



Florida Defense Support Task Force

www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf

2015 Annual Report And 2016 Work Plan



February 1, 2016

Florida Defense Support Task Force

2015 Annual Report and 2016 Work Plan

Table of Contents

Executive Summary.....	2
Governing Florida Statute	3
Appointments.....	3
Funding.....	4
Task Force Reports.....	4
Task Force Meetings.....	4 - 8
Activities/Achievements.....	8 - 9
State Legislative Issues.....	9 - 10
Funding Application Process.....	11
Work Plan for 2016.....	12-13

Appendix -- Tabs

A Governing Statutes -- Florida Statute 288.987 & 288.985.....	14 - 15
B Members of the Task Force and Support Staff.....	16 - 17
C Updated Strategic Plan.....	18 - 27
D FY 2016 Task Force Grant Funding Application Process.....	28 - 32
E Announcement of FY 2015 Grant Awards	33
F 2012 - 2015 Task Force Successes.....	34 - 35
G Financial Report.....	36 - 39
H Summary of Progress of Task Force Grant Award Contracts	40 - 47
I 2015 OPPAGA Report Summary.....	48
J 2015 Florida Military Friendly Guide.....	49
K Florida Defense Factbook 2015.....	50

Florida Defense Support Task Force 2015 Annual Report and 2016 Work Plan

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. In July of 2015, the 4-year terms of the original Task Force appointees terminated. Some members were reappointed and were joined by new members. The non-legislative members' terms will run from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019. Legislative Task Force members will serve until the end of their elected terms. The Governor reappointed Major General Joseph Taluto, USA (retired), Major General Michael Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General, and Commissioner Barbara Stewart. The Governor appointed Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, USN (retired) and has designated Representative Dana Young as the 13th member and his representative on the Task Force. The Senate President reappointed both Tom Neubauer and J.R. McDonald to new terms. The Senate President also appointed Senator Garret Richter and former Senator Mike Bennett to the Task Force. The House Speaker reappointed Brigadier General Chip Diehl, USAF (retired) and Representative Ritch Workman to new terms. The House Speaker appointed Representative Clay Ingram and CW5 Derrick Fritts US Army National Guard as Task Force members. Representative Ritch Workman served as the Chair from December 2014 through June 2015. Senator Garret Richter assumed the Chairmanship in July 2015. Tom Neubauer was selected 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 a FY 2011-2012 appropriation of \$5 million, a FY 2012 –13 appropriation of \$2 million, a FY 2013-2014 appropriation of \$4 million, a FY 2014-2015 appropriation of \$3.5 million, and a FY 2015-2016 appropriation of \$2 million to protect, preserve, promote and grow Florida military installations and missions. The Task Force held a total of 9 meetings and 1 conference call throughout the calendar year 2015.

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, again in July 2013, and most recently in March 2015. The Task Force plans to update this strategic plan in 2016. The most recent version of the strategic plan is posted on the Task Force web site, and at Tab C.

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 new address for the web site is: www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf

The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) conducted a detailed review of state military and defense programs included the Military Base Protection Program (Including both Defense Reinvestment Grants and Defense Infrastructure Grants), the Florida Defense Alliance, and the Florida Defense Support Task Force for Fiscal Years 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014. The cutoff date for the review was June 30, 2014. OPPAGA found that grant recipients and other stakeholders were very satisfied with the grant programs' effectiveness in meeting installation needs. Additionally, OPPAGA concluded that Florida's military and defense support efforts exceed those of other states with a large military presence. See Tab I.

The Task Force published the 2015 Florida Defense Factbook in October 2015 based on the Economic Impact Analysis Study conducted by CareerSource Florida under the leadership of Dr. Rod Lewis. The factbook can be downloaded from the Task Force web site at:

<http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf/resources/>. A copy is enclosed at Tab J.

The Task Force published the 2015 Florida Military Friendly Guide in October 2015 with additions from the 2015 state legislative session. This guide contains a summary of the Florida laws that benefit active duty, National Guard and Reserve service members and their families. It has been distributed throughout the state and to the Florida Congressional delegation. The guide can be downloaded from the Task Force web site at: <http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Military-Friendly-Guide.pdf>. A copy is enclosed at Tab K.

FDSTF 2015 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 2015, In July of 2015, the 4-year terms of the original Task Force appointees terminated. Some members were reappointed and were joined by new members. The non-legislative members' terms will run from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019. Legislative Task Force members will serve until the expiration of their legislative terms and may be reappointed once. The Governor reappointed Major General Joseph Taluto, USA (retired), Major General Michael Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General, and Commissioner Barbara Stewart. The Governor appointed Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, USN (retired) and has designated Representative Dana Young as the 13th member and his representative on the Task Force. The Senate President reappointed both Tom Neubauer and J.R. McDonald to new terms. The Senate President also appointed Senator Garrett Richter and former Senator Mike Bennett to the Task Force. The House Speaker reappointed Brigadier General Chip Diehl, USAF (retired) and Representative Ritch Workman to new terms. The House Speaker appointed Representative Clay Ingram and CW5 Derrick Fritts US Army National Guard as Task Force members. Representative Ritch Workman served as the Chair from December 2014 through June 2015. Senator Garrett Richter assumed the Chairmanship in July 2015. Tom Neubauer was selected to serve as the Vice Chair. See Tab B.

Funding

The FDSTF received an FY 2015-2016 appropriation of \$2 million to protect, preserve, promote and grow Florida military installations and missions. The Task Force may annually utilize up to \$250,000 of funds appropriated for Task Force staffing and administrative expenses. Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) has the role of administrative and logistical support. The Task Force approved the annual budget for FY 15-16. This approved budget and a complete Task Force budget summary including contract obligations are included at the end of this report. See Tab D.

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 in October 2012, again in July 2013, and most recently in March 2015. 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. The Task Force plans to update this plan again in 2016. See Tab C.

Task Force Meetings

January 15, 2015 -- Tallahassee. The Task Force Chairman announced the appointment of Tom Neubauer as the Vice Chair. Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state. John Walsh from the Florida Washington Office provided an update on events/issues in the nation's capital. Secretary Anthony Principi of the Principi Group briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. Kelley Boree from the Department of Environmental Protection gave an update on the acquisition of non-conservation buffering lands. The Task Force reviewed the 2014 Annual Report and approved it for submission to the Governor and Legislature. The Task Force was briefed on the status of cyber initiatives. Heather Cave updated the Task Force on recent actions of the Florida Defense Alliance. Staff provided a legislative update on bills evolving in the Florida Legislature. Staff provided a budget update on the status of contracts and Task Force funds. 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.

February 19, 2015 -- Tallahassee. The New President and CEO of Enterprise Florida, Bill Johnson attended this meeting and addressed the Task Force. Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state. John Walsh from the Florida Washington Office provided an update on events/issues in the nation's capital. Charles Battaglia and MG (ret) Mike Jones of the Principi Group briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Beeker, Commander, Avon Park Air Force Range provided a comprehensive overview of the mission and capabilities of the range. Bobby Carbonell, new Executive Director for Florida is for Veterans, Inc. provided an update on his organization's progress to date. David Clark, Deputy Director of State Lands from the Department of Environmental Protection gave an update on the acquisition of non-conservation buffering lands. Staff presented a draft grant application process for FY 15-16. The Task Force directed staff to make some modifications to this

application and focus grants on the primary mission of protecting Florida's military installations. Staff provided a legislative update on bills evolving in the Florida Legislature. Staff presented a draft meeting schedule for 2015 and the Task Force voted to approve this schedule. Staff provided the recommendations from the recently conducted Best Practices study for consideration. Staff provided a budget update on the status of contracts and Task Force funds. 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.

