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Help round-up the following  
notorious Household Hazardous Wastes



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**AND GANG MEMBERS:** Fuel, Batteries, Antifreeze,  
Lead, Arsenic, Silver, Cleaners, Fluorescent Lamps,  
Mercury Containing Devices, Pesticides, Herbicides,  
Home Computers, Printers, Scanners, (and other pollutants).  
If you find these villains hiding-out in your home round 'em up and bring 'em in.



## Gulf County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days

**April 6 - Gulf County Courthouse**  
**9 AM - 12 PM Eastern Time**

Conditionally-Exempt Small Quantity Generators  
(Small Businesses, Schools, Growers, and Etc.) will be accepted at a reduced rate.  
Call Gulf County Solid Waste, 850-227-1401, for a drop-off time.

# REWARD

**Put Hazardous Waste in its place. Keep Gulf County Beautiful!**  
For more information, please call the Gulf County Solid Waste Department at 850-227-1401

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## JOB NOTICE

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners is accepting applications for one full-time Laborer for our Public Works Department. Starting salary is \$11.4248 per hour. This is a bargaining unit (Union) position with full benefits. Applications and a complete job description are available in our Human Resources Office (1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe), or at [www.gulfcounty-fl.gov](http://www.gulfcounty-fl.gov)

Applications will be accepted until **5:00 p.m.**, E.T. on **April 4, 2013** at the **Gulf County Human Resources Office**. For more information, please contact Brett Lowry, Deputy Administrator at (850) 229-5335.

Gulf County enforces a Drug-Free Workplace Policy and is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

/s/ Tynalin Smiley, Chairman

Attest: /s/ Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk

Dates: March 21, 2013 and March 28, 2013

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**A Public Scoping Meeting will be held by the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) on Wednesday, April 10 , 2013 at 5:00 p.m. ET, and at the PDRB regular meeting on Monday, April 15, 2013 at 8:45 a.m. ET. Both public meetings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida.**

**The public meetings will be for scoping or fact finding as the beginning process for Updating/Revising the Gulf County Land Development Regulations (LDR).**

The public is encouraged to attend and be heard on these matters. A comment form will be available to express your views. Anyone wishing to speak must fill out a form before speaking. Name and address must be included with all comments. Anyone who cannot attend a meeting may comment by e-mail ([drichardson@gulfcounty-fl.gov](mailto:drichardson@gulfcounty-fl.gov)) or fax (227-9563) and may also mail or deliver a written comment to the Planning Department at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Room 311.

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Date: April 4, 2013 and April 11, 2013

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BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
EXPENDITURE STATUS REPORT

February 2013

SUNGARD PENTAMATION, INC.  
DATE: 03/05/2013  
TIME: 09:15:05

SELECTION CRITERIA: orgn.fund='120'  
ACCOUNTING PERIOD: 5/13

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FUND-120 LIBRARY							
DEPT TOTAL-0361 GULF COUNTY LIBRARY							
1ST SUBTOTAL-5100000 PERSONAL SERVICES							
ACCOUNT	TITLE	BUDGET	PERIOD EXPENDITURES	ENCUMBRANCES OUTSTANDING	YEAR TO DATE EXP	AVAILABLE BALANCE	YTD/ BUD
5101200	SALARIES & WAGES-REGULAR	101,226.00	7,525.05	.00	38,788.02	62,437.98	38.32
5102100	FICA TAXES-MATCHING	7,744.00	559.88	.00	2,898.90	4,845.10	37.43
5102200	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	5,375.00	331.57	.00	1,951.00	3,424.00	36.30
5102300	LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE	4,180.00	524.12	.00	2,752.35	1,427.65	65.85
5102400	WORKERS COMP. PREMIUMS	403.00	.00	.00	101.00	302.00	25.06
TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		118,928.00	8,940.62	.00	46,491.27	72,436.73	39.09
1ST SUBTOTAL-5300000 OPERATING EXPENSES							
5304101	COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES	1,100.00	82.48	.00	410.19	689.81	37.29
5304125	POSTAGE/TRANSP/FREIGHT	130.00	.00	.00	.00	130.00	.00
5304301	UTILITY SERVICES	22,000.00	1,154.30	.00	5,139.77	16,860.23	23.36
5304501	INSURANCE & BONDS	1,079.00	.00	.00	270.00	809.00	25.02
5304605	REPAIR/MAINT-BLDG & GRND	450.00	.00	.00	.00	450.00	.00
5304615	REPAIR/MAINT-EQUIPMENT	450.00	86.68	.00	216.70	233.30	48.16
5304990	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	27.00	.00	.00	27.00	.00	100.00
5305101	OFFICE SUPPLIES	220.00	.00	.00	115.58	104.42	52.54
5305202	OPER SUPPLIES-JANITORIAL	150.00	.00	.00	51.56	98.44	34.37
5305401	BOOKS/RESOURCE MATR/SUBS	5,155.00	.00	.00	5,151.61	3.39	99.93
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		30,761.00	1,323.46	.00	11,382.41	19,378.59	37.00
1ST SUBTOTAL-5600000 CAPITAL OUTLAY							
5606620	BOOKS - STATE AID	10,176.00	3,040.49	.00	11,926.14	-1,750.14	117.20
5606623	BOOKS - LOCAL	235.00	.00	.00	232.30	2.70	98.85
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY		10,411.00	3,040.49	.00	12,158.44	-1,747.44	116.78
1ST SUBTOTAL-5900000 NON-OPERATING EXPENSES							
5909910	RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIE	20,920.00	.00	.00	.00	20,920.00	.00
TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENSES		20,920.00	.00	.00	.00	20,920.00	.00
TOTAL GULF COUNTY LIBRARY		181,020.00	13,304.57	.00	70,032.12	110,987.88	38.69

