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Executive Summary

Created in 2011 under Florida Statute 288.987, the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) held its first meetings in January 2011. The task force has 13 members – four members appointed by the Governor, four members appointed by the Senate, and four members appointed by the House of Representatives. The Governor has designated Representative Dana Young as the 13th member and his representative on the Task Force. The Task Force chairmanship passed from House Appointee Representative Ritch Workman to Senate Appointee, Representative Jimmy Patronis in January 2013. Dr. David Goetsch continues to serve as the Vice Chair.

The FDSTF mission is to make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations, to support the state's position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting, and to improve the state's military-friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees, and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.

The FDSTF replaced the Florida Council on Military Bases and Mission Support which was created under Florida Statute 288.984. The Council has been deleted from Florida Statute. The FDSTF received an FY 2011-2012 appropriation of \$5 million, a FY 2012 –13 appropriation of \$2 million, and an FY 2013-2014 appropriation of \$4 million to protect, preserve, promote and grow Florida military installations and missions. The Task Force held a total of 11 meetings throughout the calendar year 2013.

The Task Force provides weekly email updates for its members. The Task Force developed an initial strategic plan to guide its actions in protecting Florida's military installations dated April 23, 2012. This plan was updated in October 2012 and again in July 2013. This updated version of the strategic plan is posted on the Task Force web site, and at Tab C.

The Task Force finished publication and distribution of a 2013 Florida Defense Factbook based on the Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis compiled by the University of West Florida Haas Center. A copy is enclosed at Tab M.

Florida Defense Support Task Force web site has been operational since August 2012. It has been helpful in publicizing meeting times and locations. Additionally, this site displays the award of funding grants along with copies of agenda and minutes from Task Force meetings, budget information and weekly Task Force updates. The web site is:

<http://www.eflorida.com/floridadefense>.

The Task Force published the 2013 Florida Military Friendly Guide in October 2013. It contains a summary of the Florida laws that benefit active duty, National Guard and Reserve service members and their families. This guide has been distributed throughout the state and to the Florida Congressional delegation. It can be downloaded from the Task Force web site. A copy is enclosed at Tab L.

FDSTF 2013 Annual Report

Governing Florida Statutes

The Florida Defense Support Task Force was established under Florida Statute 288.987 and operates under a Sunshine exemption in F.S. 288.985. See Tab A.

Appointments

In 2013, Representative Jimmy Patronis was appointed as the Task Force Chairman. Representative Dana Young was appointed by Governor Scott as his personal representative on the Task Force. See Tab B.

Funding

The FDSTF received an FY 2013-2014 appropriation of \$4 million to protect, preserve, promote and grow Florida military installations and missions. The Task Force may annually utilize up to \$200,000 of funds appropriated to the Department of Economic Opportunity for Task Force staffing and administrative expenses. Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) has the role of administrative and logistical support. Task Force budget summary, 2014 contract obligations and FY 12-13 administrative expenses is included at the end of this report. See Tab J.

Task Force Reports

The Task Force is required to submit an annual report and work plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1st of each year.

Task Force Strategic Plan

The Task Force actions are guided by its Strategic Plan. This plan is a living document and evolves in response to unfolding events. This plan was first developed in April 2012 and has been updated twice – once in October 2012 and then again in July 2013. The revised version adjusts the Task Force goals to reflect the changing national defense budgets and its impact on Florida's military missions and installations. See Tab C.

Task Force Meetings

January 17, 2013 -- Tallahassee. Task Force members approved the 2012 Annual Report. Staff provided a budget update on the status of Task Force funds. The Task Force considered 15 applications for FY 2013 funding based on the published Funding Application Process. (See Tab D) After reviewing written applications and receiving in-person presentations from applicants, the Task Force decided to fund 10 projects for FY 2013. The projects totaled \$2.65 million. The grant recipients included National Center for Simulation in Orlando, Greater Pensacola Chamber, Santa Rosa County, Highland County Economic Development Council, the City of Jacksonville, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, Bay Defense Alliance, Florida 8 (a) Alliance, and the Andrews Institute. The FY 2013 grant announcement is included at Tab E. The Task Force received an update from the Principi Group on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida.

February 21, 2013 -- Tallahassee.

The Task Force received an update from The Principi Group concerning DOD budget cuts and sequestration along with their projected impacts to Florida. Staff provided a budget update on the status of Task Force funds. Jim Kuzma from Space Florida provided an update on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) and Florida's efforts to become one of six test sites in the nation. The decision on sites is due by December 31, 2013. The Task Force received a briefing on a draft Task Force budget for FY 2013-2014. Staff presented a compilation of 17 military or veteran-related bills moving through committees in the state legislature. The Task Force directed staff to develop a pamphlet containing all the existing state laws providing benefits to military members and families stationed in Florida. This guide would cover active duty, Reserve and National Guard service members and families. Dr. Rod Lewis from the University of West Florida Haas Center presented the 2013 Florida Defense Factbook and was commended on an outstanding publication. The Task Force also received updates from The Nature Conservancy and the Florida League of Defense Contractors.

March 21, 2013 -- Tallahassee.

Staff provided the Task Force of a draft pamphlet containing all the existing state laws providing benefits to military members and families stationed in Florida. The Task Force approved moving forward to publish this pamphlet after the legislative session. A budget update on the status of Task Force funds was provided. Maj Gen Titshaw briefed the Task Force on the impacts sequestration and the Continuing Resolution might have on the Florida National Guard. Staff briefed on legislative bills impacting military members and veterans. Notably, a proposed bill to establish a non-conservation land base buffering program -- built into the Military Base Protection Program -- would help strengthen Florida's installations against encroachment. The Task Force received an update from The Principi Group on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. The Task Force conducted an afternoon closed session meeting to discuss advocacy strategy involving base strengths and weaknesses connected to protecting, preserving and enhancing Florida's military installations.

April 18, 2013 -- Tallahassee

The Task Force welcomed Representative Dana Young to the Task Force as the Governor's Personal Representative replacing former Lieutenant Governor Carroll. Staff provided a budget update on the status of Task Force funds along with a status report on FY 2013 grant contracts. The Task Force received an update from the Principi Group on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. Over the next year, The Principi Group will visit military communities and installations in conjunction with Task Force meetings. The intent of these re-visits is to receive updated information on issues impacting every Florida installation in order to provide better and more informed advocacy. Staff presented an update on state bills moving through the Legislature. Executive Director Mike Prendergast from the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs provided a status report on proposed bills moving through the state Legislature affecting veterans and answered questions from the Task Force. Susan Grandin, Director of State Lands, Department of Environmental Protection, briefed on the state land acquisition process and conservation lands buffering military installations. Mike McDaniel followed with a briefing on the acquisition of non-conservation buffering lands outside military

installations in the state. The Task Force directed staff to develop a one-page highlight of Task Force successes over the past year. (See Tab H)

May 16, 2013 – Panama City Beach

The Bay County Defense Alliance welcomed the Task Force and provided a brief update on their activities. Staff provided a budget update on the status of Task Force funds and the FY 2013 grant awards. The Task Force received an update from the Principi Group on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. Staff summarized military-related legislation passed during the session. Steve Murray from the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs briefed the Task Force on all veteran-related legislation passed and did not pass during the recent legislative session. The Task Force conducted an afternoon closed session meeting to discuss advocacy strategy involving base strengths and weaknesses connected to protecting, preserving and enhancing Florida's military installations. Following the meeting, Task Force members received a tour of NSA Panama City.