March 19, 2015 -- Tallahassee.

Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state. Secretary Anthony Principi of the Principi Group and MG (ret) Mike Jones briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. David Clark, Deputy Director of State Lands from the Department of Environmental Protection gave an update on the acquisition of non-conservation buffering lands. Ana Richmond from the Department of Economic Opportunity reviewed the status of non-conservation buffering lands and provided a comprehensive overview of the process by which these properties are prioritized. Staff presented the final version of grant application process for FY 15-16 and the Task Force approved its release. Staff provided a legislative update on bills evolving in the Florida Legislature. Staff presented a proposal to update the Florida Defense Economic Impact Study and publish an updated Defense Factbook. The Task Force voted to authorize staff to compete the study and publish the factbook at a cost up to \$150,000. Staff provided a budget update on the status of contracts and Task Force funds. 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 16, 2015 -- Tallahassee. In the absence of Chair Ritch Workman, Vice Chair Tom Neubauer chaired the meeting. The Task Force held a moment of silence in memory of Task Force member RADM Kevin Delaney who had passed away. Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state. Secretary Anthony Principi of the Principi Group and MG (ret) Mike Jones briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. Chris Hartline, Director of the Florida Washington Office provided an update on event in the nation's capital. Kelley Boree from the Department of Environmental Protection gave an update on the acquisition of non-conservation buffering lands. Colonel (ret) Sal Nodjomian, Executive Vice President of the Matrix Design Group provided a update on public-private partnerships. Staff provided a legislative update on bills moving through the Florida Legislature. Staff provided a budget update on the status of contracts and Task Force funds. Staff presented some budget options for FY 15- 16 in regard to grants funding, the economic impact study and continued advocacy in Washington, DC. 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.

May 21, 2015 -- Tallahassee.

Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state. The Task Force received an update from John Walsh from the state of Florida Washington Office and MG (ret.) Mike Jones from The Principi Group (TPG) concerning military and defense issues at the national level and their projected impacts to Florida. Kelley Boree from the Department of Environmental Protection gave an update on the acquisition of non-conservation buffering lands. LTG (ret) Tom Baptiste,

President/CEO of the National Center for Simulation, provided an update on the acquisition of land and a building that would partially alleviate the office space shortage at Team Orlando. Michelle Dahnke, Deputy Chief Financial Officer briefed the Task Force on Operation Dispatch, a program to streamline training for military-trained firefighters to become Florida-certified firefighters. Staff provided a legislative wrap-up of the 2015 Florida Legislative Session. Staff provided a budget update on the status of contracts and Task Force funds. The Task Force considered 7 applications for FY 2016 funding based on the published FY 2016 Grant Application Process. (Tab D) After reviewing written applications and receiving in-person presentations from applicants, the Task Force decided to fund 4 projects for FY 2016. The projects totaled \$736,310. The grant recipients included Santa Rosa County (\$41,310) Tampa Bay Defense Alliance (\$175,000), Clay County Development Authority (\$400,000), and Bay County (\$120,000). The FY 2016 grant announcement is included at Tab E

July 16, 2015 – Tampa

The new Chair is Senator Garrett Richter. The meeting began with the introduction of members. BG (ret) Chip Diehl welcomed the Task Force to Tampa and introduced Jim Sampey to provide a community briefing on MacDill AFB and the Tampa defense community. Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state. Jan Resch from the Florida Center for Cybersecurity at the University of South Florida briefed the Task Force on state cyber efforts and the mission of her organization. John Walsh from the Florida Washington Office provided an update on event in the nation's capital. Secretary Anthony Principi of the Principi Group and MG (ret) Mike Jones briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. Kelley Boree from the Department of Environmental Protection gave an update on the acquisition of non-conservation buffering lands. Jim Sampey from Veterans Florida provided an update on their progress on attracting veterans to Florida and matching up veterans with employers for jobs. Colonel (ret) Mike Prendergast, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs reported on the successes of veteran-friendly legislation during the 2015 Florida Legislative session. Jim Kuzma from Space Florida provided an update of Florida space launches and events connected to the space program. Staff provided a budget update on the status of contracts and Task Force funds. 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 closed session, Task Force members visited U. S. Central Command and received a detailed briefing on U.S. military operations in the Middle East.

August 20, 2015 – Fort Walton Beach

Congressman Jeff Miller welcomed the Task Force to Ft. Walton Beach and updated the Task Force on events in Congress. Then Colonel (ret) Bob Black provided a detailed briefing on the Air Force installations in NW Florida. Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state. John Walsh from the Florida Washington Office provided an update on events in the nation's capital. MG (ret) Mike Jones briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. Staff provided an update on the Florida Defense Alliance meeting held the day prior with details concerning the progress of the Mission Sustainment Working Group and the Family Support Working Group. Kelley Boree from the Department of Environmental Protection gave an update on the acquisition of non-conservation buffering lands. Dave Robau from the Gulf Coast Energy Network discussed a public-private partnership between Gulf Coast Energy Network and Eglin AFB to develop carbon-neutral energy solutions. Staff briefed the Task Force on financial disclosure exemptions for

base representatives. Staff also distributed copies of the Attorney General's Military Consumer Protection Guide, a booklet to help military members and their families avoid predatory business practices and other deceptive practices. Staff provided a budget update on the status of contracts and Task Force funds. 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 closed session, Task Force members visited Eglin AFB.

September 17, 2015 – St. Augustine

In the absence of Chairman Richter, Vice Chair Tom Neubauer conducted the meeting. Major General Michael A. Calhoun, Florida's Adjutant General welcomed the Task Force to St. Augustine and provided the Task Force a detailed briefing on the Florida National Guard. Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state. John Walsh from the Florida Washington Office provided an update on event in the nation's capital. Secretary Tony Principi and MG (ret) Mike Jones briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. Kelley Boree from the Department of Environmental Protection gave an update on the acquisition of non-conservation buffering lands. Bob Buehn, Commissioner, Florida Military Compact, Interstate Compact Educational Opportunities for Military Children, briefed the Task Force on Florida's participation in the compact. Dr. Rod Lewis, CareerSource Florida, briefed on the draft Defense Economic Impact Study for 2015. The results of his study will be included in the 2015 Florida Defense Factbook to be published within the next month. Staff presented the 2015 Florida Military Friendly Guide – a compilation of Florida laws that benefit military members and their families in Florida. Staff provided a budget update on the status of contracts and Task Force funds. 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.

October 14, 2015 – Conference Call

The Task Force convened a public conference call for the purpose of discussing and voting on a request from Team Orlando for support in their acquisition of additional office space. Over the past two years, the Florida Legislature has appropriated \$28 million to Team Orlando and the National Center for Simulation for the acquisition of a building (Partnership IV building) and land to house both federal and UCF employees. With this purchase, the cost of leased commercial space for the military modeling, simulation and training activity will be greatly reduced. This helps reduce the risk of Team Orlando losing any of their military partners (Army, Air Force, Marines and 9 other federal entities) and subsequent realignment or closure actions under BRAC. Team Orlando generates annually almost \$5 Billion in business in Florida. Task Force support is needed because the Governor and Cabinet will be meeting to consider approval of this acquisition. After discussion, the Task Force voted to support the acquisition of additional office space.

November 19, 2015 – Tallahassee.

Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state. Chris Hartline, Director of the Florida Washington Office provided an update on event in the nation's capital. MG (ret) Mike Jones briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. He was augmented by Secretary Tony Principi who was present on the telephone. Ana Richmond from the Department of Economic Opportunity briefed the Task Force on her department's role in identifying and prioritizing non-conservation buffering lands. David Clark from the

Department of Environmental Protection gave an update on the acquisition of non-conservation buffering lands. LTG (ret) Tom Baptiste, President/CEO of the National Center for Simulation, updated the Task Force on the acquisition of additional office space for Team Orlando. Bill Rabena from the Military Child Education Program provided a briefing on Florida Support for the Military-Connected Children. Ryan Orndorff, Deputy Director, Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program briefed the Task Force on the Sentinel Landscapes program. Joe Marino provided an update on the activities and progress of Veterans Florida. Staff provided a short summary of the recent OPPAGA report on the Task Force. (See Tab I) Staff provided a budget update on the status of contracts and Task Force funds. The Task Force voted to approve the proposed budget for FY 15-16 and gave guidance to prepare a budget for FY 16-17. 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.

Activities/Achievements

Task Force's activities and achievements for 2015 include:

1. New Task Force members and reappointed members assuming duties in July 2015. New Task Force Chair, Senator Garrett Richter assumed duties in July 2015.
2. The Task Force awarded 4 grants for FY 2016 grants totaling \$736,310.
3. The Florida Defense Support Task Force maintains an updated web site: www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf
4. The Principi Group conducted visits to military installations in conjunction with Task Force meetings. They visited NSA Orlando, MacDill AFB, Homestead ARB, Eglin AFB, Patrick AFB, Cape Canaveral AFS, Camp Blanding, Corry Station, NAS Pensacola, Avon Park Air Force Range, Tyndall AFB and US SOUTHCOM during 2015. 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. 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 continued their advocacy efforts on behalf of Florida's military installations throughout 2015. In November, the Task Force unanimously voted to sustain the effort and continue the advocacy contract in 2016. The Principi Group 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 and distributed the 2015 Florida Military Friendly Guide summarizing programs and benefits for active duty, National Guard and Reserve service members and families in October. An electronic, searchable version of the guide is available for downloading on the Task Force web site at <http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Military-Friendly-Guide.pdf> See Tab K.

7. The Task Force published and distributed the 2015 Florida Defense Factbook based on the extensive new Economic Impact Study conducted by CareerSource Florida. See Tab J.
8. The Task Force conducted the August 2015 meeting in coordination with the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) to ensure the voice of local defense communities are considered and included in Task Force decisions.
9. The Task Force continued to work all military issues closely with the state of Florida Washington Office and the Florida Congressional delegation.
10. The Task Force updated the Florida Defense Support Task Force Strategic Plan for 2015. See Tab C.
11. The Task Force approved the budget for FY 2015-2016.
12. The Task Force supported the military friendly legislation.

State Legislative Issues

The 2015 Florida legislative session initiated several actions which affected the statutory mission of the Task Force. Below is a listing of budget issues and legislation initiated or supported by the Florida Defense Support Task Force that passed the Florida Legislature and was signed into law by Governor Scott:

Budget: Florida Defense Support Task Force Budget for FY 2015 - 2016 -- \$2,000,000.

Legislation:

HB 27 --Relating to Driver Licenses & Identification Cards

The bill provides for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to accept a military personnel identification card as proof of a social security card number during the application process to acquire a driver license or identification card. The bill further authorizes DHSMV to replace the veteran designation "V" with the word "Veteran" exhibited on the driver license or identification card of a veteran who qualifies and chooses to have such designation. The replacement of the "V" with the word "Veteran" will apply upon implementation of new designs for the driver license and identification card by DHSMV. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

SB 184 -- Relating to Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot

Authorizes absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters to use the federal write-in absentee ballot in any state or local election; prohibiting the supervisor of elections from canvassing federal write-in absentee ballots from overseas voters in certain elections until 10 days after the date of the election. This allows absent uniformed services and overseas voters to use a FWAB as a "back-up" ballot for all federal, state, and local elections. The bill also delays the canvassing of a FWAB until 10 days after the presidential preference primary or general election. This will allow the voter's official absentee ballot to be canvassed (in lieu of a FWAB) if it is received during that 10-day window. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

HB 185 -- Relating to Public Records/Active Duty Servicemembers and Families

The bill provides a public records exemption for military servicemembers and veterans, and their family members. Specifically, the bill creates a public records exemption for the identification and location information of current or former active duty servicemembers of the United States (U.S.) Armed Forces, their reserve components, or the National Guard who served after September 11, 2001, and their spouses and dependents. In order for the exemption to apply, the current or former servicemember must submit to the custodial agency a written request and a written statement that reasonable efforts had been made to protect the identification and location information from being accessible through other means available to the public. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

HB 277 -- Relating to Public Lodging Establishments

The bill provides that a public lodging establishment classified as a hotel, motel, or bed and breakfast inn is required to waive any minimum age policy it may have that restricts accommodations to individuals based on age for individuals who are currently on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, Reserve Forces, or Coast Guard and who present a valid military identification card. Effective date: July 1, 2015

HB 361 -- Relating to Military Housing Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions

The bill recognizes in statute that leaseholds and improvements constructed and used to provide housing pursuant to the federal Military Housing Privatization Initiative (Housing Initiative) on land owned by the federal government are exempt from ad valorem taxation. Florida law provides an exemption from ad valorem taxation for property owned by the United States. This exemption specifically applies to leasehold interests in property owned by the United States government when the lessee serves or performs a governmental, municipal or public purpose or function. Federal law also recognizes the immunity of property of the United States from ad valorem taxation. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

SB 7028 -- Relating to Educational Opportunities for Veterans

This bill amends the Congressman C.W. —BI” Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Program to allow additional persons to be eligible for the out-of-state tuition fee waiver currently afforded to honorably discharged veterans residing in Florida and enrolled in a state university, Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district, or charter technical career center. The bill requires a state university, Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district, or charter technical career center to waive out-of-state fees for any person who is receiving educational assistance through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and who physically resides in Florida while enrolled in the institution. **This addition allows individuals, such as a spouse or child of a veteran or servicemember using GI Bill benefits, to qualify for in-state tuition rates.** Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Defense Grants Budget:

Military Base Protection -- \$150,000.

Defense Infrastructure -- \$1,600,000.

Defense Reinvestment --- \$850,000.

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.

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.

In May, the Task Force considered 6 applications for FY 2015 funding. After reviewing written applications and receiving in-person presentations from applicants, the Task Force decided to fund 4 projects for FY 2016. The projects totaled \$736,310. The grant recipients included Bay County, Santa Rosa County, Clay County and the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance. The FY 2016 grant announcement is included at Tab E.

FDSTF 2016 Work Plan

Florida Statute 288.987 requires the Task Force to submit a work plan (along with the annual progress report) to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each February 1st.

Work Plan for 2016

During 2016, 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 in person on the third Thursday of every other month throughout 2016. The Task Force will meet via conference call and webinar during the off months. When possible, meetings will be held in various locations around the state and may include base visitations.

First Quarter

January – March 2016

- The Task Force will review and approve the Annual Report for submission to the Governor and Legislature.
- Task Force will monitor progress on legislative initiatives that support the Task Force mission. Legislative session runs from January – March 2016.
- 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 2016

- The Task Force will review and consider annual grant requests for financial resource support to enhance local efforts to protect military installations.
- The Task Force will announce annual grant awards.
- 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 2016 session.

Third Quarter

July – September 2016

- The Task Force will prepare a budget and legislative slate for 2017. 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 publish a new version of the Florida Military-Friendly Guide and distribute it statewide.

Fourth Quarter

October – December 2016

- The Task Force will refine evolving budget and legislative issues.
- The Task Force will evaluate the impacts of the 2016 federal and state elections regarding Florida's military installations and missions.