(850)639-2605—(850)639-5816  
Fax (850)639-2701



City of Wewahitchka  
COMMISSIONERS

# City of Wewahitchka

Post Office Box 966—Wewahitchka, Florida 32465

February 28, 2013

Gulf County Commissioners and Mr. Don Butler,

This project needs to be considered by the Gulf County Restore Act also some of the unincorporated areas pertaining east of the City limits of Wewahitchka are located in a flood prone area. The City of Wewahitchka would like to recommend the Gulf County Board of Commissioners consider septic tank abandonment on all of the areas down and adjacent to Lake Grove Road in the unincorporated areas. As of February 28, 2013 almost all of the septic tanks in this area are covered or will be covered by this weekend, with river flooding waters. The entire overflow from these septic tanks will be going into the Apalachicola and Chipola Rivers or the Apalachicola and Chipola River cut off. The City is proposing an upgrade and already permitted the upgrade for the City WWT facility and we could operate and maintain the wastewater collection system if the county would install it. This project would have a mayor impact on the environmental impact during flood conditions.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Minchew  
City Manager

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# CLERK OF CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS

RECORDER AND COMPTROLLER

## GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

REBECCA L. NORRIS, CLERK

1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

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To: Restore Act Committee  
Chairman and Voting Members

Date: March 8, 2013

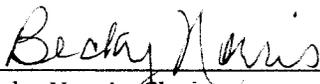
Subj.: Request for Restore Act Administrative Funding

This memo is to request that the Restore Act Committee support and approve the request of the Clerk's Office for administrative funding for the hiring of an additional position in the Finance Department of the Clerk's office. Given the potential size of Gulf County's Restore Act Funding ranging from 30% to 80% of our current total County Wide Budget, we are just not adequately staffed to take on the additional work that will be required with the Restore Act funding. The Clerk's office is already operating beyond its true capacity and is doing everything possible to try to keep up with the current needs of the County.

The Gulf County Clerk and Comptroller is statutorily required to serve as the accountant, auditor, and custodian of all county funds, thereby ensuring the proper flow of County dollars. The Clerk audits county expenditures and ensures that funds exist and that purchases are authorized by law before every bill is paid. This level of oversight offers a true check and balance for local government. Therefore, the Clerk's Office is required to monitor, maintain and/or process the following: all contracts, change orders, invoices, investment of funds, disbursements, record keeping, filing, bids, permanent records, public records request, auditing, pre-auditing, and storage for the use of all Restore Act Funds.

I respectfully request that the Restore Act Committee and the BOCC consider this request of \$55,000 per year for the funding of an additional position to handle the duties associated with the Restore Act Funding. This funding would be needed for the life of the funding and approved projects. Given the nature of this funding being temporary, we would want to be able to offer a salary that would take into consideration the temporary nature, but also the required experience necessary for such a position. This funding would cover the salary, benefits, and technology needed for the additional position as well as funding of the additional support services needed within the Clerk's Office by existing personnel.