June 27, 2013 – Tampa

The Tampa Bay Defense Alliance welcomed the Task Force and provided a brief update on their activities. Staff provided a budget update on the status of Task Force funds and the FY 2013 grant awards. The Task Force received an update from the Principi Group on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. LtGen (Ret) Gordon Fornell, USAF briefed the Task Force on public private partnership successes at Eglin AFB and proposals to expand the program statewide. MG (Ret) Joseph Taluto briefed on the Veterans Pathway to Success program and LtCol Paul Niedhardt briefed on the capabilities of Avon Park Air Force Range. The Task Force conducted an afternoon closed session meeting to discuss advocacy strategy involving base strengths and weaknesses connected to protecting, preserving and enhancing Florida's military installations. Following the meeting, Task Force members received a tour of MacDill AFB and a briefing from the Chief of Staff, US Central Command.

July 18, 2013 – St. Augustine

MajGen Titshaw welcomed the Task Force to St. Francis Barracks and St. Augustine. He gave a thorough briefing on the Florida National Guard that covered their capabilities and challenges. Staff provided a budget update on the status of Task Force funds and the FY 2013 grant awards. The Task Force received an update from the Principi Group on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. Staff described a list of military-related bills that might arise during the next session. The Task Force reviewed an updated version of the Task Force Strategic Plan that was later approved and dated July 19, 2013. (See Tab C) Staff briefed on the guidelines for the FY 2014 Grant Funding Process released last week. The deadline for submitting applications is August 29, 2013. The Task Force will review the applications, receive in-person presentations and decide on the grants at the next meeting in September. The Task Force conducted an afternoon closed session meeting to discuss advocacy strategy involving base strengths and weaknesses connected to protecting, preserving and enhancing Florida's

military installations. Following the meeting, Task Force members received a tour of St. Francis Barracks from LTC (Ret) Greg Moore, the Florida National Guard Historian.

September 19, 2013 – Tallahassee

Staff provided a budget update on the status of Task Force funds and the FY 2013 grant awards. Ms. Colleen Krepstekies from the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs provided nationwide and state updates on veterans' in-state tuition initiatives. The Task Force received an update from the Principi Group on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. Staff described a list of military-related bills that have been filed in the state Legislature. Ana Richmond from the Department of Economic Opportunity provided an update on the progress of implementation of the non-conservation encroachment buffering program. The Task Force approved drafting a letter supporting the acquisition priorities briefed by Ms. Richmond. (See Tab I) Susan Grandin, Director of State Lands, Department of Environmental Protection, made a presentation on acquiring conservation properties across the state that buffer military installations. Jim Kuzma briefed the Task Force on an initiative to commercialize the Eastern Range. The Task Force considered 12 applications for FY 2014 funding based on the published FY 2014 Grant Application Process. (Tab F) After reviewing written applications and receiving in-person presentations from applicants, the Task Force decided to fund 7 projects for FY 2014 and fence funding to request 3 additional projects for possible award of funding at a later date pending additional details. The projects totaled \$2.47 million. The grant recipients included National Center for Simulation in Orlando, Clay County Development Authority (2), City of Niceville, Greater Pensacola Chamber, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, and the Economic Development Alliance of Bay County. The Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County, the Miami-Dade Defense Alliance and the Florida 8 (a) Alliance are the three fenced applicants. The FY 2014 grant announcement is included at Tab G.

November 21, 2013 – Jacksonville

The City of Jacksonville welcomed the Task Force to Jacksonville. Staff provided a budget update on the status of Task Force funds and the FY 2013 grant awards. Doug Callaway, the new Director of the State of Florida Washington Office introduced himself and briefed the Task Force on current issues in Washington, DC. The Task Force received an update from the Principi Group on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. Staff provided an update on legislative issues. Jim Breitenfeld from Okaloosa County briefed the Task Force on the grant application from the Economic Development Committee of Okaloosa County. The Task Force approved the application for \$195,000 to develop a public-private partnership program at Eglin AFB that can be replicated statewide. Diana Gonzalez from the Miami Dade Defense Alliance briefed on their grant application to develop a community advocacy plan. The Task Force directed her to re-write her application and return with a stronger proposal. Staff briefed the Task Force on a proposal for Task Force attendance/representation at certain military conferences throughout 2014. The Task Force directed staff to modify the plan, develop clear objectives for each and present a modified plan at the next meeting.

The Task Force conducted an afternoon closed session meeting to discuss advocacy strategy involving base strengths and weaknesses connected to protecting, preserving and enhancing Florida's military installations. Following the meeting, Task Force members received a tour Naval Station Mayport and the USS Vicksburg.

December 10, 2013 – Conference Call Meeting

The Task Force met in closed session via a conference call to discuss the terms of the contract renewal for The Principi Group. The Task Force agreed to support a new contract for advocacy along with a revised scope of work with the contract extension running from January 2014 through December 2015, and funded at the rate of \$75,000 per month.

December 27, 2013 – Conference Call Meeting

The Task Force met in open session via a conference call to discuss the terms of the contract renewal for The Principi Group. The Task Force agreed to support a new contract for advocacy along with a revised scope of work. The new contract will run from January 2014 through December 2015.

Activities/Achievements

Task Force's activities and achievements for 2013 include:

1. New Task Force Chair, Representative Jimmy Patronis assumed duties in January 2013. Dr. David Goetsch continued to serve as the Vice Chair.
2. The Task Force completed two rounds of grant awards. The 10 FY 2013 grants awarded totaled \$2.65 million and announced in January 2013. For FY 2014, 7 grants were awarded in October 2013 for a total of \$2.47 million.
3. The Florida Defense Support Task Force maintains an updated web site: www.eflorida.com/floriddefense
4. The Principi Group conducted visits to military installations in conjunction with Task Force meetings. The purpose of the visits was to update the assessments made in 2012 and remain current on issues faced by each installation commander. During these visits, the installation commanders met with members of the Principi Group and Task Force staff. In this way, the installation commanders were able to provide information concerning issues directly to those advocating for Florida at the national level. Additionally, the Principi Group members met with local defense leaders to receive their community input.
5. The Principi Group continues their advocacy efforts throughout 2013. They provided monthly reports to the Task Force on their activities on behalf of Florida. Additionally, they participated in a weekly conference call that included Task Force staff, the state of Florida Washington office, and the Department of Military Affairs.
6. The Task Force published the 2013 Florida Defense Factbook based on the Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis conducted by the University of West Florida Haas Center. See Tab M.
7. The Task Force updates its strategic plan effective July 19, 2013. See Tab C.
8. The Task Force publishes and distributes the Florida Military Friendly Guide summarizing programs and benefits for active duty, National Guard and Reserve service members and families. An electronic version of the guide is available on the Task Force web site. See Tab L.

State Legislative Issues

The 2013 Florida legislative session initiated several actions which affected the statutory mission of the Task Force. Below is a listing of legislation initiated or supported by the Florida Defense Support Task Force that passed the Florida Legislature and was signed into law by Governor Scott:

Interstate Compact for Military Children - HB 7003 Relating to Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

This bill abrogates future repeal of compact and provides for payment of annual dues.

Non-Conservation Base Buffering - SB 1784 Relating to Military Installations

This bill authorizes DEO to annually submit list of non-conservation lands which may be acquired for the purpose of buffering military bases from encroachment.

Allows for Late Voter Registration for Deployed Military Members - HB 7013 Relating to Florida Election Code. This bill revises persons authorized to register late to vote to include recently returned deployed service members.

FDSTF Community Grants -- Funding Application Process

The Task Force decided that within budget constraints, they may fund local initiatives that can be leveraged to promote, preserve, or enhance military missions and installations in Florida. The funding process will be a simplified one based on two criteria: The mission of the FDSTF as described in F.S. 288.987, and the FDSTF goals as stated in the FDSTF Strategic Plan, dated October 25, 2012.

In order to be eligible to receive funding, applicants for FDSTF project consideration must first obtain the support of a Task Force member as a project sponsor. The applicant must submit a FDSTF Project Application along with a budget and plan of action. When scheduled, the applicant will present the project proposal to the full Task Force for review and consideration. Approval requires a majority vote of eligible FDSTF members. State legislators are not eligible to vote on such matters. This entire process is posted on the Task Force web site.