APPENDIX – TABS

A Governing Statutes -- Florida Statute 288.987/ 288.985

B Membership of the Task Force and Support Staff

C Current Task Force Strategic Plan

D FY 2016 Task Force Grant Funding Application Process

E Announcement of FY 2015- 2016 Grant Awards

F 2012 - 2015 Task Force Successes

G Financial Report

H Summary of Progress of Task Force Grant Award Contracts

I 2015 OPPAGA Report

J 2015 Florida Military Friendly Guide

K 2015 Florida Defense 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 (January – June 2015)

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 (through March)
Major General Michael A. Calhoun, U.S. Army, The Adjutant General of Florida
Commissioner Barbara Stewart

Senate President Appointees

James Montgomerie
Brigadier General Thomas Patterson Maney, U.S. Army Reserve, Retired
J.R. McDonald
Tom Neubauer

House Speaker Appointees

Representative Ritch Workman – Chairman: December 2014 – June 2015.
Brigadier General Arthur F. Diehl, III, U.S. Air Force, Retired
Representative Clay Ingram
Ed Naggiar

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
Marcy Sanders, Administrative Assistant, Enterprise Florida

Membership of the Task Force and Support Staff (July – December 2015)

(Note: Task Force member terms of non-legislative members run from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019.
Legislative Task Force members will serve until the end of their elected terms and may be reappointed once.)

Governor Appointees

Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, U.S. Navy, Retired
Major General Joseph Taluto, U.S. Army, Retired
Major General Michael A. Calhoun, U.S. Army, The Adjutant General of Florida
Commissioner Barbara Stewart

Senate President Appointees

Senator Garrett Richter – Chairman: July 2015 -- Present
Former Senator Mike Bennett
J.R. McDonald
Tom Neubauer

House Speaker Appointees

Representative Ritch Workman – Chairman: December 2014 – July 2015.
Brigadier General Arthur F. Diehl, III, U.S Air Force, Retired
Representative Clay Ingram
CW5 Derrick Fritts

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
Marcy Sanders, Administrative Assistant, Enterprise Florida



Florida

Defense Support Task Force

Strategic Plan

2012 – 2016

Updated as of: March 19, 2015

Florida Defense Support Task Force

Strategic Plan 2012-2016

March 19, 2015

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 consistent 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 and state agencies 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 Ritch Workman – Chairman

Vice Chairman -- Tom Neubauer

Representative Dana Young

Representative Clay Ingram

Major General Emmett Titshaw, 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, U.S. Army, Retired

J. R. McDonald

Dr. Ed Naggiar

James Montgomerie

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

Marcy Sanders, U.S. Navy, Retired

Camila Hornung

Short-Term Strategic Goals

Implement an aggressive advocacy and action plan based on the recommendations in the 2012 Spectrum Group analysis and updates based on recent installation visits. 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.
 - Delegate authority to operate the range's uncontrolled airfield to lower level – ideally to Wing Commander Level.
 - Advocate for smart range infrastructure investment including adding electronic warfare training capability, increasing ability to support 5th/6th generation aircraft training, and enhancing ability to host deployed units with shower facilities and munitions storage.
 - Encourage establishing a liaison with the US Navy to facilitate increased use.
 - Encourage the Air Force to include Avon Park Range in the –Southeast Range” concept.

- **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.
 - Promote the value of the Joint Training Center to national level entities (NGB, DOD, DHS NORTHCOM, SOUTHCOM, SOCOM, and CENTCOM).

- **Corry Station --** Advocate bringing additional mission/workload to the Center for Information Dominance.

- **Eglin Air Force Base –**
 - Maintain Air Force Weapon Research, Acquisition, Development, Test and Evaluation functions, synergies and capabilities.
 - Support federal legislation to manage/control structures being built in the coastal waters to protect the Gulf Range Complex.
 - Encourage DOD to achieve 59 F-35 aircraft at Eglin.
 - Encourage the Air Force to include Eglin AFB range space in the –Southeast Range” concept.
 - Strengthen support for DOD and USAF Community Partnership Programs and provide communities adequate support and funding to fully support partnerships.

- Support elements of the January 2014 USAF Report to Congressional Committees, 2025 Air Test and Training Range Enhancement Plan that support regional and state installations and test ranges.
 - Advocate for dedicated test F-35's for 96th TW at Eglin AFB.
 - Advocate for transformation of the Eglin Test & Training Complex (ETTC) into a 5th Generation Range that provides operationally realistic environments for full scale test and training for 5th Generation Aircraft and Air Armament to include Integrated Air Defense Systems (IADS) capabilities.
 - Enable expanded utilization of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico (NW Florida down to Keys) test and training mission profiles.
 - Advocate for the establishment of a hypersonic weapons corridor.
 - Advocate for federal implementation of the Gulf Regional Airspace Strategic Initiative (GRASI) Landscape Initiative.
 - Support the current Military Mission Line.
- **Homestead Air Reserve Base –**
- Advocate restoring the hydrant system from the tank farm to the ramp; making the system useful and developing a means to keep the base “warm” for contingency operations.
 - Support inclusion of Homestead ARB into DOD/SOUTHCOM, NORTHCOM and TRANSCOM contingency planning.
- **Hurlburt Field –**
 - Resolve pavement condition issues, especially the asphalt portion of Taxiway G and a portion of the C-130 transport aircraft apron.
 - Encourage a strategy to insure the SOW has ample access to Range Facilities.
 - Advocate for upgrades and recapitalization of aircraft at Hurlburt Field.
- **125th Fighter Wing at Jacksonville International Airport –**
 - Establish an “Active-Associate” unit at the Jacksonville Air National Guard Base.
 - Build a new Base fire station.
 - Support F-35 joint strike fighter basing at this site.
 - Advocate for sustainment of Air National Guard units and resourcing levels at the base.
- **MacDill Air Force Base –**
 - Champion readiness, capacity, capability of MacDill AFB to increase Air Refueling Mission force structure to include bed down of new KC-46 tanker
 - Support expansion of Tinker School to K-8 (add Middle School) – advocating to DOD the building of Middle School campus.

- Advocate for infrastructure improvements in support of US Central Command, US Special Operations Command, and the Air Refueling Wings.
 - Monitor construction of facilities for bed down of helicopters from US Army Reserve 159th Aviation Regiment.
- **Naval Air Station Jacksonville –**
 - Increase awareness by Naval Aviation leadership of the importance and efficiencies of the Fleet Readiness Center, Jacksonville.
 - Advocate for sustained workload for the Fleet Readiness Center Southeast.
 - Monitor the P-8A Poseidon aircraft squadrons and the Triton UAS and encourage the Navy to stay the course in both programs.
- **Naval Air Station Key West –**
 - Improve the outreach effort regarding Naval Air Station Key West’s important security role and unique capabilities.
 - Support transfer of Truman Annex land parcel to NAS Key West to improve base access and security.
 - Raise visibility and encourage a solution to the enlisted housing problem.
- **Naval Station Mayport –**
 - Continue to advocate for nuclear aircraft carrier homeport.
 - Seek US Coast Guard ship basing.
 - Increase the perception of strategic value of NS Mayport; monitor the number of ships home ported at Mayport and to ensure future stationing plans stay on track.
- **Naval Support Activity Panama City –**
 - Assist NSA Panama City in seeking renewable energy project to reduce energy costs.
 - Advocate for expanded berthing capability at NSA-PC suitable for Littoral Combat Ships (LCS).
 - Support federal legislation to prevent potential encroachment in the Gulf Range.
 - Advocate for continued Navy emphasis on mine and littoral warfare, and Littoral Combat Ship development.
- **Patrick Air Force Base –**
 - Pursue programs to develop sites suitable for mission expansion.
 - Advocate for increased commercial space launch efforts.
 - Monitor proposed XY Building funding and advocate for its inclusion in the Appropriations Bill, and encourage the Air Force to fund the equipment for the XY building on an aggressive time line.
 - Advocate for aircraft recapitalization for CSAR unit based at Patrick AFB.