Thank you for your consideration,



Becky Norris, Clerk  
Gulf County Clerk of Court  
1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd. Room 148  
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Telephone Nos.

(850) 229-6112 • (850) 639-5068 • (850) 229-6174 FAX

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Rick Scott  
GOVERNOR



Jesse Panuccio  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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March 14, 2013

The Honorable Tynalin Smiley  
Chairman, Gulf County Board of County Commissioners  
1000 Cecil G Costin Sr. Boulevard  
Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

RE: Modification Number: 1  
Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program  
Contract Number: 12DB-OH-02-33-01-H 04

Dear Commissioner Smiley:

Your letter requesting changes to the Activity Work Plan of the above referenced subgrant agreement has been received. Upon review of the modification documents, we have determined that sufficient justification has been provided to approve the requested changes. The revisions are hereby approved.

Enclosed are copies of the signed *Modification to the Subgrant Agreement* form and the revised Activity Work Plan. Please keep these documents with your copy of the approved subgrant agreement.

If you have any questions, please call Patrick Howard, Government Operations Consultant II, at (850) 717-8418, or contact him at Patrick.Howard@deo.myflorida.com.

Sincerely,

Roger J. Doherty, CLEP  
Planning Manager, Small Cities CDBG Program

RJD/ph

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Towan Kopinsky, Grant Coordinator, Gulf County  
Mr. Ronald Vanzant, President, Jordan and Associates

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**Modification to Subgrant Agreement**

8/10/2012

**MODIFICATION NUMBER ONE (1) TO SUBGRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND  
GULF COUNTY**

This Modification is made and entered into by and between the State of Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity, (“the Department”), and Gulf County, (“the Recipient”), to modify **DEO/DCA Contract Number** 12DB-OH-02-33-01-H04, award dated February 3, 2012, (“the Agreement”).

**WHEREAS**, the Department and the Recipient entered into the Agreement, pursuant to which the Department provided a subgrant of \$700,000.00 to Recipient under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program as set forth in the Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, the Department and the Recipient desire to modify the Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2011-142, Laws of Florida, the DCA Division of Housing and Community Development was transferred to the Department of Economic Opportunity effective October 1, 2011; and the parties wish to reflect the new name.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises of the parties contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

**Reinstate Agreement**

1. The Agreement is hereby reinstated as though it had not expired.

**Extend Agreement**

2. Paragraph 3, Period of Agreement is hereby revised to reflect an ending date of N/A.

**Revise Activity Work Plan**

3. Attachment I, Activity Work Plan, of the Subgrant Agreement is hereby deleted and is replaced by the revised Attachment I, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**Revise Program Budget**

4. Attachment A, Program Budget, of the Subgrant Agreement is hereby deleted and is replaced by the revised Attachment A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**Modification to Subgrant Agreement**

8/10/2012

**Modification Number:** One (1)**DEO/DCA Contract Number:** 12DB-OH-02-33-01-H04**Recipient:** Gulf County**Page 2** **Change in Participating Parties**

5. Attachment A, Program Budget, is hereby modified to delete all references to "N/A," as the Participating Party, and replace them with "N/A" as the Participating Party with the understanding that the Recipient and the new Participating Party will enter into a Participating Party Agreement containing provisions and caveats that meet or exceed the conditions agreed to in the Participating Party Agreement between the Recipient and the original Participating Party.

 **Inclusion of an Unmet Need as Addressed in the Original Application**

6. Attachment A, Program Budget, of the Subgrant Agreement is hereby deleted and is replaced by the revised Attachment A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
7. Attachment I, Activity Work Plan, of the Subgrant Agreement is hereby deleted and is replaced by the revised Attachment I, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
8. A revised Project Narrative, Form G-2 from Part II of the approved CDBG Application Form, which shows the unmet need from the original application that is being included in the Subgrant Agreement listed as addressed need, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

 **Change in Number of Accomplishments and/or Beneficiaries**

9. Attachment A, Program Budget, of the Subgrant Agreement is hereby deleted and is replaced by the revised Attachment A, the Program Budget, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

 **Reflect Change in Agency from DCA to DEO**

10. This modification to the Subgrant Agreement hereby replaces "Department of Community Affairs" with "Department of Economic Opportunity" where appropriate in context.