The Task Force conducted two separate grant cycles during this calendar year –FY 2013 and FY 2014:

FY 2013 – In January, the Task Force considered 15 applications for FY 2013 funding. After reviewing written applications and receiving in-person presentations from applicants, the Task Force decided to fund 10 projects for FY 2013. The projects totaled \$2.65 million. The grant recipients included National Center for Simulation in Orlando, Greater Pensacola Chamber, Santa Rosa County, Highland County Economic Development Council, the City of Jacksonville, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, Bay Defense Alliance, Florida 8 (a) Alliance, and the Andrews Institute. The FY 2013 grant process is included at Tab D and the announcement is included at Tab E.

FY 2014 – In September, the Task Force considered 12 applications for FY 2014 funding. After reviewing written applications and receiving in-person presentations from applicants, the Task Force decided to fund 7 projects for FY 2014 and fence funding requests for 3 additional projects for possible award of funding at a later date pending additional details. The projects totaled \$2.47 million. The grant recipients included National Center for Simulation in Orlando, Clay County Development Authority (2), City of Niceville, Greater Pensacola Chamber, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, and the Economic Development Alliance of Bay County. The Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County, the Miami-Dade Defense Alliance and the Florida 8 (a) Alliance are the three fenced applicants. The FY 2014 grant process is included at Tab F and the announcement is included at Tab G.

Community Outreach Success – The Andrews Institute Eagle Fund

In 2013, the Task Force provided a grant award for \$225,000 to The Andrews Institute in Gulf Breeze to provide rehabilitation for 50 wounded special operations service members. This program supports wounded and injured military service men and women from the United States Special Operations Community in their pursuit to return to active duty. It provides fast access to best in class restoration, training, and education and is a fully integrated approach to healing and restoration delivered by a multidisciplinary team of specialists. This intensive focus provides each wounded/injured warrior with a great opportunity to extend their careers while increasing their quality of life. The service members sponsored by the Task Force have succeeded in their rehabilitation and returned to their units in Florida and across the nation. This program has provided a tremendous benefit to the community and the state of Florida. Because of this success funded by the Florida Defense Support Task Force, the United States Special Operations Command has expanded the program to include many more wounded special operations warriors from across the country.

FDSTF 2014 Work Plan

Work Plan for 2014

During 2014, the Task Force will work with The Principi Group, the Florida Congressional delegation, state government and local defense communities to aggressively advocate promoting and growing Florida's military installations based on the Task Force Strategic Plan. This plan was developed based on the results and recommendations from the comprehensive analysis and risk assessment conducted by The Spectrum Group of every military installation in Florida. Additionally, the Task Force will consider another round of funding initiatives that assist in supporting and protecting military installations.

The Task Force will meet on the third Thursday of every month throughout 2014. When possible, meetings will be held in various locations around the state and may include base visitations.

First Quarter

January – March 2014

- The Task Force will review and approve the Annual Report for submission to the Governor and Legislature.
- Task Force will discuss a 2014 budget recommendations for submission to the Florida Legislature.
- Task Force will monitor progress on legislative initiatives that support the Task Force mission.
- The Task Force will monitor state agency activities to prevent installation encroachment, improve transportation access, and enhance energy efficiency on military installations to meet DOD energy efficiency requirements.

Second Quarter

April – June 2014

- Task Force will review and monitor progress on federal, state and local military and defense issues, and make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.
- The Task Force will update the Florida Military Friendly Guide to include successful military-related legislation passed during the 2014 session.
- Task Force will develop guidelines for FY 2015 Task Force Grants Funding Application Process for release in July.

Third Quarter

July – September 2014

- The Task Force will prepare a budget and legislative slate for 2015. They will identify the fiscal resources needed to support and implement FDSTF recommendations to further prepare for any future realignment or closures, or budget initiatives.
- The Task Force will also review and consider annual grant requests for additional financial resource support to local and regional governments to enhance their efforts to protect local defense installations.

Fourth Quarter

October – December 2014

- The Task Force will announce annual grant awards.
- The Task Force will refine evolving budget and legislative issues.

APPENDIX – TABS

A Governing Statute -- Florida Statute 288.987/ 288.985

B Membership of the Task Force and Support Staff

C Updated FDSTF Strategic Plan – July 2013

D FY 2013 Task Force Grant Funding Application Process

E Announcement of FY 2013 Grant Awards

F FY 2014 Task Force Grant Funding Application Process

G Announcement of FY 2014 Grant Awards

H 2012 - 2013 Task Force Successes

I Letter of Support for DEO Non-Conservation Buffering Land Acquisition

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K Summary of Progress of FY 2013 Task Force Grant Award Contracts

L 2013 Florida Military Friendly Guide

M 2013 Florida Factbook

TAB A Florida Statute 288.987 / 288.985

288.987 Florida Defense Support Task Force.—

- (1) The Florida Defense Support Task Force is created.
- (2) The mission of the task force is to make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations to support the state's position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting, and to improve the state's military-friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees, and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.
- (3) The task force shall be comprised of the Governor or his or her designee, and 12 members appointed as follows:
 - (a) Four members appointed by the Governor.
 - (b) Four members appointed by the President of the Senate.
 - (c) Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (d) Appointed members must represent defense-related industries or communities that host military bases and installations. All appointments must be made by August 1, 2011. Members shall serve for a term of 4 years, with the first term ending July 1, 2015. However, if members of the Legislature are appointed to the task force, those members shall serve until the expiration of their legislative term and may be reappointed once. A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the initial appointment. All members of the council are eligible for reappointment. A member who serves in the Legislature may participate in all task force activities but may only vote on matters that are advisory.
- (4) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each designate one of their appointees to serve as chair of the task force. The chair shall rotate each July 1. The appointee designated by the President of the Senate shall serve as initial chair. If the Governor, instead of his or her designee, participates in the activities of the task force, then the Governor shall serve as chair.
- (5) The executive director of the Department of Economic Opportunity, or his or her designee, shall serve as the ex officio, nonvoting executive director of the task force.
- (6) The task force shall submit an annual progress report and work plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each February 1.
- (7) The department shall contract with the task force for expenditure of appropriated funds, which may be used by the task force for economic and product research and development, joint planning with host communities to accommodate military missions and prevent base encroachment, advocacy on the state's behalf with federal civilian and military officials, assistance to school districts in providing a smooth transition for large numbers of additional military-related students, job training and placement for military spouses in communities with high proportions of active duty military personnel, and promotion of the state to military and related contractors and employers. The task force may annually spend up to \$200,000 of funds appropriated to the department for the task force for staffing and administrative expenses of the task force, including travel and per diem costs incurred by task force members who are not otherwise eligible for state reimbursement.

History.—s. 38, ch. 2011-76; s. 47, ch. 2012-96; s. 7, ch. 2012-98; s. 11, ch. 2012-159.

¹Note.—

A. Section 35, ch. 2011-76, provides that: “(1) The executive director of the Department of Revenue is authorized, and all conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules under ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of implementing this act.

288.985 Exemptions from public records and public meetings requirements.—

(1) The following records held by the Florida Defense Support Task Force are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution:

(a) That portion of a record which relates to strengths and weaknesses of military installations or military missions in this state relative to the selection criteria for the realignment and closure of military bases and missions under any United States Department of Defense base realignment and closure process.

(b) That portion of a record which relates to strengths and weaknesses of military installations or military missions in other states or territories and the vulnerability of such installations or missions to base realignment or closure under the United States Department of Defense base realignment and closure process, and any agreements or proposals to relocate or realign military units and missions from other states or territories.

(c) That portion of a record which relates to the state's strategy to retain its military bases during any United States Department of Defense base realignment and closure process and any agreements or proposals to relocate or realign military units and missions.

