



Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Public Infrastructure Grant Proposal

Proposal Instructions: The Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Proposal (this document) must be completed by the governmental entity applying for the grant and signed by either the chief elected official, the administrator for the governmental entity or their designee. Please read the proposal carefully as some questions may require a separate narrative to be completed.

Governmental Entity Information

Name of Governmental Entity: Liberty County Board of County Commissioners

Government Federal Employer Identification Number: ██████████

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Public Infrastructure Grant Eligibility

Pursuant to section 288.101, F.S., the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund was created to promote economic opportunity by improving public infrastructure and enhancing workforce training. Eligible governmental entities that wish to access this grant fund must submit public infrastructure proposals that:

- Promote economic recovery in specific regions of the state, economic diversification or economic enhancement in a targeted industry. (View Florida's [Targeted Industries here.](#))
- Are not for the exclusive benefit of any single company, corporation or business entity.
- Are for infrastructure that is owned by the public and is for public use or predominately benefits the public.



1. Program Requirements:

Each proposal must include the following information describing how the project satisfies eligibility requirements listed on page 1.

- A. Provide the title and a detailed description of the public infrastructure improvements.

See Attachment A

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- B. Is this infrastructure owned by the public?

Yes No

- C. Is this infrastructure for public use or does it predominately benefit the public?

Yes No

- D. Will the public infrastructure improvements be for the exclusive benefit of any single company, corporation or business entity?

Yes No

- E. Provide a detailed explanation of how the public infrastructure improvements will connect to a broader economic development vision for the community and benefit additional current or future businesses.

This road project will allow Liberty County to open just over 500 acres of property for use by a manufacturing operation seeking to take advantage of the significant amount of timber resources available in the region and/or be located adjacent to a wood fiber based power generation facility. As a Rural Area of Opportunity county Liberty County recognizes the need to make the best use possible of the available resources within the county. With the vast majority of Liberty County owned by the United State Forest Service, the State of Florida, and the Nature Conservancy there are a limited number of sites the county can utilize for business location. The lack of necessary road infrastructure prohibits the use of one such identified site. Location of a wood based manufacturing operation in Liberty County, or a non-wood based manufacturer that can make use of existing power infrastructure would serve to expand the opportunities for the multiple timber harvesting and trucking operations in the rural region. A majority of the timber harvesting and trucking operations that would benefit are small businesses located in the Opportunity Florida region.

F. Provide a detailed description of, and quantitative evidence demonstrating, how the proposed public infrastructure project will promote:

- Economic recovery in specific regions of the state;
- Economic diversification; or
- Economic enhancement of a Targeted Industry (View Florida's [Targeted Industries here.](#))
 - As part of this response, describe how the project will promote specific job growth. Include a description of the number of jobs that will be retained or created, the average wages of such jobs, and in which industry(ies) the jobs will be created using the North American Industry Classification System ([NAICS](#)) codes. Where applicable, you may list specific businesses that will retain or grow jobs or make capital investment.
 - Further, include the economic impact on the community, region, or state and the associated metrics used to measure the success of the proposed project.

See Attachment B

Included with Attachment B



2. Additional Information:

A. Is this project an expansion of an existing infrastructure project?

Yes No

B. Provide the proposed commencement date and number of days required to complete construction of the public infrastructure project.

Projected commencement January 2018, completion in 180 days.

C. What is the location of the public infrastructure? (Provide the road number, if applicable.)

State Road 65 in the Telogia area as well as Forest Service Road #103

D. Who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep? (Indicate if more than one are applicable.)

Federal State County City Other _____

E. What permits are necessary for the public infrastructure project?

U.S. Forest Service Road Use Permit

F. Detail whether required permits have been secured, and if not, detail the timeline for securing these permits. Additionally, if any required permits are local permits, will these permits be prioritized?

U.S. Forest Service permitting in process with receipt of permit no later than December 2017. The U.S. Forest Service has indicated a strong willingness to work with Liberty County to move this project forward as it will increase competition for their forest resources thus improving price and return to the taxpayers that own the U.S. Forest Service lands.

G. What is the future land use and zoning designation on the proposed site of the infrastructure improvements, and will the improvements conform to those uses?

The infrastructure improvements are entirely located on current roadways and would include a turn-lane and paving of existing dirt road. The land that will be opened for development is in process of going through appropriate land use changes for industrial that will be approved by the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners.



H. Will an amendment to the local comprehensive plan or a development order be required on the site of the proposed project or on adjacent property to accommodate the infrastructure and potential current or future job creation opportunities? If yes, please detail the timeline.

