Regional Initiatives

• Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
• Regional Economic Development Partners:
  – Business Development Board of Palm Beach County
    Kelly Smallridge / Gary Hines
  – Economic Council of Palm Beach County
    Mike Jones
  – Business Development Board of Martin County
    Crystal Stiles / Tim Dougher
  – Economic Council of Martin County
    Tammy Simoneau
  – Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County
    Larry Pelton
  – Indian River County Chamber of Commerce
    Penny Chandler / Helene Caseltine
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

Florida’s 11 Regional Planning Councils

- Designated by U.S. Economic Development Administration as Economic Development Districts.
- Charged by EDA to develop and adopt a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) through a CEDS Committee.
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy = CEDS PLAN

• Analyzes regional economy, guides regional goals & objectives, identifies investment priorities and funding sources.

• Creates a road map to economic diversity through private sector investment and job creation.

• Serves as vehicle to justify and draw down federal funds.
Key Regional Initiatives
Gary Hines
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Questions?

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