 **Other:** N/A

**Modification to Subgrant Agreement**

**Modification Number:** One (1)

**DEO/DCA Contract Number:** 12DB-OH-02-33-01-H04

**Recipient:** Gulf County

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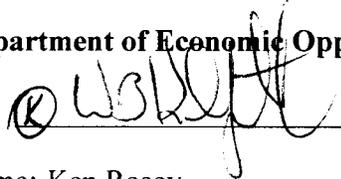
A *Request for Amendment*, Form SC-35, shall be included with this Modification if there is a change to the Attachment A, Program Budget, of the Subgrant Agreement; if unmet need is being included as addressed need; or if there is a change in the number of accomplishments or beneficiaries.

All provisions of the Subgrant Agreement and any attachments thereto in conflict with this Modification shall be and are hereby changed to conform to this Modification, effective as of the date of the execution of this Modification by both parties.

All provisions not in conflict with this Modification remain in full force and effect, and are to be performed at the level specified in the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this document as of the dates set herein.

**Department of Economic Opportunity**

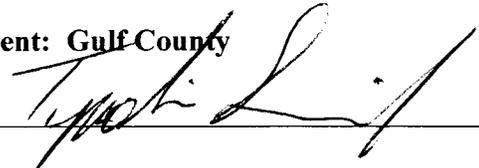
By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Ken Reecy

Title: Assistant Director  
Division of Community Development

Date: 3-13 \_\_\_\_\_

**Recipient: Gulf County**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Tynalin Smiley

Title: Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

Date: 1/29/13 \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT I – Activity Work Plan**

**Recipient: Gulf County**

**Date Prepared: 01/31/2013**

**Project Budget: \$700,000.00**

**Contract Number: 12DB-OH-02-33-01-H04**

**Modification Number: One (1)**

Date Start (month/year)	Date End (month/year)	Describe Proposed Action to be completed by the "Date End." <i>Examples of Actions: Complete Environmental Review and Obtain Release of Funds, Request Wage Decision, Complete and Submit Design and Specifications, Advertise for and Open Bids, Issue Notice to Proceed, % Construction Completion (33, 66, and 100%), Complete Procurement Process, Advertise Availability of Housing Rehabilitation Funds, Complete Rankings of Homes per HAP, and Number of Houses Rehabilitated.</i>	# Units to be completed by "Date End"	Proposed \$\$ to be Requested by "Date End"	Proposed Administration \$\$ to be Requested by "Date End"
02/12	04/12	Procurement of Professional Services	-	-	-
02/12	04/12	Prepare and Submit Copies of all Required Policies and Procedures Identified in Attachment J: Program and Special Conditions of DEO Contract	-	-	-
02/12	04/12	Prepare and Submit Environmental Review Record (ERR) and Request for Release of Funds	-	-	\$5,000.00
05/12	05/13	Advertise Availability of Housing Rehabilitation Funds, Complete Ranking of Applications per HAP and Obtain Commission Approval	-	-	\$30,000.00
06/13	07/13	Inspections, Bid-Out, Award, Contract and Issue Notice to Proceed	-	-	\$15,000.00
08/13	09/13	Construction 33% Complete	3	\$178,500.00	\$15,000.00
10/13	11/13	Construction 66% Complete	3	\$178,500.00	\$15,000.00
12/13	01/14	Construction 100% Complete	4	\$238,000.00	\$15,000.00
02/14	02/14	Submit Closeout and Final Request for Funds	-	-	\$10,000.00
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Note: More than one activity may be included per form.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS BUILDING
3900 COMMONWEALTH BOULEVARD
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-3000

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RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

JENNIFER CARROLL
LT. GOVERNOR

HERSCHEL VINYARD II
SECRETARY

To: Local Governments
Relevant State and Federal Agencies
Interested Parties
From: Kelly Samek, Administrator
Florida Coastal Management Program
Date: March 14, 2013
Subject: NOTICE OF FLORIDA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
ROUTINE PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST

The Florida Coastal Management Program (FCMP) has requested the concurrence of the federal Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in updating the FCMP's authorities as a routine program change. The Department of Environmental Protection has determined that the proposed program changes are a routine program change as defined by 15 CFR 923.84. This routine program change submission will incorporate relevant statutory changes enacted by the Florida Legislature during the 2012 legislative session to statutes included in the FCMP, including incorporation of Sections 253.0347, 258.601, 339.2821, 339.65, 373.4131, 373.4271, 373.4591, 373.618, and 381.00651, Florida Statutes, as enforceable policies. A list of all statutes that make up the FCMP is available at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/cmp/federal/24\_statutes.htm.