Yes No

I. Is the project ready to commence upon grant fund approval and contract execution? If no, please explain.

Yes No

Will begin after receipt of road use permit, grant approval, and contract execution. If permit is issued prior to fund approval/contract execution then answer is, "Yes."

J. Does this project have a local match amount?

Yes No

If yes, please describe the entity providing the match and the amount.

No match amount provided by this RAO county; however, the county will be responsible for maintenance of the improved roadway.

K. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal.

See Attachment C.



4. Approvals and Authority

- A. If the governmental entity is awarded grant funds based on this proposal, what approvals must be obtained before it can execute a grant agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (e.g., approval of a board, commission or council)?

Must be approved by the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners. Application has been approved, contract would also require approval.

- B. If approval of a board, commission, council or other group is needed prior to execution of an agreement between the governmental entity and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity:

- i. Provide the schedule of upcoming meetings for the group for a period of at least six months.

9/7/17, 10/5/17, 11/9/17, 12/7/17, 1/4/18, 2/8/2018

- ii. State whether that group can hold special meetings, and if so, upon how many days' notice.

Yes, Normally provide seven days notice but could be as little as 36 hours.

- C. Attach evidence that the undersigned has all necessary authority to execute this proposal on behalf of the governmental entity. This evidence may take a variety of forms, including but not limited to: a delegation of authority, citation to relevant laws or codes, policy documents, etc.



I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have express authority to sign this proposal on behalf of the above-described governmental entity.

Name of Governmental Entity: Liberty County Board of County Commissioners

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Dexter Barber, Chairman

Representative Signature: Signature on Next Page.

Signature Date: 8/10/2017



I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have express authority to sign this proposal on behalf of the above-described governmental entity.

Name of Governmental Entity: Liberty County Board of County Commissioners

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Dexter Barber, Chairman

Representative Signature: *Dexter Barber*

Signature Date: 8/10/2017

Attachment A

Liberty County Economic Development Paving Project: This project includes development of a turn lane sufficient to handle in excess of 200 trucks per day on Highway 65 South at the intersection of U.S. Forest Service Road #103 as well as paving 1.5 miles of U.S. Forest Service Road 103.

Attachment B

Liberty County is one of nine counties in the Northwest Florida Rural Area of Opportunity and as such is in significant need of additional job creation to help the region recover economically. This project will aid in the development of a 500 plus acre site adjacent to a Biomass power generation facility and we expect the near immediate creation of almost 100 jobs from the location of a modern sawmill on the property as well as an expansion of the Biomass facility.

The development of a new wood using manufacturer at this location would increase the amount of fuel available for the power generation facility as well as allow the facility to sell steam generated in the power generation process to the manufacturer to use in the production/wood drying process. The power generation facility has confirmed that the creation of an immediate "on-demand" fuel source will result in an expansion of the facility to produce additional electricity/steam.

The manufacturing facility will produce dimension lumber using metric measurement for export. Current plans call for the shipment of export product to the port at Jacksonville; however, if repairs are made to the Apalachicola Northern Railroad (ANRR) and the port of Port St. Joe it is possible product would also be shipped through that port. The location of this project is adjacent to the ANRR.

The 2017 NAICS code for the biomass facility is 22117 and the NAICS code for the manufacturing operation is 321113. Wages are projected to average \$17.50 per hour and the direct wage impact is expected to be approximately \$3,500,000 per year.

This project solidifies the jobs at the power generation facility that were in question due to fluctuations in available fuel, price of fuel as well as the electric market.

The manufacturing project would have a capital investment of \$50 to \$60 million. There is not a current estimate on the capital investment for the power generation facility and that activity depends upon location of a compatible business adjacent to the facility.

This project will also aid multiple trucking and timber harvesting companies located in the Opportunity Florida region. Most of these trucking and timber harvesting concerns are small businesses.

Since 2010 Liberty County, like most rural counties in Florida, has experienced a significant decrease in available labor force as well as the number of citizens employed based upon numbers from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. In 2010 Liberty County had a labor force of 2,933 with 2,676 citizens employed. From 2010 to 2016 Liberty County experienced a labor force decrease of 284 (9.6%) and had 168 (6.3%) fewer citizens employed.

The county joined efforts to create a freight logistics zone that covers the area of this project in an effort to increase the number of local jobs available with hopes additional employment opportunities will stem the outward flow of the labor force while increasing the number of citizens employed.