- **Saufley Field** – Advocate implementing Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) or other agreement where the community can use portions of Saufley Field for commercial activities.
- **Space Florida** – Assist Space Florida in identifying DoD transition mechanisms that might be useful to NASA.
- **Team Orlando** –
 - Retain Team Orlando.
 - Assist Metro Orlando Defense Task Force (MODTF) in further development and execution of the strategic plan and communications plan to retain Team Orlando.
 - Advocate informing senior Service and Joint leadership on Team Orlando’s capabilities and solidifying support for modeling and simulation synergy.
 - Continue to publicize the Florida efforts to secure the expansion and reduce the lease costs to Team Orlando and the Research Park with DoD, principally Army, leaders.
- **Tyndall Air Force Base** –
 - Advocate for Tyndall’s tenant commands including the Air and Space Operations Center.
 - Advocate for increased missions/aircraft.
 - Leverage Tyndall’s 5th generation facilities, culture and airspace to efficiently bed down additional operational F-22 aircraft.
 - Raise awareness of the multi-faceted role of 1st Air Force & the 601st Air and Space Operations Center in US National Security and Civil Authorities missions.
 - Advocate for growth in the core missions of AFCEC TAFB as AFIMSC evolves in 2015.
 - Support federal legislation to prevent potential encroachment in the Gulf Range.
 - Ensure successful completion of AF property disposition and support application of the funds for base buffering initiatives.

State Level -- (Alphabetical Order by Installation):

- **Camp Blanding Joint Training Center** –
 - 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.
- **125th Fighter Wing at Jacksonville International Airport** – 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.
 - Promote and support engagement campaign to raise senior DOD, Service and Joint leadership of MacDill’s operational readiness and capacity in support of national security interests.
- **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 or development rights adjacent to NS Mayport to prevent encroachment.
 - Support stationing of Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) at NS Mayport.
- **Naval Support Activity Panama City** –
 - Protect Navy ranges used for Research, Development, Test, Evaluation and training in Florida’s littoral waters.
 - 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.
 - Support local activities to enable berthing capability of Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) at NSA Panama City.

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. . Monitor actions and potential actions within the DOD and in Congress that could affect Florida’s military presence, and adapt the strategic plan to take appropriate action to encourage maintenance and growth of the military presence in Florida.
3. 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:
 - Protect all Florida ranges.
 - Providing support for acquisition of land or development rights 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 through public-private partnerships.
 - 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. Coordinate with and support Florida Is For Veterans, Inc. to help Florida veterans decide to settle in Florida.
- 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
- CareerSource 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 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 family support 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 2016 Funding Application Process

Florida Defense Support Task Force

FY 2016 Grant Funding

Application Process – March 20, 2015

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.

Criteria

- A. The FDSTF will consider providing resources only for initiatives which directly support preserving, protecting and enhancing Florida's military installations. Projects must directly improve the military value of the installation.**
- B. Projects must have a clearly defined, measurable outcome in support of the Task Force mission of protecting military installations in Florida.
- C. Projects should be able to be accomplished within one year of contracting. If the project is expected to take longer than one year to complete, then the applicant should justify the longer time period.

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), a Budget and Financial Report Form (Attachment B) and a Plan of Action Form (Attachment C) to the Task Force Executive Director with CC to Camila Hornung, Grants Coordinator, electronically no later than 4:00 PM EDT on April 24, 2015.
- B. When scheduled, the applicant must present the project proposal to the full FDSTF.
- C. Approval requires a majority vote of eligible FDSTF members.

Previous Grant Recipients

- A. Previous grant recipients are eligible to apply for FY 2016 grants.
- B. FY 2014 Task Force grant recipients are not eligible to apply for FY 2016 grants unless they have expended at least 50% of their funds from their FY 2014 grant.

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 the applicant and Enterprise Florida, Inc. 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. The contract manager will be Camila Hornung, Grants Coordinator.
- C. Payments will be made on a reimbursement basis, in accordance with the contracted performance and reporting timeline.
- D. Contracts will commence at the beginning of the state fiscal year – July 1st – or as soon thereafter as possible.

Reporting Requirements

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

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 with CC to the Task Force Grants Coordinator.
- B. Applicants must submit a quote to be used in a possible press release announcing the grant award.
- C. No later than May 7, 2015, the Task Force Executive Director will notify the applicant to appear at the May 21, 2015 FDSTF meeting to make an in-person presentation.
- D. 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.
- E. Presentations are limited to a maximum of 15 minutes.
- F. 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.
- G. Funding for 2016 Task Force grants will be contingent on the state of Florida budget.
- H. If you have applied for an Enterprise Florida Defense Grant, either Defense Infrastructure Grant (DIG) or Defense Reinvestment Grant (DRG), then you must indicate that on your application and clearly differentiate it from the Task Force grant application.

Florida Defense Support Task Force FY 2016 Grants Timeline

March 20, 2015	Release of FY 2016 Grant Funding Application.
April 24, 2015	Deadline for Task Force grant application submissions.
April 27-30, 2015	Staff reviews all applications for eligibility.
May 7, 2015	Staff provides TF Members all applications for review
May 7 - 21, 2015	Task Force members review applications.
May 21, 2015	Eligible grant applicant oral presentations in Tallahassee. TF votes to decide final recipients and amounts for FY 2016 grants.
TBD	Task Force FY 2016 grants announced.

Points of Contact:

Bruce Grant, Executive Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force, Telephone (850) 878-0826
Email: bgrant@eflorida.com
Camila Hornung, Grants Coordinator, Florida Defense Support Task Force, Telephone (850) 878-4578
Email: chornung@eflorida.com

Florida Defense Support Task Force Web Site: <http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf/>

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. Task Force Sponsor:

4. Enterprise Florida Defense Grant (DIG or DIG) Requested: Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please explain how this grant request differs from DIG/DRG.

5. 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 7/19/13.

Clearly defined, measurable outcome.

6. 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. Performance measures

f. Budget and Financial Reporting form (Attachment B)

g. Plan of Action form (Attachment C)

7. Funding requested from the Florida Defense Support Task Force:

Total request:

8. Project relation to other local/state/federal budgets:

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

9. Amounts of other leveraged funding/ contributions:

Federal _____ State _____

Local _____ Private _____

Other _____

10. Estimated length of project:

Start date _____ End date _____

(Note: Projects should be able to be accomplished within one year of contracting. If the project is expected to take longer than one year to complete, then the applicant should justify the longer time period.)

11. Suggested Quote to be Used in Press Release Announcing Grants:

Attachment B: Budget and Financial Report Form

FY 2015-2016 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:									
Activity 2:									
Task/Purchase									
Activity 3:									
Activity 4:									
Task/Purchase									
Activity 5:									
Activity 6:									
TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES									

Attachment C: Plan of Action Form

FY 2015-2016 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 E Announcement of FY 2016 Task Force Grant Awards



Florida Defense Support Task Force

June 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Announcement of FY 2015- 2016 Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Awards

The Florida Defense Support Task Force met on May 21, 2015 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 seven applications submitted for funding from the Florida Defense Support Task Force for FY 2015- 2016, the Task Force approves the 4 applicants listed below to receive grant awards.

