2024-2025 is considered the renovation year so no certifications will be earned. Projections are based on students beginning in 2025-2026.

Certification projections are based on an enrollment of 22 students annually per program earning four certifications each. In the 6-year tracking period, students are projected to earn 2,904 certifications. Triumph Gulf Coast will have invested \$2,703.16 per certification.

Program	Certifications Offered	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
		- 2026	- 2027	- 2028	- 2029	- 2030	- 2031
J100200/ Advanced Manufacturing and Production Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Manufacturing Industrial Certifications</li> <li>• Intro to Mechatronics</li> <li>• Intro to Exploring Electricity</li> <li>• Intro to Exploring Electronics</li> <li>• Intro to Process Engineering</li> <li>• Precision Measuring Instruments (PMI)</li> <li>• Advanced Measuring Instruments (AMI)</li> </ul>	66	66	88	88	88	88
J400400/ Welding Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AWS Industry Certifications</li> <li>• Welding Safety</li> <li>• Principles of Welding</li> <li>• Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW)</li> <li>• Flux-Cored Arc Welding (FCAW)</li> <li>• Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW)</li> <li>• Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW)</li> <li>• Thermal Cutting: Oxyfuel</li> <li>• Thermal Cutting: Plasma Arc</li> <li>• Thermal Cutting: Air Carbon Arc</li> <li>• Welding Math &amp; Measurement</li> <li>• Fabrication I</li> </ul>	66	66	88	88	88	88

Program	Certifications Offered	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
		- 2026	- 2027	- 2028	- 2029	- 2030	- 2031
J540100/ Electronic Technology 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronics Industry Certifications</li> <li>• Electrical Intro, Measurements and Circuits</li> <li>• Fundamentals of Electricity- AC/DC</li> </ul>	66	66	88	88	88	88
T400700/ Automotive Service Technology 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASE/MLR and Advanced Industry Certifications</li> <li>• Engine Repair</li> <li>• Automatic Transmission/ Transaxle</li> <li>• Manual Drive Train &amp; Axles</li> <li>• Suspension &amp; Steering</li> <li>• Brakes</li> <li>• Electrical/Electronic Systems</li> <li>• Heating &amp; Air Conditioning</li> <li>• Engine Performance</li> </ul>	66	66	88	88	88	88
C500500/ Plumbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCCER Industry Certifications</li> <li>• Manual &amp; Hand-Held Power Threading</li> <li>• Power Machine Threading</li> <li>• Pressing for HVAC &amp; Plumbing</li> </ul>	66	66	88	88	88	88
Y100300/ Applied Cybersecurity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CompTIA Industry Certifications</li> </ul>	66	66	88	88	88	88



November 16, 2023

Mr. David Bear  
Chairman  
Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.  
PO Box 12007  
Tallahassee, FL 32317

Dear Chairman Bear:

On behalf of One Okaloosa EDC, I wish to express our enthusiastic endorsement for the proposed project submission by Okaloosa County School District seeking a \$8,350,000 grant award from Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. in support of acquiring and equipping a location for Okaloosa Technical College North.

As you know, successful economic development is firmly rooted in quality educational and workforce development programs. For many years, Okaloosa Technical College (OTC) has offered comprehensive technical education to our community. While the current OTC location in Fort Walton Beach offers quality programming for the benefit of students and employers alike, the school's considerable distance from the rapidly growing communities and industrial areas of northern Okaloosa County has limited the campus's overall reach and impact.

We are pleased that the building being proposed for acquisition by the Okaloosa County School District offers a strategic location in the Okaloosa Industrial Air Park, adjacent to Bob Sikes Airport, and a mere four miles from the 10,500 acre Shoal River Ranch Gigasite - soon to be home to Central Moloney's \$50 million, 350 person pad-mounted electrical transformer manufacturing facility. Moreover, the opportunity to marry the OTC North campus together with Okaloosa County's "Project Sound" (another rapidly developing project seeking Triumph Gulf Coast support) offers a ready-made opportunity for OTC North to develop a synergistic relationship with a new technical employer that is eager to provide "hands on" training opportunities to students. For these reasons, One Okaloosa EDC is pleased to offer our strong support for this transformational opportunity.