This project fits directly into the economic development plans of Liberty County and allows the county to better utilize existing resources.

Attachment C

One manufacturing company looking for a location in Liberty County has already received nonbinding term sheets from three regional timber harvesting companies including one that already supplies biomass to the existing power plant adjacent to the site.

The county does not have the necessary resources to undertake this project and without the road work described in this document the manufacturing company has indicated they will have to abandon their Liberty County search due to a lack of qualified land. Abandonment of this project will hurt the county due to loss of potential tax base as well as hurt the existing biomass facility.

This project will aid the biomass facility, the proposed manufacturer, as well as multiple small trucking and timber harvesting companies in the Opportunity Florida Rural Area of Opportunity.

Also provided as part of this application is a "what-if" scenario for the manufacturing operation that provides an example of the types of jobs created by a typical facility of this size. The report also provides example wage data based on regional and national averages as well as the number of potential candidates per opening ratio. This report shows a significant number of individuals are available to meet the demand this facility would create.

Attachment D

SR 65 NORTH BOUND ACCELERATION LANE					
Item Number	Pay Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
0101 1	MOBILIZATION	1.00	LS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
0102 1	MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC	1.00	LS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
0104 10 3	SEDIMENT BARRIER	3,000.00	LF	\$ 2.00	\$ 6,000.00
0110 1 1	CLEARING & GRUBBING	1.00	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
0120 2 2	BORROW EXCAVATION, TRUCK MEASURE	500.00	CY	\$ 10.00	\$ 5,000.00
0120 71	REGULAR EXCAVATION	1.00	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
0160 4	TYPE B STABILIZATION	2,082.00	SY	\$ 7.00	\$ 14,574.00
0162 1 11	PREPARED SOIL LAYER, FINISH SOIL LAYER, 6"	3,000.00	SY	\$ 1.50	\$ 4,500.00
285706	OPTIONAL BASE, BASE GROUP 06 8" LIMEROCK BASE	1,985.00	SY	\$ 12.00	\$ 23,820.00
0334 1 52	SUPERPAVE ASPHALTIC CONCRETE, TRAFFIC B, PG76-22 3" ASPHALT	322.00	TN	\$ 135.00	\$ 43,470.00
0337 7 80	ASPHALT CONCRETE FRICTION COURSE, TRAFFIC B, FC-9.5, PG 76-22 1" ASPHALT	110.00	TN	\$ 150.00	\$ 16,500.00
0570 1 1	PERFORMANCE TURF	2,500.00	SY	\$ 1.00	\$ 2,500.00
0570 1 2	PERFORMANCE TURF, SOD	500.00	SY	\$ 4.00	\$ 2,000.00
0700 1 11	SINGLE POST SIGN, F&I GROUND MOUNT, UP TO 12 SF	3.00	AS	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,200.00
0710 90	PAINTED PAVEMENT MARKINGS, FINAL SURFACE 43662215201	1.00	LS	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
0711 11170	THERMOPLASTIC, STANDARD, WHITE, ARROW	4.00	EA	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00
0711 16101	THERMOPLASTIC, STANDARD-OTHER SURFACES, WHITE, SOLID, 6"	0.38	GM	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 1,799.24
0711 16201	THERMOPLASTIC, STANDARD-OTHER SURFACES, YELLOW, SOLID, 6"	0.38	GM	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 1,799.24
				Total	\$ 177,662.48
	CONTINGENCIES (±0%)				\$ 17,766.25
	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (12%)				\$ 21,319.50
	TOTAL				\$ 216,748.23

Attachment D (continued)