(2) Meetings or portions of meetings of the Florida Defense Support Task Force, or a workgroup of the task force, at which records are presented or discussed which are exempt under subsection (1) are exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution.

(3) Any records generated during those portions of meetings which are closed to the public under subsection (2), including, but not limited to, minutes, tape recordings, videotapes, digital recordings, transcriptions, or notes, are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

(4) Any person who willfully and knowingly violates this section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(5) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2014, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

History.—s. 1, ch. 2009-156; s. 6, ch. 2012-98; s. 10, ch. 2012-159.

TAB B Membership of the Task Force and Support Staff

Governor Appointees

Rear Admiral Kevin Delaney, U.S. Navy, Retired
Major General Joseph Taluto, U.S. Army, Retired
Major General Emmett Titshaw, Jr., U.S. Air Force, The Adjutant General of Florida
Commissioner Barbara Stewart

Senate President Appointees

Dr. David Goetsch – Chairman 2011 to July 1, 2012
Brigadier General Thomas Patterson Maney, Army of the United States, Retired
J.R. McDonald
Tom Neubauer

House Speaker Appointees

Representative Jimmy Patronis Workman – Chairman January 7, 2013 – Present
Representative Matt Gaetz
Brigadier General Arthur F. Diehl, III, U.S Air Force, Retired
Dr. Ed Naggjar

Additionally, Governor Scott appointed Representative Dana Young as his personal designated representative. The total number of appointees for the Task Force is 13.

The support staff for the Florida Defense Support Task Force:

Rocky McPherson, Vice President, Military and Defense Programs, Enterprise Florida
Bruce Grant, Task Force Executive Director, Enterprise Florida
Camila Hornung, Grants Coordinator, Enterprise Florida
Donna Cucinella, Administrative Assistant, Enterprise Florida



Florida

Defense Support Task Force

Strategic Plan

2012 – 2015

Updated as of: July 19, 2013

Florida Defense Support Task Force
Strategic Plan 2012 – 2015

July 19, 2013

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) was created in 2011 by Florida Statute 288.987 with a defined mission:

- To make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations.
- To support the state’s position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting.
- To improve the state’s military friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.

Vision

The Florida Defense Support Task Force will be an aggressive and effective advocate to promote, preserve, protect and expand military missions and installations across the state of Florida.

Guiding Principles

- Champion Florida as the “Most Military-Friendly State” in the nation.
- Advocate for favorable resolution of military and defense issues from a statewide perspective and unify Florida’s defense communities with one voice. Provide a plan for active and effective advocacy for military and homeland defense missions and facilities located in Florida including the United States Coast Guard.
- Promote Florida’s military friendly atmosphere and optimum training environment and locations as the best and most cost-effective alternative for the Department of Defense.
- Coordinate a unified message of Task Force members, executive and legislative branches of Florida government, congressional members and defense communities.
- Maintain a proactive posture, assisting the Department of Defense in its effort to find efficiencies and develop synergies in the face of necessary military mission consolidations or realignment actions.
- Help Florida communities become better prepared to present the Department of Defense with viable options and opportunities where realignment or consolidation actions are being considered.
- Identify, prioritize and address all current or potential base and range encroachment issues including, but not limited to airspace, environmental, energy, frequency spectrum and land use compatibility.
- Foster mutually beneficial communication and strengthen relationships between the state of Florida, installation leadership and community leaders.
- Enhance the Florida Congressional Delegation efforts in working defense and security issues at the federal level.

- Focus on advocacy efforts to obtain results which are mutually beneficial to Florida and the defense community.
- Identify the military value of Florida installations using core Department of Defense criteria and the results of previous data calls.
- Assist the Governor's office in addressing and supporting the needs of Florida's installations identified as the result of base commander's meetings.
- Champion and continue legacy of Florida's warmth, embrace and respect for military family quality of life.

General Definitions

Defense is a multi-dimensional environment defined broadly to include the active service members, National Guard and Reserve forces, military dependents, military retirees and military-related businesses in the state of Florida.

Military installations include all bases, ranges and airspace within Florida and in waters adjacent to Florida.

Time Frame Definitions

Short term – The period in which the military services budget-driven realignments occur outside of a formal Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process.

Long term – The period in which the state is responding to a congressionally created formal BRAC process and beyond.

Task Force Members

Representative Jimmy Patronis

Representative Dana Young

Vice Chairman -- Dr. David Goetsch

Representative Matt Gaetz

Major General Emmett Titshaw, Jr., U.S. Air Force, The Adjutant General of Florida

Rear Admiral Kevin Delaney, U.S. Navy, Retired

Brigadier General Arthur Diehl III, U.S. Air Force, Retired

Major General Joseph J. Taluto, U.S. Army, Retired

Judge Patt Maney, Brigadier General, Army of the United States, Retired

J. R. McDonald

Dr. Ed Naggjar

Tom Neubauer

Commissioner Barbara Stewart

Enterprise Florida Defense Support Task Force Staff

Colonel Rocky McPherson, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired

Colonel Bruce Grant, U.S. Army, Retired

Heather Cave

Camila Hornung

Donna Cucinella

Short-Term Strategic Goals

Implement an aggressive advocacy and action plan based on the recommendations in the Spectrum Group analysis. Plan will pursue installation specific strategic goals at national and state levels as shown below.

National Level -- (Alphabetical Order by Installation):

- **Avon Park Range --**
 - Champion certification of the main runway.
 - Pursue increased missions.
 - Expand use to additional range customers.

- **Camp Blanding Joint Training Center –**
 - Support establishment of a Regional Reserve Component Joint Training Center as a Center of Excellence for Disaster Response.
 - Support preserving force structure in the Florida National Guard.

- **Corry Station --** Attract more Federal cyber entities that would act as force multipliers and could benefit from co-location with current Corry Station activities.

- **Eglin Air Force Base –**
 - Maintain Air Force Weapon Research, Development, Test and Evaluation synergies and functions.
 - Federal legislation to manage/control structures being built in the coastal waters.
 - Acquire more compatible missions and aircraft to fully utilize the capacity/potential at Eglin.

- **Homestead Air Reserve Base –** Improve by installing of fueling hydrant system and preventing encroachment.

- **Hurlburt Field** -- Resolve pavement condition issues, especially the asphalt portion of Taxiway G and a portion of the C-130 transport aircraft apron.

- **Florida Air National Guard/125th Fighter Wing** –
 - Establish an “Active-Associate” unit at the 125th Fighter Wing.
 - Build a new Base fire station.
 - Support F-35 joint strike fighter basing at this site.

- **MacDill Air Force Base** –
 - Advocate for basing of new KC 46 refueling tankers.
 - Advocate for infrastructure improvements.

- **Naval Air Station Jacksonville** – Increase awareness by Naval Aviation leadership of the importance and efficiencies of the Fleet Readiness Center, Jacksonville.

- **Naval Air Station Key West** -- Improve the outreach effort regarding Naval Air Station Key West’s important security role and unique capabilities.

- **Naval Station Mayport** –
 - Pursue expedited home porting of the Amphibious Ready Group at Naval Station Mayport.
 - Continue to advocate for nuclear aircraft carrier home port.
 - Seek US Coast Guard ship basing.

- **Naval Support Activity Panama City** –
 - Assist local defense community in securing funds to ensure permanent control of an 8-acre tract acquired to prevent future encroachment, enhance security and provide for mission expansion.
 - Assist NSA Panama City in seeking renewable energy project to reduce energy costs.

- **Patrick Air Force Base** – Pursue programs to develop sites suitable for mission expansion.

- **Saufley Field** – Advocate for funding to implement Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) plan. (Note: US Navy recently canceled this EUL initiative.)

