Agenda Item #: 50

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:

October 16, 2012

[] Consent

[X] Regular

[] Ordinance

[] Public Hearing

Department:

Department of Economic Sustainability

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: A) Adopt a Resolution by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, recommending approval of Pratt & Whitney - Florida Engine Delivery Center (FEDC), a proposed new business unit of Pratt & Whitney, as a Target Industry Business in a high-impact sector pursuant to s.288.108, Florida Statutes; providing for Local Financial Support for the Quick Action Closing Fund in the form of an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption not to exceed \$700,000 over a seven (7) year period, and a Job Growth Incentive (JGI) Grant not to exceed \$300,000 over a four (4) year period; and providing for an effective date; B) Conceptually approve a JGI Grant to FEDC in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 over a seven (7) year period.

Summary: Pratt & Whitney is a world leader in the design, manufacture and service of aircraft engines, industrial gas turbines and space propulsion systems with 36,000 employees serving 11,000 customers around the world. FEDC has been identified as a Target Industry and falls in The Regional Economic Model results the high impact sector of Aviation and Aerospace. estimates that FEDC's \$63 Million renovation/expansion for an engine production and delivery center will have a \$422.5 Million impact over a ten (10) year period. The company is committing to renovate 90,000 sf of existing space, construct 80,000 - 100,000 sf of new space and purchase equipment representing \$63 Million in capital investment, create 230 new jobs over a ten (10) year period at an average annual salary of \$81,110, and maintain the created jobs for five (5) years following the job creation period. Award of the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption is contingent upon the determination that the project meets the requirements under Florida Statute 196.012 for an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption. The company has been offered a total of \$3,391,000 Million in State funding. Staff's recommendation is based on the high number of jobs that will be created and the significant economic impact to be realized from this expansion in a Target Industry which is considered to play a key role in the County's economic success and competitiveness. The company will be required to enter into a formal Agreement, approved by the Board of County Commissioners (Board), memorializing their commitments and establishing criteria for funding distribution. The Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program Criteria approved by the Board on June 22, 2004, requires a supermajority vote of the Board to grant a business an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption when one (1) or more incentives are being granted. Funding for the JGI Grant will come from the General Fund Contingency Reserve. (DES Contract Development) District 1 (DW)

Background and Justification: Florida Engine Delivery Center plans to use the ad valorem tax incentive to offset significant capital costs required to modernize and equip the Palm Beach County facility compared to competitor sites outside Florida.

Attachments: 1. Resolution

Recommended By:

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Approved By: _

Assistant County Administrator

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III. REVIEW COMMENTS

OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments: A.

В.	OFMB Legal Sufficiency: Senior Assistant County Attorney	Contract Development and Control 10-10-13 (Biffield)
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C. **Other Department Review:**

Department Director

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2012-

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF PRATT & WHITNEY - FLORIDA ENGINE DELIVERY CENTER (FEDC), A PROPOSED NEW BUSINESS UNIT OF PRATT & WHITNEY, AS A TARGET INDUSTRY BUSINESS IN A HIGH-IMPACT SECTOR PURSUANT TO s.288.108, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE QUICK ACTION CLOSING FUND IN THE FORM OF AN AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION NOT TO EXCEED \$700,000 OVER A SEVEN (7) YEAR PERIOD, AND A JOB GROWTH INCENTIVE (JGI) GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 OVER A FOUR (4) YEAR PERIOD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Pratt & Whitney is a world leader in the design, manufacture and service of aircraft engines, industrial gas turbines and space propulsion systems with 36,000 employees serving 11,000 customers around the world. Florida Engine Delivery Center (FEDC), a proposed new business unit of Pratt & Whitney will focus on engine assembly, testing and delivery; and

WHEREAS, FEDC's proposed project will involve the renovation of 90,000 square feet of existing space, the construction of 80,000 - 100,000 square feet of new space and the purchase of equipment representing \$63 Million in capital investment; and

WHEREAS, FEDC will create 230 new full-time jobs in Palm Beach County at an average annual wage of \$81,110, excluding benefits, which is 195% greater than the average wage in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County's Department of Economic Sustainability estimates that the proposed project would result in a local economic impact of \$225.4 Million over five (5) years and \$422.5 Million over ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, FEDC has been approved by the State of Florida for a Quick Action Closing Fund (QACF) award. The QACF Program requires that the local government provide a local match; and

WHEREAS, FEDC has been identified as a Target Industry Business and falls within one of the high-impact sectors designated under s.288.108, Florida Statutes, specifically *Aviation and Aerospace*; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County hereby acknowledges that local financial support is required under the provisions of s. 288.108, Florida Statutes, governing the State's QACF Program; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County's Ad Valorem Tax Exemption program may be used as local participation for the QACF and is designed to motivate businesses by providing funding assistance to either relocate to or establish a facility in Palm Beach County or to help an existing local business with an expansion project which will result in the creation of full-time jobs in Palm Beach County, increase the County's tax base, and strengthen and diversify the County's local economy; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has determined that the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption granted to FEDC cannot exceed an estimated \$100,000 annually for seven (7) years for a total of \$700,000 for real property and tangible personal property improvements; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has determined that it will provide a Job Growth Incentive Grant to FEDC of \$300,000 over a four (4) year period; and

WHEREAS, FEDC is aware that distribution of funds is contingent upon fulfillment of a capital investment of \$63 Million, that 230 jobs must be created at an annual average salary of \$81,110 within ten (10) years of the effective date of the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption and the Job Growth Incentive Grant agreement and retained for five (5) years from the date of compliance with the job creation requirement, and a determination must be made that the project meets the requirements under s.196.012, Florida Statutes, for an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption based on the submission of an official application, per the requirements of the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program, by the deadline date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board hereby recommends FEDC, a proposed new business unit, be approved as a Target Industry Business in a high-impact sector pursuant to s. 288.108, Florida Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the necessary local financial support for the Quick Action Closing Fund exists in the amount of \$1,000,000, and will be provided in the form of an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption pursuant to s.196.1995, Florida Statutes, and a Job Growth Incentive Grant. This amount will be made available in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity with the stipulation that these funds are intended to represent local financial support pursuant to s. 288.108, Florida Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners has determined the basis of this project's average private sector wage commitment calculation shall be 195% greater than the State's average annual wage.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered adoption. The motion was seconded vote, the vote was as follows:	l by Commissionerby Commissioner	who moved its and, being put to a
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The Chair thereupon declared the, 2012.	Resolution duly passed and ad	opted this day of
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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SELF SUFFICIENCY	ATTEST: SHARON R. BOCK, CLER	RK & COMPTROLLER
By: Dawn S. Wynn, Senior Assistant County Attorney	By: Deputy Clerk	