Staff has evaluated these changes pursuant to 15 CFR 923, Subpart H and concluded that the changes are not amendments to the FCMP. These changes will not result in any substantial change to the enforceable policies or authorities of the FCMP related to uses subject to management, special management areas, boundaries, authorities and organization, or coordination, public involvement and national interest.

This notice has been sent to affected parties, including local governments, state agencies, and regional offices of relevant federal agencies as required by 15 CFR 923.84(b)(2). A list of persons and organizations notified is available for inspection or can be provided upon request from the Department contact below.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 923.84, comments on whether the changes constitute a routine program change of the FCMP may be submitted to Margaret Davidson, NOAA/OCRM, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 within 21 days of the date of publication of this notice.

The RPC submittal is available at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/cmp/federal/fedconsy.htm. For more information on this RPC submittal, please contact: Ms. Ann Lazar, Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Coastal Management Program, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000, (850) 245-2168 or ann.lazar@dep.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

KS/al

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STATE OF FLORIDA

**DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

RICK SCOTT  
Governor

BRYAN W. KOON  
Director

March 7, 2013

Mr. Tan Smiley, Chair  
Gulf County Board of County Commissioners  
1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard  
Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

Dear Commissioner Smiley:

We applaud your community's decision to base your recently revised floodplain regulations on the state's model ordinance and code amendment package prepared by our office. This model has been approved by FEMA Region IV as satisfying the minimum regulatory requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Therefore, the floodplain management regulations of the Gulf County are deemed to meet the NFIP requirements for continued participation in the NFIP.

Your ordinance includes at least two administrative amendments to the Florida Building Code. You may also have adopted local technical amendments to preserve any "higher standards" that were in your previous regulations. Pursuant to 553.73(4)(a), F.S., local amendments to the Florida Building Code are to be transmitted to the Florida Building Commission within 30 days after enactment. This can be done by local officials who are logged in to the Commission's webpage where the adopted floodplain management ordinance with code amendments can be uploaded. Access the upload function at <http://www.floridabuilding.org>.

Please note that any subsequent changes to these regulations, including any future amendments to adopt requirements or code amendments that exceed NFIP minimums, should be reviewed by this office prior to adoption. As the NFIP State Coordinating Agency, one of our responsibilities is to work with communities to ensure they remain in compliance with the NFIP requirements for participation in the NFIP.

We appreciate the effort of your staff to move this important ordinance through your adoption process. Please do not hesitate to contact us at [floods@em.myflorida.com](mailto:floods@em.myflorida.com) and (850) 413-9960.

Sincerely,

*Shen Martin*  
for Joy Duperault  
Joy Duperault  
State Floodplain Manager

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cc: David Richardson, Gulf County Planner, [drichardson@gulfcountry-fl.gov](mailto:drichardson@gulfcountry-fl.gov)



Indian River County  
City of Vero Beach

Enterprise Zone Development Agency

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**EZDA Members**

February 15, 2013

*Chairman*

*Penny Chandler  
Chamber of  
Commerce*

Mr. Donald Butler  
Gulf County  
1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard  
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

*Vice-Chair*

*Todd Westover  
Member at Large*

Dear Mr. Butler:

*Jay Kramer  
City Council Liaison*

On behalf of our local Enterprise Zone Development Agency, and as a fellow Enterprise Zone Coordinator, I am asking you and the members of your EZDA to support the proposed language changes to the Enterprise Zone Business Equipment Sales Tax Refund program. A copy of this letter is also being sent to all Legislators for their consideration.

*Bob Solari  
County Commission  
Liaison*

The revised text clarifies the language in Chapter 212.08(9)(h), F.S., regarding the Business Equipment Sales Tax Refund. I've attached back-up information from Mr. Robert Slate, a Jacksonville consultant, explaining the proposed changes and offering an example of how it can help our local businesses.

*Godfrey Gipson  
Non-profit in Zone*

Several companies in our Enterprise Zone have had to jump through many hoops, spending vast amounts of time (sometimes months) dealing with the Department of Revenue, only to be denied their refund or receiving a fraction of the refund requested. Consequently, it has given the program a "black eye." I understand from Mr. Slate that EZ businesses throughout Florida are experiencing these same challenges.

