Agenda Item #: 5A2

ALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	**September 10, 2013**	**[ ] Consent** **[ ] Ordinance**	**[X] Regular** **[ ] Public Hearing**
Department:	**Administration**		

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to conceptually approve: an Economic Development Incentive in the amount of $200,000 in the form of a Job Growth Incentive Grant for Project Hoops.

Summary: Project Hoops is a publicly traded company with its corporate headquarters located in South Florida. The company is expanding and needs to hire additional employees. Project Hoops is currently leasing space in more than one location and wishes to purchase and renovate an existing building that would allow the company to consolidate its operations and accommodate both current and future space requirements. It is searching for a 160,000-200,000 square foot building in Boca Raton. The company is also considering Fort Lauderdale for the consolidation and expansion of its headquarters. The company plans to create 86 new permanent full-time jobs with an average annualized wage of $58,200, excluding benefits, within three (3) years and retain 352 existing jobs for five (5) years. The new jobs will also be maintained for five (5) years.

Project Hoops' investment in its expansion is estimated to be $37.2 Million. The five (5) year local Economic Development Return on investment is anticipated to be $745 Million. The company is seeking incentives from the City of Boca Raton and Palm Beach County in the total amount of $400,000. The City of Boca Raton has agreed to provide $200,000. The Job Growth Incentive (JGI) will be secured by a Letter of Credit, Bond or equivalent. The company will be required to enter into a formal agreement approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) memorializing their commitments and establishing criteria for funding distribution. At such time, the company name will be disclosed. **Funding from the JGI Grant will come from General Fund Contingency Reserves.** District 4 (DW)

Background and Justification: The JGI criteria approved by the BCC on September 16, 1997 (R97-1267D) require a minimum job creation of 50 jobs. The JGI Program continues to provide for long term economic growth in Palm Beach County and further diversification of the local economy. The JGI Program is implementing the Board's policy to attract new business to Palm Beach County, to support expanding existing businesses in the County that would otherwise expand elsewhere, and to create employment opportunities for residents of Palm Beach County.

Attachments:
None

Recommended By: _____ 8-27-13
Department Director **Date**

Approved By: _____ 9/4/13
Assistant County Administrator **Date**

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes _____ No _____
Budget Account No.:

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

*No fiscal impact

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: _____
Shairette Major, Fiscal Manager I
8/26/13

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

8/28/2013
OFMB KW 8/28 8/28

8/30/13
Contract Development and Control
8-30-13

B. Legal Sufficiency:

9/4/13
Senior Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

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Department Director

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