Applicant	Project	Award
Bay County	Conduct feasibility study of dredging at Naval Support Activity(NSA) Panama City to facilitate berthing of Littoral Combat Ships (LCS)	\$120,000
Santa Rosa County	Prepare updated land acquisition study and complete phased plan to limit encroachment at Naval Air Station Whiting Field.	\$41,310
Clay County Development Authority	Acquire 420 acres adjacent to Camp Blanding to prevent encroachment	\$400,000
Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	Execute plan to champion MacDill AFB and build strong community relationships with the base to protect it from closure	\$175,000
	TOTAL	\$736,310

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ritch Workman".

Representative Ritch Workman
 Chairman, Florida Defense Support Task Force



Florida Defense Support Task Force: Successes 2012 - 2015

December 2, 2015

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 – 2015:

1. Organized as a Task Force, conducted monthly meetings and visited military bases around the state.
2. Developed and implemented a long range strategic plan to guide Task Force actions to protect, preserve and enhance Florida's military installations. This plan updated annually.
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. Established a web site to disseminate military and defense-related information and established a system of weekly updates to keep members current on events and activities impacting Florida's military installations.
5. Contracted with The Principi Group to advocate in Washington, DC on behalf of Florida's military installations in conjunction with the Florida Congressional delegation and the Governor's Washington office. The Principi Group has been effective in the Pentagon and on Capitol Hill in gaining visibility on Florida's military and defense issues as well as providing tremendous assistance to Florida's local defense communities during their annual visits to Washington.
6. The Principi Group continues to conduct a series of follow up visits to Florida's military installations to update the original Spectrum Group assessment and remain current on issues faced by the installation commanders. Additionally, The Principi Group met with local defense leaders to receive community input on issues impacting the installations.

7. Published 2015 –Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis” and the resultant 2015 Florida Defense Factbook and other marketing materials to educate and raise awareness of the economic impact of the military and defense industry to Florida’s economy.
8. Published the 2015 Florida Military Friendly Guide, a handbook of state programs and laws that benefit military members and their families stationed in Florida.
9. Awarded 36 Task Force grants totaling \$8.05 million to local defense communities across the state to enhance the military value of Florida bases.
10. Supported military-friendly state legislation including:
 - Establishing a funded program to acquire non-conservation buffering lands adjacent to military installations.
 - Extending voter registration for deployed military members.
 - Providing continued Florida participation in the Interstate Compact for Military Children.
 - Providing write in absentee ballots for all state and local elections for deployed service members.
 - Allowing military spouses/dependents to keep their state of residence driver licenses while stationed in Florida.
 - Allowing automatic extensions for military spouse/dependent driver licenses while stationed outside of Florida.
 - Providing a waiver of minimum age requirements for service members at hotels.
 - Allowing out-of-state college tuition rates for the spouse and children of service members.
 - Allowing certain persons with disabilities to receive Medicaid home and community-based services if parent or legal guardian is an active duty military service member.
11. The Florida Defense Support Task Force has received tremendous support and significant funding from the Governor and Legislature since its inception in 2011.

Point of Contact: Bruce Grant, Executive Staff Director
Tel (850) 878-0826 Email: bgrant@eflorida.com

December 2, 2015

TAB G Financial Report

Florida Defense Support Task Force Budget Summary -- As of December 31, 2015

FY 2015/2016 Total Program

Year	Carried Fwd from Previous Yrs	Appropriated	Total Funds for FY 15/16	Spent as of: 12/31/2015	Available Balance
FY 2015/2016		2,000,000			
Program	5,695,701	1,750,000	7,445,701	1,194,735	6,250,966
Administrative	82,963	250,000	332,963	131,937	201,026
Total	5,778,664	2,000,000	7,778,664	1,326,672	6,451,992

FY 2014 Contract Expenditures

Contractor	Contract Amount	Reimbursed to Date	Obligated Funds Remaining	Unobligated Funds Remaining
The Principi Group (through Dec 2015)	1,800,000	1,725,000	75,000	
The Principi Group: 2 projects	129,850	129,850	-	
National Center for Simulation	350,000	101,579	248,421	
Clay County (air space)	474,000	474,000	-	
City of Niceville	25,000	25,000	-	
Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	225,000	225,000	-	
Bay County	500,000	-	500,000	
Clay County (mass notification system)	255,000	255,000	-	
Okaloosa County	195,000	172,708	-	
Florida 8 (a) Alliance	150,000	113,658	36,342	
Florida Great NW	50,000	50,000	-	
			-	
Total	4,153,850	3,271,794	859,764	-

Appropriations

FY 11 - 12	\$5 million
FY 12 - 13	\$2 million
FY 13 - 14	\$4 million
FY 14 - 15	\$3.5 million
FY 15 - 16	\$2 million

Available Balance	6,451,992
FY 13 Obl Funds Remain	71,470
FY 14 Obl Funds Remain	859,764
FY 15 Obl Funds Remain	2,272,595
FY 16 Obl Funds Remain	736,310
FY 16 Unobl Funds Remain	-
TF Funds Available	2,511,853
Admin	201,026
Program	2,310,827

**Florida Defense Support Task Force
Budget Summary (cont.) --As of: December 31, 2015**

FY 2015 Contract Expenditures

Contractor	Contract Amount	Reimbursed to Date	Obligated Funds Remaining	Unobligated Funds Remaining
Santa Rosa County	20,654	-	20,654	
Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	150,000	81,249	68,751	
Polk County	500,000	-	500,000	
Clay County Development Authority	400,000	-	400,000	
National Center for Simulation	240,000	-	240,000	
EDC of Okaloosa County	285,000	144,996	140,004	
Bay County	200,000	-	200,000	
Space Florida	38,500	-	38,500	
Florida 8 (a) Alliance	100,000	31,349	68,651	
Air Force Enlisted Village	135,000	135,000	-	
Florida Great NW	25,000	25,000		
Career Source Gulf Coast	150,000	4,236	145,764	
University of West Florida	350,000	64,529	285,471	
City of Key West	100,000	-	100,000	
Workforce Florida - Economic Impact Study for 2016 Factbook	81,000	16,200	64,800	
TOTAL	2,775,154	502,559	2,272,595	-

**Florida Defense Support Task Force
Budget Summary (cont.) -- As of: December 31, 2015**

FY 2016 Contract Expenditures

Contractor	Contract Amount	Reimbursed to Date	Obligated Funds Remaining	Unobligated Funds Remaining
Bay County	120,000		120,000	-
Santa Rosa County	41,310		41,310	
Clay County Development Authority	400,000		400,000	
Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	175,000		175,000	
Total	736,310	-	736,310	-

Approved Florida Defense Support Task Force FY 2015 – 2016 Budget

	FY 2015/16
Revenues	
Program Revenues	
Program Appropriation	1,750,000.00
Carry-Forward Program	555,846.00
Total Program Revenues	2,305,846.00
Administrative Revenues	
Administrative Appropriation	250,000.00
Carry-Forward Administrative	82,962.52
Total Administrative Revenues	332,962.52
Expenses	
Program Expenses	
¹ Advocacy	900,000.00
² Defense Supply Chain Study	200,000.00
Military-Friendly Guide 2016	2,725.00
Local Grant Program	736,310.00
³ Reserve	466,811.00
Total Program Expenses	2,305,846.00
Administrative Expenses	
Executive Director Contract	84,000.00
⁴ Staff Salaries & Benefits	110,890.00
⁵ Task Force Meetings	55,110.00
Total Administrative Expenses	250,000.00

Footnotes:

- 1 Existing 2-year advocacy contract with the Principi Group ends December 31, 2015. Budget is for 12 monthly payment of \$75,000.
- 2 Study requirement development underway.
- 3 Reserve is to ensure adequate funds available for out-of-cycle grants or other Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) short-fused responses, or any adjustments directed at today's meeting. Staff will develop a reserve budget for future consideration.
- 4 Line for two salaried staff. (Grants Manager, Administrative Staff)
- 5 Line includes travel, venue expense, A/V contractor, and other meeting cost as required for approximately 8 meetings.
- 6 Approved by unanimous vote of the Florida Defense Support Task Force at a publicly-noticed meeting held on November 19, 2015

TAB H Summary of Progress of Task Force Grant Award Contracts

Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Program – Narrative Report

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 assist accomplishment of the mission of the Task Force. This narrative report provides quarterly updates on all open Task Force grants or contracts awarded in FY 12-13, FY 13-14, FY 14-15, and FY 15-16.