- **Space Florida** – Assist Space Florida in identifying DoD BRAC transition mechanisms that might be useful to NASA.
- **Team Orlando** –
 - Retain Team Orlando.
 - Assist with additional office space requirements.
 - Assist Metro Orlando Defense Task Force (MODTF) in further development and execution of the strategic plan and communications plan to retain Team Orlando.
- **Tyndall Air Force Base** –
 - Advocate for Tyndall’s tenant commands including the Air and Space Operations Center.
 - Advocate for increased missions/aircraft.
 - Prevent potential encroachment in the Gulf Range Complex.

State Level -- (Alphabetical Order by Installation):

- **Camp Blanding Joint Training Center** –
 - Improve communication systems on Camp Blanding.
 - Prioritize construction of additional training unit facilities.
 - Develop separate marketing/information campaigns to:
 - Encourage transfer or standup of remotely piloted vehicle training
 - Encourage transfer or standup of emergency operations center training
 - Encourage transfer or standup of all-service combat skills weather training
 - Encourage transfer or standup of all-service water survival training
 - Encourage transfer or standup of military vehicle overhaul or recapitalization.
- **Eglin Air Force Base** –
 - Support road improvements to facilitate ingress/egress.
 - Prevent encroachment that could impact the Gulf Range Complex east of the Military Mission Line.
- **Hurlburt Field** -- Support proposed “West Gate” construction and off base auxiliary roads.

- **Florida Air National Guard/125th Fighter Wing** – Support facility improvements and taxiway upgrades.
- **MacDill Air Force Base** –
 - Support the purchase of a parcel of land immediately adjacent to MacDill Air Force Base to prevent future encroachment issues.
 - Support widening of Dale Mabry Blvd. from main gate to enjoin Lee Roy Selmon Expressway.
- **Naval Air Station Pensacola** –
 - Establish a system to enhance air space management in Northwest Florida with guidance aimed at future growth in flight activity.
 - Consider development of a more structured and robust cooperative mechanism involving the hospital, the Veterans Administration facility, and the three local hospitals, with a focus on disaster response.
 - Seek new initiatives for shared functions (commercial, medical, recreation, etc.) with the communities and State through mechanisms such as enhanced-use leasing.
- **Naval Air Station Whiting Field** – Continue efforts to buffer training airfields from encroachment, especially at the outlying fields.
- **Naval Station Mayport** –
 - Support acquisition of land adjacent to NS Mayport to prevent encroachment.
- **Naval Support Activity Panama City** –
 - Protect Navy ranges used for Research, Development, Test, Evaluation and training.
 - Advocate for continued Navy emphasis on mine and littoral warfare and Littoral Combat Ship development.
 - Complete implementation of the Joint Land Use Study and adjacent land acquisition project to ensure merging commercial and military activities can each meet their objectives.

Overall Long-Term Strategic Goals for All Military Installations

1. Promote Florida as a trusted, defense-friendly partner, advocating solutions of mutual benefit to the Department of Defense and Florida communities.

2. Promote and grow Florida military missions and installations

- Continue to identify areas where the state’s presence and actions have sustainable impacts on Florida’s military installations and missions including, but not limited to:
 - Providing support for acquisition of land to prevent encroachment.
 - Providing support and incentives for defense missions to remain or relocate to Florida.
 - Increase existing missions and add compatible missions that fit with the capacity and infrastructure of the installation.
 - Prevent exploration, drilling and other activities that could limit military use of the Gulf of Mexico Range Complex.
 - Lowering installations’ costs of doing business.
 - Expand ranges and bases in Florida in cooperation with Space Florida for Department of Defense Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) testing and training.
 - Preventing and mitigating encroachment affecting installations, ranges and flight corridors.
 - Transportation access.
 - Department of Defense renewable energy goals.
 - Environmental issues.
 - Improvement of education programs in public schools.
 - Complete implementation of the Joint Land Use Studies at all Florida military installations that have conducted them.
 - Strengthen and enhance quality of life of our military families/retirees statewide and within local communities.
 - Continue to champion Florida’s support to our wounded and veterans.

- Continue to strengthen state support for military families and veterans with a focus on education, health care, employment and family programs.

- Continue to strengthen defense-related working relationships with the following state agencies:
 - The Department of Veterans Affairs
 - The Department of Economic Opportunity
 - The Department of Environmental Protection
 - The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Energy Office
 - The Department of Military Affairs
 - The Department of Business and Professional Regulation
 - The Department of Education
 - Workforce Florida

What Does Success Look Like?

- Florida is fully prepared to assist the Department of Defense to maximize efficiencies in an era of defense downsizing.
- Florida increases or maintains same relative position in defense spending.
- Task Force is the state focal point with support mechanisms, processes, data, and resources to effectively conduct military advocacy actions with the Florida Congressional Delegation and is an integral part of success.
- Florida successfully procures emerging missions to offset jobs lost by realignments or consolidations.
- Florida maintains the ongoing trend of increased defense industry employment.
- Florida will continue to earn its reputation as the nation's top-ranked military-friendly state as defined by base commanders and the Department of Defense. Raise the bar within Department of Defense areas rated green.
- Florida will be the leader in veterans' employment opportunities.
- Florida creates, coordinates, and maintains an effective installation encroachment prevention program.
- Develop a communications plan and an FDSTF web site to promote the military value of Florida installations. Ensure this plan is linked to all local Florida defense support organizations to allow insight to and inclusion of regional and community partnerships.
- Florida has strengthened, mutually beneficial community relationships with installation leadership, the Florida Defense Alliance, community leaders along with, city and county officials to capitalize on local resources; efforts are integrated with at all levels.
- Florida has increased defense business relocation through tax and other state incentives
- Create greater public awareness of Florida's military-friendly environment including support for veterans, retirees and military dependents.
- Expand Florida's role in space launches and mission support, and expanded military space opportunities.
- Conduct effective national-level advocacy plan for military and homeland defense missions and facilities located in Florida including the United States Coast Guard; support the Florida Congressional Delegation in plan implementation.
- Continue to improve working relationships with defense planners, defense contractors and leadership to better anticipate changing needs and proposed actions to assist in developing solutions and strategies of mutual benefit to the Department of Defense and the state.

TAB D FY 2013 Funding Application Process

Florida Defense Support Task Force Funding Application Process

Background

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) was established in 2011 under Florida Statute 288.987. The mission is to make recommendations to preserve, protect and enhance Florida's military installations, support the state's position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting, and to improve the state's military friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees, and business that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.

Purpose

Within budget constraints, the FDSTF may fund projects that can be leveraged to promote, preserve, or enhance military missions and installations in Florida.

Criteria

The FDSTF will consider providing resources for initiatives which directly support:

- A. The mission of the FDSTF as described in F.S. 288.987.
- B. FDSTF goals as stated in the FDSTF Strategic Plan, dated 10/24/12.

Process

- A. Applicants for FDSTF project consideration must:
 1. Obtain support of a FDSTF member as a project sponsor.
 2. Submit a FDSTF Project Application (Attachment A).
 3. Obtain Chair approval for inclusion as a FDSTF agenda item.
- B. When scheduled, the applicant must present the project proposal to the full FDSTF.
- C. Approval requires a majority vote of eligible FDSTF members.

Ineligible use of funds

- A. Staff salaries.
- B. Purchase of alcohol, equipment, furniture, or fixtures.
- C. Receptions, gifts, and membership dues.
- D. Lobbying any branch of state government.
- E. Administration of the project in excess of 10% of the award.
- F. Project operating costs incurred before both parties execute the grant agreement.
- G. Business entertainment expenses, including meals or activity fees.

Contracting

- A. Enterprise Florida will be the contracting authority in support of the FDSTF.
- B. Payments will be made on a reimbursement basis, in accordance with the contracted performance and reporting timeline.

Reporting Requirements

- A. Reporting periods will be determined by the length of the contract at the discretion of Enterprise Florida.
- B. Enterprise Florida will report each project's progress to the FDSTF at every FDSTF meeting.

