

October 11, 2017

Commissioner Doug Underhill, Chairman Escambia County Board of County Commissioners 221 Palafox Place Pensacola, FL 32502

Re: Triumph Gulf Coast Project Solicitation

Dear Commissioner Underhill:

On behalf of the City of Pensacola, the Pensacola City Council endorses the following twenty (20) projects submitted by the Office of the Mayor, the City Council, and the Community Redevelopment Agency.

The following five (5) projects are submitted with priority status and are submitted by ranking as follows:

- 1. Airport MRO Expansion
- 2. Port of Pensacola Warehouse 4 Repurpose
- 3. Main Street West Corridor Improvements
- Baywalk
- 5. Community Maritime Park Marina

Further submitted for consideration by the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners are the following fifteen (15) projects without prioritization or ranking:

- The Unity Project
- 7. Westside Library Project
- 8. Affordable Housing Project
- 9. West Moreno Stormwater and Streetscape Project
- 10. Port of Pensacola Berth 6
- 11. Community Maritime Park (CMP) Excursion Ship Dock
- 12. Westside Community Resource Center
- 13. Downtown Parking Infrastructure
- 14. Sanders Beach Stormwater Park

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- 15. Disaster Management Training Center
- 16. Hollice T. Williams Urban Greenway
- 17. Devilliers, Reus and "A" Streetscape
- 18. Youth Environmental Empowerment
- 19. West Cervantes Street Corridor Management
- 20. West Street Corridor Improvements

On behalf of the City of Pensacola, your consideration in recommending any or all of these projects to Triumph Gulf Coast Inc. is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Brian Spencer President

Pensacola City Council

cc: Mayor Ashton Hayward

Ms. Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Chair, CRA

Members of City Council/CRA

Mr. Eric Olson, City Administrator



Project Title: Airport MRO Expansion

Budget: \$25 - 100 million

Applicant: City of Pensacola, Office of the Mayor

Gulf Coast Aerospace Corridor – Florida Advantage

In its 2016 survey on Aerospace Manufacturing Attractiveness, the global consulting firm of Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) ranked the State of Florida at number two among all states in attractiveness to the Aerospace manufacturing industry. Florida has clearly established itself as an industry leader, and particularly with recent aviation sector investment in Pensacola. We have an opportunity to build upon and take advantage of this national trend favoring our state and region.

Aerospace is a \$240 billion industry in the U.S. and key to the economy of four Gulf Coast states experiencing economic damage from Deepwater Horizon incident. While Florida already makes a compelling case for companies searching for location opportunities, to continue the region's work as a true contender for aviation and aerospace projects

This project proposes to expand on construction of Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) hangar facilities and related office, assembly and material handling buildings at the City owned Pensacola International Airport.



## PORT OF PENSACOLA WAREHOUSE 4 REPURPOSE







Project Title: Port of Pensacola Warehouse 4 Repurpose

Budget: \$15 Million

Applicant: City of Pensacola, Office of the Mayor

Broad Regional Partnership to progress Marine STEM

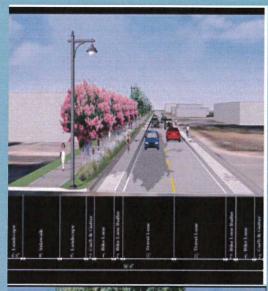
A broad interest group of the Institute of Human and Machine Cognition, University of West Florida, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Naval Sea Systems Command - Panama City and the City of Pensacola are seeking to partner on a marine research, development and education facility to be located at Warehouse 4, Port of Pensacola. The facility will provide research for: military or commercial autonomous vessels, product development and commercialization to market; intelligent subsea structures, environmental and ecosystem assessment with classroom and laboratories supporting those activities. It is also anticipated the facility will support actual marine research vessels for both offshore and inshore operations and possibly the FWC Enforcement Division operations relocated from the landing site of the new Pensacola Bay Bridge.

Warehouse 4 is approximately 45,000 ft sq and historically used for bulk storage of raw materials. The warehouse would be repurposed and renovated to accommodate the research space, classrooms, laboratories, manufacturing areas, storage and offices in modern recycled containers for mobility, flexibility and reusable workspace. This type of modern workspace and manufacturing energizes creativity in rapidly developing technology STEM fields. The building needs some renovation and repairs in addition to infrastructure improvement supporting the new functions.