FH 103 Improvements					
Item Number	Pay Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
0101 1	MOBILIZATION	1.00	LS	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
0102 1	MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC	1.00	LS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
0104 10 3	SILT FENCE	14,785.00	LF	\$ 2.00	\$ 29,570.00
0110 1 1	CLEARING & GRUBBING	1.00	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
0120 2 2	BORROW EXCAVATION, TRUCK MEASURE	2,000.00	CY	\$ 10.00	\$ 20,000.00
0120 71	REGULAR EXCAVATION	1.00	LS	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
0160 4	TYPE B STABILIZATION	21,355.00	SY	\$ 3.50	\$ 74,742.50
0162 1 11	PREPARED SOIL LAYER, FINISH SOIL LAYER, 6"	22,535.00	SY	\$ 1.00	\$ 22,535.00
285706	OPTIONAL BASE, BASE GROUP 06 8" LIMEROCK BASE	20,535.00	SY	\$ 10.00	\$ 205,350.00
0334 1 52	SUPERPAVE ASPHALTIC CONCRETE, TRAFFIC B, PG76-22 2" ASPHALT	2,220.00	TN	\$ 100.00	\$ 222,000.00
0337 7 80	DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	1.00	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
0570 1 1	PERFORMANCE TURF	20,535.00	SY	\$ 0.80	\$ 16,428.00
0570 1 2	PERFORMANCE TURF, SOD	2,000.00	SY	\$ 3.00	\$ 6,000.00
0700 1 11	SINGLE POST SIGN, F&I GROUND MOUNT, UP TO 12 SF	10.00	AS	\$ 400.00	\$ 4,000.00
0710 90	PAINTED PAVEMENT MARKINGS, FINAL SURFACE	1.00	LS	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
0711 11170	THERMOPLASTIC, STANDARD-OTHER SURFACES, WHITE, SOLID, 6"	2.80	GM	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 13,300.00
0711 16101	THERMOPLASTIC, STANDARD-OTHER SURFACES, YELLOW, SOLID, 6"	2.80	GM	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 13,300.00
0711 16201	REFLECTIVE PAVEMENT MARKERS	370.00	EA	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,850.00
				Subtotal	\$ 726,075.50
	CONTINGENCIES (10%)				\$ 72,607.55
	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (12%)				\$ 87,129.06
	TOTAL				\$ 885,812.11

SR 65 CENTER TURN LANE					
Item Number	Pay Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
0101 1	MOBILIZATION	1.00	LS	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
0102 1	MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC	1.00	LS	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
0104 10 3	SEDIMENT BARRIER	3,000.00	LF	\$ 2.00	\$ 6,000.00
0110 1 1	CLEARING & GRUBBING	1.00	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
0120 2 2	BORROW EXCAVATION, TRUCK MEASURE	500.00	CY	\$ 10.00	\$ 5,000.00
0120 71	REGULAR EXCAVATION	1.00	LS	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
0160 4	TYPE B STABILIZATION	2,200.00	SY	\$ 7.00	\$ 15,400.00
0162 1 11	PREPARED SOIL LAYER, FINISH SOIL LAYER, 6"	6,000.00	SY	\$ 1.50	\$ 9,000.00
285706	OPTIONAL BASE, BASE GROUP 06	2,100.00	SY	\$ 12.00	\$ 25,200.00
0327 70 1	MILLING EXIST ASPH PAVT, 1" AVG DEPTH	4,000.00	SY	\$ 3.00	\$ 12,000.00
0334 1 52	SUPERPAVE ASPHALTIC CONCRETE, TRAFFIC B, PG76-22 3" ASPHALT	355.00	TN	\$ 125.00	\$ 44,375.00
0337 7 80	ASPHALT CONCRETE FRICTION COURSE, TRAFFIC B, FC-9.5, PG 76-22 1" ASPHALT	350.00	TN	\$ 130.00	\$ 45,500.00
0570 1 1	PERFORMANCE TURF	5,000.00	SY	\$ 1.00	\$ 5,000.00
0570 1 2	PERFORMANCE TURF, SOD	1,000.00	SY	\$ 4.00	\$ 4,000.00
0700 1 11	SINGLE POST SIGN, F&I GROUND MOUNT, UP TO 12 SF	10.00	AS	\$ 400.00	\$ 4,000.00
0700 1 50	SINGLE POST SIGN, RELOCATE	4.00	AS	\$ 120.00	\$ 480.00
0700 1 60	SINGLE POST SIGN, REMOVE	6.00	AS	\$ 30.00	\$ 180.00
0710 90	PAINTED PAVEMENT MARKINGS, FINAL SURFACE 43662215201	1.00	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
0711 11170	THERMOPLASTIC, STANDARD, WHITE, ARROW	6.00	EA	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,500.00
0711 11224	THERMOPLASTIC, STANDARD, YELLOW, SOLID, 18" FOR DIAGONAL OR CHEVRON	500.00	LF	\$ 10.00	\$ 5,000.00
0711 16101	THERMOPLASTIC, STANDARD-OTHER SURFACES, WHITE, SOLID, 6"	1.14	GM	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 5,397.73
0711 16201	THERMOPLASTIC, STANDARD-OTHER SURFACES, YELLOW, SOLID, 6"	2.27	GM	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 10,795.45
				Subtotal	\$ 283,828.18
	CONTINGENCIES (10%)				\$ 28,382.82
	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (12%)				\$ 34,059.38
	TOTAL				\$ 346,270.38