Point of Contact

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Attachments

Attachment A: FDSTF Project Application
Attachment B: Budget and Financial Reporting form
Attachment C: Plan of Action form

Attachment A: FDSTF Project Application

All applications must contain the project information in the format below:

1. Project Title

2. Applicant

Organization name:

Name of Primary Contact:

Title:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Website:

3. Project Criteria (check all that apply)

The mission of the FDSTF as described in F.S. 288.987.

FDSTF goals as stated in the FDSTF Strategic Plan, dated 10/24/12.

4. Summary of Project

Must include the following:

a. Project description

b. Objectives

c. Deliverables

d. Direct correlation to FDSTF criteria and expected benefit to the state (ROI)

e. Budget and Financial Reporting form (Attachment B)

f. Plan of Action form (Attachment C)

5. Funding requested from the Florida Defense Support Task Force

Total request:

6. Project relation to other local/state/federal budgets

Circle one: related / not related If "yes," explain how

7. Amounts of other leveraged funding/ contributions

Federal _____

State _____

Local _____

Private _____

Other _____

8. Estimated length of project

Start date _____

End date _____

Attachment B: Budget and Financial Report form

FY 2012-2013 Florida Defense Support Task Force Project Application

Date _____

Budget Category	Match Program Expenditures			FDSTF Program Expenditures			Total Program Expenditures		
	Application Budget	Actual		Application Budget	Actual		Application Budget	Actual	
		Current Quarter	Program to Date		Current Quarter	Program to Date		Current Quarter	Program to Date
Task/Purchase									
Activity 1:									
Activity 2:									
Task/Purchase									
Activity 3:									
Activity 4:									
Task/Purchase									
Activity 5:									
Activity 6:									
TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES									

Attachment C: Plan of Action form

FY 2012-2013 Florida Defense Support Task Force

Date _____

Planned Activity	Budget Cost	Objective	Milestone	Outcomes
Task				
Activity 1:				
Activity 2:				
Task				
Activity 3:				
Activity 4:				
Task				
Activity 5:				
Activity 6:				

TAB E Announcement of FY 2013 Task Force Grant Awards



Florida Defense Support Task Force

January 25, 2013

SUBJECT: Announcement of FY 2013 Florida Defense Task Force Grants

The Florida Defense Support Task Force met on January 17, 2013 to consider funding applications for projects that would accomplish the mission of the Task Force and support the goals outlined in the Task Force Strategic Plan. All applications met these two initial criteria. Following thorough and careful review of the sixteen applications submitted for funding from the Florida Defense Support Task Force for FY 2013, the Task Force approved the ten applicants listed below to receive grant awards.

The Task Force members thoroughly reviewed the written proposals and then allowed the applicants to make in-person presentations to the Task Force at the January meeting. The Task Force members scored the proposals based on the following considerations:

1. Preserve, protect and enhance the base
2. Leverage other funding
3. Potential to improve military value
4. Evaluator judgment of the project

The Task Force methodology was to score each proposal on a scale of 0 – 40 points and then arrive at an average score for each. Using this prioritization and ranking, the Task Force then funded as many projects as possible while still preserving some funding for unforeseen contingencies. The table below reflects the prioritized list of awards for Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Funding for FY 2013:

Applicant	Project	Award
Bay Defense Alliance	Acquisition of land to buffer NSA Panama City from encroachment.	\$500,000
National Center for Simulation (Orlando)	Comprehensive threat mitigation plan to reduce Team Orlando's risk of realignment or closure.	\$350,000
Highlands County Economic Development Council	Encroachment prevention at Avon Park Air Force Range	\$500,000
City of Jacksonville	Construction of Explosive Ordinance Disposal bunker at Jacksonville Air Guard Base	\$250,000
Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	Establish cohesive, effective local defense community organization.	\$130,000
Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners	Construction of fence to buffer the base from encroachment.	\$160,000
Greater Pensacola Chamber	Establish a Center of Excellence for information dominance to stimulate science and technology research.	\$250,000
The Andrews Research and Education Institute	Provide support for wounded Special Operations warriors to return to active duty.	\$225,000
City of Jacksonville	Establish a maritime research and development capability at Naval Station Mayport.	\$200,000
Florida 8 (a) Alliance	Support for veteran-owned and defense industry small businesses across Florida.	\$100,000
	TOTAL	\$2,665,000

Representative Jimmy Patronis

Chairman, Florida Defense Support Task Force

TAB F FY 2014 Funding Application Process

Florida Defense Support Task Force

FY 2014 Grant Funding

Application Process – July 15, 2013

Background

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) was established in 2011 under Florida Statute 288.987 with the mission to make recommendations to preserve, protect and enhance Florida's military installations, support the state's position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting, and to improve the state's military friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees, and business that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.

Purpose

Within budget constraints, the FDSTF may fund projects that can be leveraged to promote, preserve, or enhance military missions and installations in Florida. The FDSTF will not fund projects that can be funded through other governmental agencies.

Criteria

- C. The FDSTF will consider providing resources for initiatives which directly support both the mission of the FDSTF as described in F.S. 288.987 and the FDSTF goals as stated in the FDSTF Strategic Plan, dated 10/24/12.
- D. Projects must have a clearly defined, measurable outcome in support of the Task Force mission.

Process

- D. Applicants for FDSTF project consideration must:
 - 1. Obtain support of a FDSTF member as a project sponsor.
 - 2. Submit a FDSTF Project Application (Attachment A).
- E. When scheduled, the applicant must present the project proposal to the full FDSTF.
- F. Approval requires a majority vote of eligible FDSTF members.

Ineligible use of funds

- H. Staff salaries.
- I. Purchase of alcohol, equipment, furniture, or fixtures.
- J. Receptions, gifts, and membership dues.
- K. Lobbying any branch of state government.
- L. Administration of the project in excess of 10% of the award.

- M. Project operating costs incurred before the applicant and Enterprise Florida, Inc. execute the grant agreement.
- N. Business entertainment expenses, including meals or activity fees.

Contracting

- C. Enterprise Florida will be the contracting authority in support of the FDSTF.
- D. The contract manager will be Bruce Grant, FDSTF Executive Director. The assistant contract manager will be Camila Hornung, Grants Coordinator.
- E. Payments will be made on a reimbursement basis, in accordance with the contracted performance and reporting timeline.

Reporting Requirements

- C. Reports will be required quarterly determined by the length of the contract in accordance with the Enterprise Florida reports schedule.
- D. Enterprise Florida will report each project’s progress to the FDSTF at least quarterly during the FDSTF meeting.

Florida Defense Support Task Force FY 2014 Grants Timeline

July 15, 2013	Release of FY 2014 Grant Funding Application.
August 29, 2013	Task Force application submission deadline.
Aug 30 - Sept 6, 2013	Staff reviews all applications for eligibility.
September 9, 2013	Staff prepares and provides all applications for review by Task Force members.
September 10 - 18, 2013	Task Force members review applications.
September 19, 2013	Eligible Task Force applicants oral presentations in Tallahassee and Task Force votes to decide final recipients and amounts for FY 2014 grants.
Oct TBD	Task Force FY 2014 grants announced.

Guidance to Applicants

- A. Applicants must obtain support of a FDSTF member as a project sponsor. Once support is obtained, the applicant may submit funding application directly to FDSTF Executive Director via email.
- B. The Executive Director will notify the applicant to appear at the September 19, 2013 FDSTF meeting to make an in-person presentation.
- E. Presentations will include the proposal, clear support of the criteria listed above, details of the project, funding requested, expected return on investment and clearly defined, measurable outcomes in support of the Task Force mission.
- C. Presentations are limited to a maximum of 15 minutes.
- D. Upon conclusion of the presentations, the FDSTF members may render decisions concerning approval and grant amount. Approval requires a majority vote of eligible FDSTF members.
- E. Grants will be announced as soon as possible by the Governor.

