



Stimulating Job Growth for Okaloosa County

Accomplishments for FY 2012

- Assisted new and expanded companies in creating 610 new jobs
- Assisted new and expanded companies for retention of over 200 jobs
- Activated 35 new projects in addition to working ongoing FY11 projects
 - Projected Capital Investment - \$112,375,612
 - Projected Job Growth – 3,217
 - Conducted 11 site tour visits with consultants and decision-makers
- Expanded Business Incubator at the Fort Walton Beach W.E. Comb Campus
 - Two new STEM industry start-up companies
- Expanded Crestview's State Enterprise Zone yielding new job opportunities for local residents
- Technology Coast Manufacturing & Engineering Network (TeCMEN)
 - Established Unmanned Air & Ground Vehicle Working Group
 - No-Cost Incumbent Training Program Provided
 - \$64,365 value; 5 company participants; 21 employees
- Industry Recruitment, Retention and Expansion Fund Grant Program
 - Millions of IRREF funds secured for new and expanding companies
- Enhanced County and Municipal Collaboration
 - Brownfield Revitalization Promotion
 - Downtown CRA Development and Support
 - Enterprise Zone Promotion
 - Streamlining Regulatory Processes
 - Incentive Options Workshops
 - Incubator Development Education
 - Demographic & Statistical Information Provided
 - Federal Funding Opportunities Assistance
- Established Membership Retention and Expansion Committee
 - Focus Areas: Public/Government; Development/Real Estate; Aerospace/Defense; Services; and Financial.
 - Progress reports provided at Policy Board meetings.
 - Reviewed and enhanced member benefits for optimum return on investment
 - Established new EDC website
- Partnerships and Collaboration
 - Autonomous Vehicle Center Initiative
 - County-Wide Six Pillars Community™ Strategic Planning Initiative
 - Building Industry Association of Okaloosa and Walton Counties
 - Chambers of Commerce
 - Emerald Coast Association of Realtors
 - Space Florida on FAA six test sites for UVC
 - Florida's Great Northwest
 - Enterprise Florida Inc.
 - Office of Economic Development and Engagement
 - Department of Economic Opportunity
 - Florida Defense Alliance
 - Florida Defense Support Task Force
 - RESTORE Act Committee
 - Educational Institutions
 - Municipal Collaborations
 - Airbus Competitive Strategic Planning Committee