Funding Request Summary -- As of: December 31, 2015 for Task Force Grant Activity

Grant Closed Not Executed

1. Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 12-13

Grant # End Date Award Amount	Grantee	Status/Progress
13-02 06/30/15 \$350,000	(FY 12-13) National Center for Simulation (Orlando) – Threat mitigation plan	Project completed as of 06/05/1. \$0.15 reverted back to the Task Force control. <u>Grant closed.</u>
13-03 04/17/14 \$100,000	(FY 12-13) Florida 8 A Alliance – Support veteran and defense small businesses	Project completed as of 04/17/1. \$300.56 reverted back to the Task Force control. <u>Grant closed.</u>
13-05 03/31/15 \$500,000	(FY 12-13) Highlands County – Acquire land or easements to prevent encroachment at Avon Park Range	Project completed as of 04/14/15. All grant funds expended.

		<u>Grant closed.</u>
13-06 04/30/14 \$160,000	(FY 12-13) Santa Rosa County – Build a fence to separate NAS Whiting Field from the Whiting Aviation Park.	Project completed as of 04/07/14. \$30,600 reverted back to the Task Force control. <u>Grant closed.</u>
13-07 01/31/15 \$130,000	(FY 12-13) Tampa Bay Defense Alliance (TBDA)– Establish cohesive organization	Project completed as of 01/31/15. \$769.37 reverted back to the Task Force control. <u>Grant closed.</u>
13-08 06/23/14 \$225,000	(FY 12-13) The Andrews Institute – Provide treatment for special operations wounded warriors	Completed treatment for 50 wounded warriors for an average of 5 weeks per participant as of 12/31/13. All grant funds expended. <u>Grant closed.</u>
13-10 05/11/15 \$200,000	(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	Project completed as of 5/11/15. \$28,474.23 reverted back to the Task Force control. <u>Grant closed.</u>
13-11 12/11/14 \$250,000	(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	Project completed as of 11/07/14. \$318.00 reverted back to the Task Force control. <u>Grant closed.</u>

2. Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 13-14

Grant # End Date Award Amount	Grantee	Status/Progress
14-02 7/31/15 \$474,000	(FY 13-14) Clay County Development Authority – Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC) – Airspace Control System	Project completed as of 7/31/15. All grant funds expended. <u>Grant closed.</u>
14-03 03/12/15 \$255,000	(FY 13-14) Clay County Development Authority – Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC) – Mass Warning and Notification System	The installation of mass notification system was completed on 07/08/14. All grant funds expended. <u>Grant closed</u>
14-04 01/23/15 \$25,000	(FY 13-14) City of Niceville – Implementation of 2009 Eglin AFB Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Recommendations	Project completed as of 03/19/15. All grant funds expended. <u>Grant closed.</u>

<p>14-05 06/30/16 \$500,000</p>	<p>(FY 13-14) Economic Development Alliance of Bay County (BayEDA) – LambdaRail Expansion Project</p>	<p>Delay in expending funds because they are currently in the process of identifying potential match funding sources required for the implementation of the LambdaRail. The Bay Technology Initiative (BTI) has applied for Bay County RESTORE Act funding to request funding for implementation of the project, to supplement the FDSTF funding. BTI stakeholders are encouraged that this project was ranked first by the Bay County RESTORE committee when presented to the Bay County Commission in June.</p> <p>The Bay County Commission is in the process of evaluating project prioritization and seeking supplemental funding for projects included in the list. Bay County is not planning to submit the RESTORE grant application to the U.S. Treasury, which administers RESTORE funding, until Fall 2015, therefore, BTI may not hear the results of this until late 2015/early 2016. As a result, Bay EDA will be requesting a second contract extension.</p> <p><u>The Economic Development Alliance of Bay County’s request to extend the 01/13/14 end date of this contract was approved with a new end date of June 30, 2016.</u></p>
<p>14-06 12/31/15 \$350,000</p>	<p>(FY 13-14) National Center for Simulation – Threat mitigation plan</p>	<p>Negotiations are completed on the acquisition of the first office building. The Metro Orlando Defense Task Force (MODTF) anticipates once this property is acquired options for acquisition of additional office space will become much clearer as land and property owners in the Research Park see the community is serious about moving their Federal Government tenants out of high priced commercial office space.</p> <p><u>The National Center for Simulation’s request to extend the 04/01/14 end date of this contract was approved with a new end date of December 31, 2015.</u></p>
<p>14-08 05/31/15 \$225,000</p>	<p>(FY 13-14) Tampa Bay Defense Alliance – Develop a strategic campaign championing MacDill AFB</p>	<p>Project completed as of 05/31/15.</p> <p>\$1,357.95 reverted back to the Task Force control.</p> <p><u>Grant closed.</u></p>
<p>14-09 5/31/15 \$150,000</p>	<p>(FY 13-14) Florida 8 A Alliance – Support veteran and defense small businesses</p>	<p>In the process of reviewing final report documents to close out grant.</p>
<p>14-10 05/30/15 \$195,000</p>	<p>(FY 13-14) Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County – Tri-County Community Partnership Initiative (TCPI)</p>	<p>Project completed as of 05/30/15.</p> <p>\$22,291.54 reverted back to the Task Force control.</p> <p><u>Grant closed.</u></p>

14-11 04/24/15 \$50,000	(FY 13-14) Florida's Great Northwest – Five County Marketing Diversification Plan	Project completed as of 03/19/15. \$0.04 reverted back to the Task Force control. <u>Grant closed.</u>

3. Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 14-15

Grant # End Date Award Amount	Grantee	Status/Progress
15-01 04/06/16 \$400,000	(FY 14-15) Clay County Development Authority – Purchase of 159 acres adjacent to Camp Blanding to provide buffer from incompatible land development and encroachment	Land purchase negotiated and agreements have been reached. Due to land purchase exceeding appraised value, the Suwanee River Management District will not be taking ownership of the property; however, they are conducting the purchase as planned. The Clay County Board of County Commissioners will be taking ownership of the property and the negotiated contract will be between the Clay County BCC and the property owner. Environmental due diligence is being conducted on the subject property. The contract is pending signature. A closing date has not yet been set. <u>The Clay County Development Authority's request to extend the 01/7/16 end date of this contract was approved with a new end date of April 6, 2016.</u>
15-02 01/23/16 \$150,000	(FY 14-15) Tampa Bay Defense Alliance – Execute strategic plan (MacDill 2025) to champion MacDill AFB	Held Board of Directors meeting during this period. Held two follow-up meetings regarding the engagement strategy to build awareness and familiarity with influencers of MacDill capabilities. The My MacDill Community Pride Campaign is now averaging over 3.1 million impressions per month through the efforts of the Tampa International Airport.