Sincerely,

Nathan Sparks, CEcD  
Executive Director

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-186**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA; SUPPORTING OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ITS EFFORT TO EXPAND USING TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC., FUNDING FOR THE OKALOOSA TECHNICAL COLLEGE NORTH CAMPUS CREATION PROJECT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., was organized to oversee and administer the distribution of funds recovered by the State of Florida for economic damages resulting from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, and as such has invited entities to make pre-application for eligible projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Okaloosa County School District submitted such a pre-application entitled Okaloosa Technical College North Campus Creation Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., issued a letter stating said project meets the minimum requirements for further consideration and invited Okaloosa County School District to submit a full Application for formal consideration, and issued the pre-application number 326; and

**WHEREAS**, Okaloosa County School District has completed a full Application for the Okaloosa Technical College North Campus Creation Project and made that Application available for this Board; and

**WHEREAS**, said project is determined to be within the jurisdiction of this Board.


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Okaloosa County does hereby support Okaloosa County School District in its effort to secure Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., funding for the Okaloosa Technical College North Campus Creation Project.
2. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.
3. A copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.




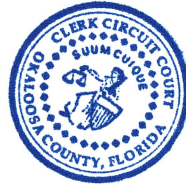
DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**


By:   
Robert A. "Trey" Goodwin III, Chairman

ATTEST:

By:   
J. D. Peacock II, Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By:   
Lynn M. Hoshihara,  
County Attorney

**Exhibit B**

**Project #, name**

OTC-North 326

Budget

20,690,040

Estimated Renovation start date if applicable

Summer of 2024

Estimated education component start date if applicable

Fall of 2025

	Property Acquisition	Equipment, Supplies, Software, Exams, Utilities	Personnel and Project Management	Renovation	Total
<b>Please change year # to actual year</b>					
<b>Project Total</b>					
Calendar Year 1	3,500,000.00	120,000.00	100,000.00	3,000,000.00	6,720,000.00
Calendar Year 2	-	1,839,277.90	1,047,395.50	-	2,886,673.40
Calendar Year 3	-	1,489,277.90	1,047,395.50	-	2,536,673.40
Calendar Year 4	-	839,277.90	1,047,395.50	-	1,886,673.40
Calendar Year 5	-	839,277.90	1,047,395.50	-	1,886,673.40
Calendar Year 6	-	839,277.90	1,047,395.50	-	1,886,673.40
Calendar Year 7	-	839,277.90	1,047,395.50	-	1,886,673.40
Calendar Year 8	-	-	-	-	-
Calendar Year 9	-	-	-	-	-
Calendar Year 10	-	-	-	-	-
Calendar Year 11	-	-	-	-	-
Calendar Year 12	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Project Total</b>	<b>3,500,000.00</b>	<b>6,805,667.40</b>	<b>6,384,373.00</b>	<b>3,000,000.00</b>	<b>19,690,040.40</b>

**Triumph**

2024	3,500,000.00		100,000.00	2,000,000.00	5,600,000.00
2025		1,000,000.00	100,000.00		1,100,000.00
2026		650,000.00	100,000.00		750,000.00
2027			100,000.00		100,000.00
2028			100,000.00		100,000.00
2029			100,000.00		100,000.00
2030			100,000.00		100,000.00
Calendar Year 8					-
Calendar Year 9					-
Calendar Year 10					-
Calendar Year 11					-
Calendar Year 12					-
<b>Triumph Total</b>	<b>3,500,000.00</b>	<b>1,650,000.00</b>	<b>700,000.00</b>	<b>2,000,000.00</b>	<b>7,850,000.00</b>

**Grantee**

2024		120,000.00		1,000,000.00	1,120,000.00
2025		839,277.90	947,395.50		1,786,673.40
2026		839,277.90	947,395.50		1,786,673.40
2027		839,277.90	947,395.50		1,786,673.40
2028		839,277.90	947,395.50		1,786,673.40
2029		839,277.90	947,395.50		1,786,673.40
2030		839,277.90	947,395.50		1,786,673.40
Calendar Year 8					-
Calendar Year 9					-
Calendar Year 10					-
Calendar Year 11					-
Calendar Year 12					-
<b>Grantee Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,155,667.40</b>	<b>5,684,373.00</b>	<b>1,000,000.00</b>	<b>11,840,040.40</b>

**Match Source 1**

Calendar Year 1					-
Calendar Year 2					-
Calendar Year 3					-
Calendar Year 4					-
Calendar Year 5					-
Calendar Year 6					-
Calendar Year 7					-
Calendar Year 8					-
Calendar Year 9					-
Calendar Year 10					-
Calendar Year 11					-
Calendar Year 12					-
<b>Match Source 1 Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>