

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Department: Department of Economic Sustainability

1. Resolution
2. Resolution of the Port of Palm Beach District Board
3. Letter of support

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	*				

# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					
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Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes _____ No _____

Budget Account No.:

Fund _____ Dept _____ Unit _____ Object _____ Program Code/Period _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

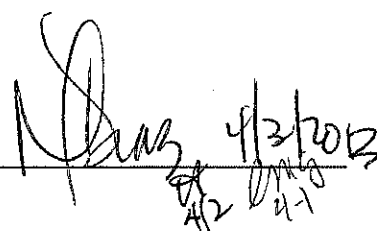
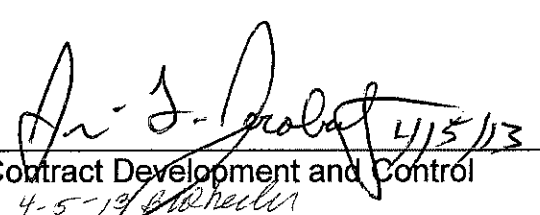
* No fiscal impact.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

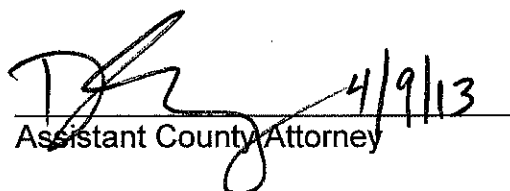

Shairette Major, Fiscal Manager I

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

OFMB  4/3/2013
Contract Development and Control  4/5/13
4-5-13

B. Legal Sufficiency:

 4/9/13
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

RESOLUTION NUMBER R2013-_____

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONCURRING WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY'S INCLUSION WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA OF FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE (FTZ) 135; AND SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF THE PORT OF PALM BEACH DISTRICT FOR ALTERNATE SITE FRAMEWORK DESIGNATION THROUGH A LETTER OF SUPPORT.

WHEREAS, Foreign-Trade Zones provide public benefits in the expansion of international trade, facilitating exports, assisting economic development efforts, and in creating employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, companies operating in a Foreign-Trade Zone can defer, reduce, or eliminate customs duties on foreign products admitted into zones for storage, exhibition, assembly, manufacture, and processing, as well as attain access to streamlined customs procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Palm Beach District serves as Grantee for Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 135, which currently covers 623 acres on specific sites in Palm Beach and Martin Counties under a Traditional Site Framework; and

WHEREAS, the current Traditional Site Framework for FTZ 135 serves zone projects on a limited number of fixed sites that serve multiple users such as industrial parks and the Port of Palm Beach; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones Board has developed a process for an Alternate Site Framework to expand the ability of Foreign-Trade Zones to serve companies at other locations based on their trade-related needs; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Palm Beach will submit an application with the U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones Board for FTZ 135 to receive an Alternate Site Framework designation to include in the FTZ 135 Service Area the Counties of Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie in their entirety; and

WHEREAS, approval of an Alternate Site Framework would expand access to FTZ benefits to companies throughout Palm Beach County and shorten the process for FTZ activation; and,

WHEREAS, the Port of Palm Beach requests that Palm Beach County provide a letter of support to accompany its application for an Alternate Site Framework designation; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County is working with an increasing number of manufacturing businesses, both domestic and foreign, that are relocating or expanding in the county; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County supports efforts to establish new channels of commerce, increase international trade, and enhance economic development opportunities and job growth in the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board hereby concurs with the efforts of the Port of Palm Beach District to include all of Palm Beach County within the Service Area of FTZ 135, and conveys its support for the application for an Alternate Site Framework designation through a letter of support.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and, being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

STEVEN L. ABRAMS, Mayor	-
PRISCILLA A. TAYLOR, Vice Mayor	-
HAL R. VALECHE	-
PAULETTE BURDICK	-
SHELLEY VANA	-
MARY LOU BERGER	-
JESS R. SANTAMARIA	-

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2013.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SELF SUFFICIENCY**

**ATTEST: SHARON R. BOCK,
CLERK & COMPTROLLER**

By: _____
Dawn S. Wynn,
Senior Assistant County Attorney

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

December 20, 2012

**GRANTEE RESOLUTION
FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE #135**

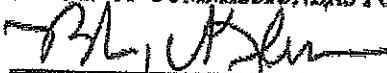
WHEREAS, the Port of Palm Beach District, as Grantee of FTZ #135, deems it desirable to make application to the U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones Board to reorganize its zone project under the Alternative Site Framework (ASF), and to include Palm Beach County, Martin County and St. Lucie County in the Service Area of the reorganized zone project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT


RESOLVED, that the Port of Palm Beach District does hereby ratify and approve the ASF Application; and


FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or his Port appointee be, and hereby is, authorized to do and perform all acts and to execute and deliver all instruments and documents necessary or convenient for the submission of the ASF Application on behalf of the Port of Palm Beach District to the Executive Secretary of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. and take such further action as deemed appropriate incident to securing the approval by the Foreign-Trade Zones Board with respect to said ASF Application.


BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PORT OF PALM BEACH DISTRICT

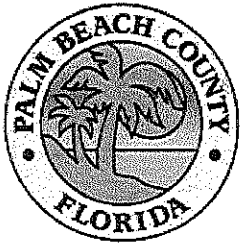

Blair J. Ciklin, Commissioner


Dr. Jean L. Enright, Commissioner


George E. Masties, Commissioner


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Wayne M. Richards, Commissioner



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April 16, 2013

George E. Mastics, Chairman
Port of Palm Beach District
FTZ #135
P.O. Box 9935
Riviera Beach, FL 33419

Dear Commissioner Mastics:

The purpose of this letter is to document the support of Palm Beach County for inclusion within the Service Area of Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 135.

We understand that the grantee, the Port of Palm Beach District, will be applying to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board for authority to serve sites located throughout this county based on businesses' trade-related needs, and that the zone will be made available on a uniform basis to companies within this county, in a manner consistent with the legal requirement that each FTZ be operated as a public utility.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Abrams
Mayor

c: Members of the Board of County Commissioners
Robert Weisman, County Administrator