The engagement of a regional university, panhandle wide military, an award-winning robotics and artificial intelligence research facility, a state agency combined with the private sector to commercialize developed products in a City owned facility has the absolute potential to provide regional impacts on economic transformation of the panhandle.



## MAIN STREET WEST CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS







**Project Title: Main Street West Corridor Improvements** 

Budget: \$3 million

Applicant: City of Pensacola, Office of the Mayor

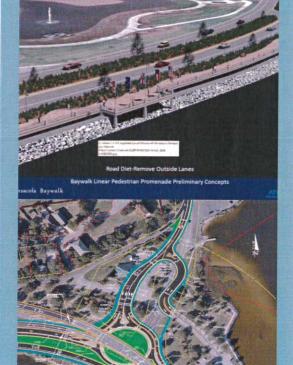
Complete streets implementation to provide multi-modal use, safely accommodating automobiles, transit vehicles and riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians. This project will provide transit for people and vehicles, but also often serve as places for commerce and recreation. The project will be compatible with the surrounding community, and support adjacent land uses and activities and will include:

- Constructing a ten-foot wide shared-use path on south side of Main Street utilizing brick pavers
- Share use path will be buffered by vegetative streetscaping
- Provide for benches and trash can amenities
- Implementation of 11' wide, center east-west turn lanes at A and E Streets
- Constructing a five-foot wide sidewalk on north side of Main Street
- North sidewalk will be buffered by the Installation of vegetative streetscaping.



## **BAYWALK**





"This project will link to the new Pensacola Bay Bridge and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue traffic circle creating an iconic entrance to America's 1<sup>st</sup> Settlement" Mayor Ashton Hayward, 2017 Project Title: BAYWALK Budget: \$3 million

Applicant: City of Pensacola Office of the Mayor

As adopted in the Urban Core Community Redevelopment Plan, the Pensacola Baywalk project is a road diet and continuous multimodal pathway along downtown Pensacola's three-mile waterfront. Fully constructed, the Baywalk will provide a continuous linkage between existing waterfront features like Plaza de Luna, and the Community Maritime Park, following the Maritime Heritage Trail, where the public can enjoy the downtown coastline and maritime history.

This one-half mile segment is immediately adjacent to a four(4)-lane divided state highway and features a six-foot wide concrete sidewalk which is directly behind the highway curb line. There are no designated bike lanes. The narrow sidewalk does not provide sufficient pedestrian access, traffic regularly exceeds the posted limits, making the area inhospitable for pedestrian and bicycles. The stormwater runoff currently discharges directly into Hawkshaw Lagoon, Project Greenshores, or Pensacola Bay. The adjacent shoreline is reinforced riprap edging Pensacola Bay invaded by Phragmites Australis, in dense stands that out-compete native vegetation and negatively affect salt marshes.



## COMMUNITY MARITIME PARK MARINA







**Project Title: Community Maritime Park Marina** 

Budget: \$3 million

Applicant: City of Pensacola Office of the Mayor

Leading the Southern League in sellouts and total attendance the Wahoos Stadium, housed on a former brownfield at Maritime Park, has been a strong contributor to the increase in downtown activity. Bringing a marina online adjacent to the stadium provides a larger opportunity to compete for tourism dollars by hosting national and international maritime sporting events, local and national fishing tournaments and excursion ships. Boat access, both in the marina and south bulkhead, dramatically enhances activity at the park and the quality and diversity of park experiences and can lead to an increase in game attendees, special event attendees, and downtown visits.

Our recommended marine infrastructure and tourism development project is situated on the waterside adjacent to the Pensacola Bayfront Stadium at Community Maritime Park. This project proposes to examine and construct a marina providing access to the waterway adjacent to Maritime Park – home to Blue Wahoos Baseball. Community Maritime Park was constructed on a former brownfield in downtown Pensacola in 2009 with the vision of locals and tourists enjoying the amenities that this type of development brings to the waterfront redevelopment district.

Project permits are in place. A breakwater has been constructed to protect the marina. Three dock structures are proposed, accommodating nearly 50 vessels in Phase I.