Points of Contact:

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Attachment B: Budget and Financial Reporting form

Attachment C: Plan of Action form

Attachment A: FDSTF Project Application

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2. Applicant

Organization name:

Name of Primary Contact:

Title:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Website:

3. Project Criteria (check all that apply)

The mission of the FDSTF as described in F.S. 288.987.

FDSTF goals as stated in the FDSTF Strategic Plan, dated 10/24/12.

Clearly defined, measurable outcome.

4. Summary of Project

Must include the following:

g. Project description

h. Objectives

i. Deliverables

j. Direct correlation to FDSTF criteria and expected benefit to the state (ROI)

k. Performance measures

l. Budget and Financial Reporting form (Attachment B)

m. Plan of Action form (Attachment C)

5. Funding requested from the Florida Defense Support Task Force

Total request:

6. Project relation to other local/state/federal budgets

Circle one: related / not related If "related," explain how

7. Amounts of other leveraged funding/ contributions

Federal _____ State _____

Local _____ Private _____

Other _____

8. Estimated length of project

Start date _____

End date _____

Attachment B: Budget and Financial Report Form

FY 2013-2014 Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Funding

Date

Budget Category	Match Program Expenditures			FDSTF Program Expenditures			Total Program Expenditures		
	Application Budget	Actual		Application Budget	Actual		Application Budget	Actual	
		Current Quarter	Program to Date		Current Quarter	Program to Date		Current Quarter	Program to Date
Task/Purchase									
Activity 1:									
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Activity 3:									
Activity 4:									
Task/Purchase									
Activity 5:									
Activity 6:									
TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES									

Attachment C: Plan of Action Form

FY 2013-2014 Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Funding

Date

Planned Activity	Budget Cost	Objective	Outcomes	Performance Measures
Task				
Activity 1:				
Activity 2:				
Task				
Activity 3:				
Activity 4:				
Task				
Activity 5:				
Activity 6:				

TAB G Announcement of FY 2014 Task Force Grant Awards



Florida Defense Support Task Force

September 20, 2013

SUBJECT: Announcement of FY 2014 Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Awards

The Florida Defense Support Task Force met on September 19, 2013 to consider funding applications for projects that would accomplish the mission of the Task Force and support the goals outlined in the Task Force Strategic Plan. After careful review of the twelve applications submitted for funding from the Florida Defense Support Task Force for FY 2014, the Task Force approves the seven applicants listed below to receive grant awards.

Applicant	Project	Award
National Center for Simulation (Orlando)	Develop and execute strategic plan to retain Team Orlando and address office space shortage	\$350,000
Clay County Development Authority	Installation of air space control system at Camp Blanding	\$474,000
City of Niceville	Development of GIS mapping to implement Joint Land Use System with Eglin AFB	\$25,000
Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce	Establish a Center of Excellence for information dominance to stimulate science and technology research.	\$200,000
Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	Develop strategic marketing campaign to champion and protect MacDill AFB missions	\$225,000
Economic Development Alliance of Bay County	Expand high capacity data link (Lambda Rail) to connect to NSA Panama City.	\$500,000
Clay County Development Authority	Installation of mass notification system to improve safety at Camp Blanding	\$255,000
TOTAL		\$2,029,000

Additionally, the Task Force decided to fence the requests from the following applicants for possible award of funding at a later date dependent on additional application detail:

Applicant	Project	Request
Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County	Development of public private partnership program to improve military value of Eglin AFB.	\$195,000
Miami Dade Defense Alliance	Develop a community advocacy plan to address issues at Homestead ARB	\$150,000
Florida 8 (a) Alliance	Develop defense industry and veteran owned small business growth and job creation	\$150,000
	TOTAL REQUESTED	\$495,000



Representative Jimmy Patronis

Chairman, Florida Defense Support Task Force

TAB H 2012-2013 Task Force Successes

Florida Defense Support Task Force – First Year Successes

Created under Florida Statute 288.987, the thirteen-member Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) has the mission to make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations, support the state's position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting, and improve the state's military-friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees, and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state. Successes 2012 – 2013:

1. Organized as a Task Force and conducted 10 meetings during the first year.
2. Developed and implemented a long range strategic plan to guide Task Force actions to protect, preserve and enhance Florida's military installations.
3. Completed comprehensive evaluation of the military value of all military installations. The Spectrum Group conducted this assessment and simultaneously conducted risk assessment of all bases in regard to possible realignment or closure.
4. Contracted with The Principi Group to advocate in Washington, DC on behalf of Florida's military installations. Their advocacy is accomplished in conjunction with the Florida Congressional delegation and the Governor's Washington office. The Principi Group has provided tremendous assistance to Florida's local defense communities during their annual visits to Washington. Most importantly, The Principi Group has been effective in the Pentagon and on Capitol Hill in gaining visibility on Florida's military and defense issues.
5. Published 2013 "Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis" and the resultant Florida Defense Factbook and other marketing materials to educate and raise awareness of the economic impact of the military presence and defense industry to Florida's economy.
6. Developing a handbook of state programs and laws that benefit military members and their families stationed in Florida.
7. Awarded 10 Task Force grants totaling \$2.6 million to local defense communities across the state to enhance the military value of Florida bases.
8. Initiated and supported state legislation to enhance Florida's position as the most military-friendly state in the nation. Specifically created a program to acquire non-conservation buffering lands adjacent to military installations, extended voter registration for deployed military members, and guaranteed continued Florida participation in the Interstate Compact for Military Children.

June 10, 2013

Point of Contact: Bruce Grant, Staff Director
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TAB I Letter of Support for DEO Non-Conservation Buffering Land Acquisition



Florida Defense Support Task Force

October 21, 2013

Governor Rick Scott
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott,

The Florida Defense Support Task Force, a legislatively created team established to make recommendations that protect, preserve and enhance the state's military installations and missions, unanimously and whole-heartedly supports the Department of Economic Opportunity's (DEO) recommendations for the implementation of SB 1784 regarding non-conservation lands providing encroachment protection for military installations.

The Florida Defense Support Task Force commends DEO Executive Director Jesse Panuncio and his staff for the timely, accurate and thorough compilation of this information which is key to this important endeavor. DEO staff has worked closely with Florida's military base commanders over the past few months in developing a comprehensive list of those properties identified by base commanders to prevent encroachment at their installations and possible compromising of their military missions.

Overall, for FY 2014 DEO has identified 64 sites at Naval, Air Force and National Guard installations totaling over 3,600 acres. The lands were prioritized and tiered based on existing land use restrictions, development on site, redevelopment potential, ownership and identified encroachment threat. The tiered rankings are provided in the DEO materials and are attached.

The buffering provided by these lands is critical to protecting the ability of our military to train effectively for combat. Without the buffering, encroachment could cause the Department of Defense to decrement the military value of Florida installations and make them vulnerable to closure.

Florida has rightly earned a reputation as the most military-friendly state in the nation. The 20 military installations and three Unified commands generate billions of dollars for our economy as well as stable, high-paying jobs for Floridians. The closure of any one of these bases or the loss of a mission would hurt Florida's economy and slow the recovery. Your Florida Defense Support Task Force strongly supports a multiyear program for the acquisition of these non-conservation properties to protect our military installations. It is strongly recommended that the Tier1 recommendations be the focus of legislative action on this topic during the 2014 legislative session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmy Patronis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Representative Jimmy Patronis

Chairman

Attachment: DEO Tier level recommendation for acquisition of non-conservation land for buffering military installations in Florida.

