



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DATE: June 24, 2014
AGENDA ITEM NO. 17

Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda

Public Hearing

County Administrator's Signature:

Subject:

Adoption of a resolution supporting the creation of the Tampa Bay Advanced Manufacturing Skills Initiative, including an Industry Certification Training Center (ICTC) in Pinellas County, and establishing a not to exceed \$400,000 financial commitment for the administration and operation of the ICTC.

Department:

Planning and Development Services

Staff Member Responsible:

Mike Meidel, Director
Economic Development

Recommended Action:

I RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOARD) ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE TAMPA BAY ADVANCED MANUFACTURING SKILLS INITIATIVE AND ESTABLISH A NOT TO EXCEED TOTAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT OF \$400,000.

Summary Explanation/Background:

At the April 15, 2014 Board meeting, the concept of a regional advanced manufacturing skills initiative was approved by the Board, and a \$400,000 financial commitment by Pinellas County was requested. The resolution establishes Pinellas County's support of the creation of the ICTC, and its commitment to provide not to exceed \$400,000 in funding. The commitment to provide funding is contingent upon: 1) matching funding provided by Pasco and Hernando counties; 2) a legislative appropriation of \$1,200,000; and 3) Pasco, Hernando and Pinellas Counties entering into an Interlocal Agreement to create the ICTC Governing Board. The Interlocal Agreement will be submitted to the Board for approval at a future Board meeting.

Fiscal Impact/Cost/Revenue Summary:

Funding of not to exceed \$400,000 is being requested through Pinellas County Government and will be budgeted over two fiscal years:

- FY 2016 - \$200,000
- FY 2017 - \$200,000

Exhibits/Attachments Attached:

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2014- _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE TAMPA BAY ADVANCED MANUFACTURING SKILLS INITIATIVE, INCLUDING AN INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION TRAINING CENTER IN PINELLAS COUNTY, AND COMMITTING MATCHING SEED FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000 FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's 2013 Manufacturing Gap Analysis identified an inability for Tampa Bay manufacturers to promptly fill vacancies for machinists, engineers, and other skilled technical positions; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay region is in need of a training and apprenticeship program to develop a local technical workforce to meet the demands of existing Tampa Bay manufacturers, and to help attract advanced manufacturing companies to the Tampa Bay area; and

WHEREAS, the German dual education/apprenticeship model blends academic and practical hands-on education training experience, and allows students to transition from the classroom directly into advanced manufacturing and engineering careers; and

WHEREAS, the German dual education/apprenticeship model has been utilized in Germany and other international and United States locations to successfully create a highly skilled workforce, fill manufacturing job vacancies, attract new manufacturers, and strengthen local economies; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County recognizes the need to strengthen the Tampa Bay economy by training a local workforce that can meet the needs of existing and new Tampa Bay manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County desires to create pilot Industry Certification Training Centers throughout the Tampa Bay region that utilize the German dual education/apprenticeship model, and desires to create a Governing Board of key stakeholders to plan, manage, and administer the Industry Certification Training Center Program; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County will commit matching seed funds, not to exceed \$400,000, for the creation and operations of the Industry Certification Training Center Program, including an Industry Certification Training Center in Pinellas County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, at a duly-assembled meeting held on the ___ day of ____, 2014, as follows:

Section 1. That supporting the creation of the Industry Certification Training Center Program will benefit the Tampa Bay region by providing assistance for the development of regional workforce training and apprenticeship opportunities to support regional manufacturing and target industries.

Section 2. That Pinellas County's amount of matching seed funding for the Industry Certification Training Center Program shall not exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000), payable over two fiscal years for the administration and operations of the Industry Certification Training Center Program, including an Industry Certification Training Center in Pinellas County.