<p>15-03 08/31/16 \$350,000</p>	<p>(FY 14-15) University of West Florida – Implement program to identify and train military and veterans in information technology and cybersecurity skills</p>	<p>Completed the report, <i>From Workforce Analysis to Program Completion</i>, to fine-tune the complement of Information Technology and Cybersecurity-related programs and development of collateral materials, marketing materials, and web presence. Course design, development and implementation continue and work should be completed in early Spring semester, 2016.</p> <p><u>The University of West Florida’s request to extend the 01/0716 end date of this contract was approved with a new end date of August 31, 2016.</u></p>
<p>15-04 06/30/16 \$240,000</p>	<p>(FY 14-15) National Center for Simulation – Implement strategic plan to retain Team Orlando and address office space shortage</p>	<p>Negotiations are completed on the acquisition of the first office building. The Metro Orlando Defense Task Force (MODTF) anticipates once this property is acquired options for acquisition of additional office space will become much clearer as land and property owners in the Research Park see the community is serious about moving their Federal Government tenants out of high priced commercial office space.</p> <p>The MODTF estimates they will close out DTF 14-06 and begin obligating funds from DTF 15-04 once the acquisition has been completed.</p> <p><u>The National Center for Simulation’s request to extend the 01/0716 end date of this contract was approved with a new end date of June 30, 2016.</u></p>
<p>15-05 01/23/16 \$285,000</p>	<p>(FY 14-15) Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County – Continued development of public-private partnerships to improve the military value of Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field</p>	<p>Multiple stakeholders’ meetings and planning sessions have been conducted during this quarter including a regional workshop held on August 25th, 2015. Environmental site assessment and building layout for the Advanced Technology Center (AETC) continues to move forward.</p>
<p>15-06 02/16/16 \$25,000</p>	<p>(FY 14-15) Florida’s Great Northwest – Implement marketing program to aerospace and defense industries to bring veterans jobs to NW Florida</p>	<p>Project completed as of 11/23/15.</p> <p>All grant funds expended.</p> <p><u>Grant closed.</u></p>
<p>15-07 02/16/16 \$20,654</p>	<p>(FY 14-15) Santa Rosa County – Site clearing to improve force protection at NAS Whiting Field</p>	<p>Bid for carwash demolition was awarded. Contract issued on August 20 and project started on September 25, 2015.</p>

15-08 02/24/16 \$100,000	(FY 14-15) Florida 8 (a) Alliance – Develop defense industry and veteran owned small business growth and job creation	Provided two workshops around the state. Conducted a workshop out at Ft. Walton Beach with Eglin AFB Small Business Representative in August 2015. Held a workshop in Jacksonville, FL with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District in September 2015. Started planning and marketing for the October 2015 Workshop in Orlando, FL.
15-09 02/24/16 \$150,000	(FY 14-15) Career Source Gulf Coast – Provide meaningful employment and training services to transitioning military members	The military reemployment initiative continues to make steady progress. Continued development of the online survey for the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshop. Officials at Tyndall AFB were successfully able to pull the military personnel data.
15-10 02/24/16 \$200,000	(FY 14-15) Bay County – Expand Bay County Intelligent Transportation System to synchronize traffic lights on access roads to Tyndall AFB	The design / build bid for the Dynamic Message Sign (DMS) opened at \$245,000. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will provide the balance of the funding above the \$200,000 FDSTF award. A design and construction contract was approved by the Bay County Commission on 4 August 2015 and the project is scheduled to be complete by January 2016.
15-11 03/16/17 \$100,000	(FY 14-15) City of Key West – Road Access via Truman Waterfront Park	City has provided Navy with cost and estimate for construction between a new security and the existing outer mole roadway associated with the Entry Control Point. Awaiting mole pier's response for direction to proceed.
15-12 03/15/16 \$135,000	(FY 14-15) Air Force Enlisted Village – Provide assistance in construction of veterans housing in Ft. Walton Beach area	Project completed as of 05/29/15. All grant funds expended. <u>Grant closed.</u>
15-13 05/15/16 \$38,500	(FY 14-15) Space Florida – Implement Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) component to emergency response exercise at Camp Blanding	No activity to date.
15-14 04/20/17 \$500,000	(FY 14-15) Polk County – Protect Avon Park Range from incompatible land use through acquisition of land or specific property rights	Meetings with property owners and appraisals initiated under a separate Defense Grant may be used toward this project. No activity performed for this FDSTF grant.

4. Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 15-16

<p>16-01 08/13/16 \$400,000</p>	<p>(FY 14-15) Clay County Development Authority – Purchase 410 acres adjacent to Camp Blanding to buffer from incompatibility development and encroachment</p>	<p>Additional matching funds were acquired thus providing the opportunity to purchase not only the 420 acres that were originally applied for in this grant, but an additional 1,590 acres using matching funds. Purchase was negotiated and contracts were executed. Land was acquired by Suwanee River Water Management District.</p>
<p>16-02 08/13/16 \$175,000</p>	<p>(FY 14-15) Tampa Bay Defense Alliance – Execute MacDill 2025</p>	<p>Held Board of Directors meeting during this period. Held two follow-up meetings regarding the engagement strategy to build awareness and familiarity with influencers of MacDill capabilities. The My MacDill Community Pride Campaign is now averaging over 3.1 million impressions per month through the efforts of the Tampa International Airport. Requested initial disbursement of 43,750, 25% of grant award.</p>
<p>16-03 08/13/16 \$41,310</p>	<p>(FY 14-15) Santa Rosa County – Update 2003 Land Acquisition Study and complete phased plan to limit encroachment at NSA Whiting Field</p>	<p>Contract executed on August 13, 2015. RFP for consulting services approved on September 10, 2015.</p>
<p>16-04 10/06/16 \$120,000</p>	<p>(FY 15-16) Bay County (NSA PC) – Conduct feasibility study of dredging the turning basin to allow safe transit for larger Navy vessels</p>	<p>Grant executed. No activity to date.</p>

Point of Contact: Camila Hornung, Grants Coordinator, Florida Defense Support Task Force
E:chornung@eflorida.com, T: (850) 878-4578

Florida Economic Development Program Evaluations – Year 3

REPORT NO. 15-11

November 2015

Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability

Summary

With numerous major military installations, Florida's defense activities and spending are significant sources of employment and revenues for state and local governments. To protect these assets and help ensure that the bases and host communities are in a competitive position during periods of downsizing and realignment, the Legislature established a variety of military and defense programs.

The primary goals of Florida's military and defense programs are to ensure that the state's installations remain open and attract new military missions and to limit development around bases that could impact military operations. These goals are accomplished through grant programs, federal and state-level advocacy efforts, and non-conservation land purchases.

- During the three-year review period, military and defense grant programs awarded \$11.6 million in funding to support 78 projects; just over \$3 million of the funds were expended during this time.
- Advocacy for Florida's military bases and defense communities is provided via professional services contracts, including a \$1.8 million contract with the Principi Group to develop a communication and coordination strategy to preserve and grow the state's military missions and installations and a \$1.6 million contract with the Spectrum Group to conduct a detailed analysis of the state's military installations.
- The Legislature appropriated \$7.5 million for the acquisition of three properties to serve as a buffer for military installations. These land purchases are pending due to negotiation delays.

OPPAGA found that grant recipients and other stakeholders were very satisfied with the grant programs' effectiveness in meeting installation needs. All of the grant recipients that OPPAGA interviewed reported that the grants had a positive or very positive impact on their efforts to protect their installations, and recipients stated that without grant funds projects would have been terminated or greatly reduced.

In addition, national studies and stakeholder feedback demonstrate that Florida's military and defense support efforts exceed those of other states with a large military presence. Florida has implemented 9 of 10 best practices identified as vital to support states' military and defense programs. Considering these best practices, Florida's overall military and defense efforts equal or exceed those of other states with a military presence, such as California, Georgia, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Washington.

Full Report Available at:

<http://www.oppaga.state.fl.us/MonitorDocs/Reports/pdf/1511rpt.pdf>

TAB J 2015 Florida Defense Factbook

TAB K 2015 Florida Military Friendly Guide