CC: Secretary of Commerce/EFI President and CEO Gray Swoope
Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection, Herschel Vinyard
DEO Executive Director Jesse Panuncio
Florida Defense Support Task Force Members

DEO Tier Level Recommendations – Non Conservation Lands

Tier 1

MacDill AFB – Florida Rock Property

NSA Panama City – Barefoot Palms Property

NS Mayport – JAXPORT properties

Tier 2

Eglin AFB – Cleared zone properties in Valparaiso

NAS Pensacola – Accident Potential Zone 1 properties

Homestead ARB – Homestead Park of Commerce, Homestead Housing Authority

Tier 3

Camp Blanding – Rayonier sites

MacDill AFB – Frontgate, Three C SAC Self Storage and Zons property

NAS Key West – Sub Pens and Gulf Seafood

Tyndall AFB – Long Point Cove and Tyndall Sunset properties

TAB J Financial Report

Florida Defense Support Task Force Budget Summary – As of 01/07/14 FY 2013/2014 Total Program

Year	Carried Fwd	Appropriated	Total Funds for FY 13/14	Spent as of: 01/07/14	Available Balance
FY 2013/2014		4,000,000			
Program	3,591,741	3,800,000	7,391,741	669,716	6,722,025
Administrative	127,366	200,000	327,366	84,378	242,988
Total	3,719,107	4,000,000	7,719,107	754,094	6,965,013

FY 2013/2014 Contract Expenditures

Contractor	Contract Amount	Reimbursed to Date	Obligated Funds Remaining	Unobligated Funds Remaining
The Principi Group	1,800,000	1,710,000	90,000	-
The Spectrum Group	80,000	70,000	10,000	-
Haas Center - Factbook	154,500	154,500		-
Ntnl Center for Simulation	350,000	100,000	250,000	-
Bay Defense Alliance	500,000	-	500,000	
Highlands County	500,000	1,232	498,768	
Florida 8 a Alliance	100,000	34,691	65,309	
Santa Rosa	160,000	-	160,000	
City of Jax (EOD)	250,000	-	250,000	
Pensacola Chamber	250,000	-	250,000	
Andrews Institute	225,000	81,000	144,000	
Tampa Bay Def Alliance	130,000	6,784	123,216	
City of Jacksonville (Maritime)	200,000	-	200,000	
Total	4,699,500	2,158,207	2,541,293	-

Appropriations	
FY 11-12	
Program	\$4,800,000
Admin	\$200,000
FY 12-13	
Program	\$1,800,000
Admin	\$200,000
FY 13-14	
Program	\$3,800,000
Admin	\$200,000

Available Balance	6,965,013
FY 2013 Obligated Funds	2,541,293
FY 2014 Contracts	2,474,000
TF Funds Available	1,949,720

FY 2013/2014 New Contracts

Contractor	Contract Amount	Reimbursed to Date	Obligated Funds Remaining	Unobligated Funds Remaining
National Center for Simulation	350,000			350,000
Clay County (air space)	474,000			474,000
City of Niceville	25,000			25,000
Greater Pensacola Chamber	200,000			200,000
Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	225,000			225,000
Economic Development Alliance of Bay County	500,000			500,000
Clay County (mass notification system)	255,000			255,000
Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County	195,000			195,000
Miami Dade Defense Alliance	150,000			150,000
Florida 8 (a) Alliance	100,000			100,000
Total	2,474,000	-	-	2,474,000

Note: In December 2013, the Task Force decided to extend The Principi Group contract beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 2015. Total contract amount is \$1.8 million.

Florida Defense Support Task Force

Administrative Expenses Summary

As of: July 1, 2013

FY 2012/2013 Administrative Expenses

Year	Appropriated	Carried Fwd from Previous Years	Total	Spent for FY 12/13	Available Balance
FY 2012/2013	200,000	108,843	308,843	181,476	127,367

FY 2012/2013 Expense Categories

Category	Amount
Task Force Member Travel and Lodging	\$ 9,031.13
Mailing	\$ 1,808.59
Supplies	\$ 138.02
Hotel Expenses for Meetings (Room, meals, sound)	\$ 20,767.60
Meeting Announcements	\$ 582.24
Reimbursement for TF Guests/Presenters	\$ 4,708.24
Staff Travel	\$ 11,231.10
Staff Salaries	\$ 133,208.86
Total	\$ 181,475.78

TAB K Summary of Progress of FY 2013 Task Force Grant Award Contracts

**Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Program –
Contract Update**

Created in 2011 under Florida Statute 288.987, the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) mission is to make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations, to support the state’s position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting, and to improve the state’s military-friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees, and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.

Initiated in 2013, the Florida Defense Support Task force grant program provides grants to accomplish the mission of the Task Force. This narrative report provides quarterly updates on all open grants or contracts awarded in FY 12-13.

Funding Summary -- As of: December 13th, 2013 for Grant Activity

Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 12-13

Grant #	Grantee	Status/Progress	Grant Amount	Paid to Date
13-02	(FY 12-13) National Center for Simulation (Orlando) – Threat mitigation plan	Completed project to research and catalogue real world examples of Team Orlando programs successes made possible to due to collocation and the acquisition commands in the Research Park. Concluded a strategic communications plan to convey a consistent message of the value of NSA Orlando/Team Orlando. MODTF included a full page add on Florida Trend Magazine which tells a powerful story of the economic impact of the Military Simulation & Training Industry in Florida. Site visit conducted on 11/25/13.	\$350,000	\$100,000

13-03	(FY 12-13) Florida 8 A Alliance – Support veteran and defense small businesses	Completed July 2013 webinar by the Department of Veteran Affairs. Conducted workshop in Ft. Walton Beach, FL to educate and increase knowledge of marketing, business and federal contracting strategies including The Small Business Innovation Research program. Site visit conducted on 11/20/13.	\$100,000	\$34,691.38
13-04	(FY 12-13) Bay Defense Alliance – Acquire land to prevent encroachment at NSA PC.	Initiated discussions with Bay County regarding negotiating property acquisition.	\$500,000	—
13-05	(FY 12-13) Highlands County – Acquire land to prevent encroachment at Avon Park Range	Site visit conducted on 10/9/13. Contracted with the Central Florida Regional Planning Council to manage the services needed to carry out the acquisitions. Initiated discussions with willing property owners. Prepared GIS-based maps of potential conservation easements.	\$500,000	\$1,232.36
13-06	(FY 12-13) Santa Rosa County – Build a fence to separate NAS Whiting Field from the Whiting Aviation Park.	Fence survey completed 7/26/13. Site visit conducted on 8/20/13. Final bid package sent to procurement on 9/30/13.	\$160,000	—
13-07	(FY 12-13) Tampa Bay Defense Alliance – Establish cohesive organization	Site visit conducted on 10/8/13. Sought out and interviewed Marketing/PR, accounting, and audit firms to support the TBDA efforts. Held three Board of Directors meetings during this period.	\$130,000	\$6,784.43
13-08	(FY 12-13) The Andrews Institute – Provide treatment for special operations wounded warriors	Site visit conducted on 8/20/13. Completed treatment for 18 wounded warriors for an average of 5 weeks per participant between July 1 and September 30 th , 2013	\$225,000	\$81,000

13-09	FY 12-13) The Greater Pensacola Chamber – Establish center of excellence for information dominance	Ongoing meetings are being held to discuss how to organize the Center of Excellence as well as how to include critical infrastructure stakeholders in a meaningful way.	\$250,000	—
13-10	(FY 12-13) City of Jacksonville Military Affairs, Veterans and Disabled Services Department – Creation of a support maritime research and development capability at NS Mayport	Contract executed on 10/11/13. Report submitted; no activity to date. Site visit conducted on 11/20/13.	\$250,000	—
13-11	(FY 12-13) City of Jacksonville Military Affairs, Veterans and Disabled Services Department – Creation of new explosives disposal proficiency training range bunker on Jacksonville Air Guard Base	Contract executed on 10/11/13. Report submitted no; activity to date. Site visit conducted on 11/20/13.	\$200,000	—

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