*Richard Lane  
Law Enforcement*

Another recommended change reduces the minimum purchase price threshold for business equipment from \$5000 to \$500. This proposal is included in Enterprise Florida's legislative agenda.

*Eric Menger  
Business in Zone*

I hope you will join us in supporting these changes to make the FL Enterprise Zone program a better tool in our efforts of business retention/expansion and job creation in our communities.

*Nicholas Rains  
Financial Entity*

Sincerely,

*Chris Russell  
Member at Large*

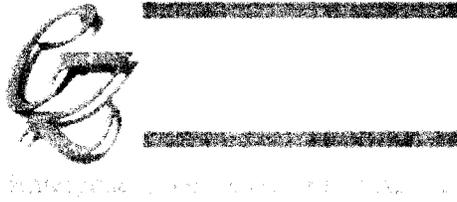
Helene Caseltine, CECD  
Economic Development Director/Enterprise Zone Coordinator

*Leroy Smith  
Resident in Zone*

*Milt Thomas  
Community at Large*

*Karl Zimmermann  
Code Enforcement*

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## PROPOSED CHANGES TO FL ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM

The following are proposed changes as Dept. of Revenue staff refine the language of the Enterprise Zone Business Equipment Sales Tax Refund program. This is initially done through the rule making process, including public hearings. Legislation has not yet been filed.

**Current:** The Business Equipment Sales Tax Refund is the most widely used program under the Enterprise Zone program. A company located within the Zone that purchases equipment can apply for a refund of a portion of the state sales tax paid on that item. The program's criteria is:

- Business must be located within an Enterprise Zone.
- Business equipment purchased must have a sales price of at least \$5,000 per unit.
- Equipment purchased must be used exclusively in an Enterprise Zone for at least 3 years

**Historic:** In the 2000 Legislative session, there was an amendment to the Enterprise Zone program (Chapter 212.08, F.S.) to add an additional "qualifier" to the program criteria. The intent was to reduce the volume of small dollar refund claims by raising the minimum purchase price dollar amount for eligibility. In the last days of committee meetings, the \$500 minimum originally proposed was increased to \$5,000 and the new qualifier now reads:

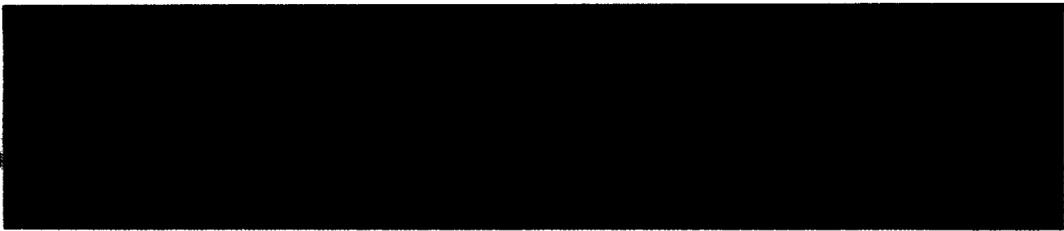
(5) EXEMPTIONS; ACCOUNT OF USE.— Paragraph (h)(9). For the purposes of this exemption, "business property" means new or used property defined as "recovery property" in <sup>s.</sup> 168(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, except: (d) *Business property having a sales price of under \$5,000 per unit.*

**Proposed:** There are two proposed revisions: change the purchasing threshold to the originally proposed \$500, and change the word "unit" to "purchase". This would allow a business to submit a refund request based on the *total* purchase reflected on an invoice, \$500 or higher, rather than each itemized unit on an invoice having to meet a minimum dollar amount threshold. As most of the businesses in an enterprise zone are very small businesses, this could allow for more participation. More clearly defined language would alleviate the major challenges our businesses are currently experiencing.

**Example:** Currently, a business in the Zone that purchases 10 computers at \$3,000 each (total purchase of \$30,000) cannot apply for *any* sales tax refund because no single "unit" costs more than \$5,000. The high threshold diminishes the inducement for business location or expansion. Reducing the dollar threshold to \$500 helps, but may still hinder refund requests for small firms such as general offices, hotels and restaurants, where purchases may be comprised of many "units" (beds, tables/chairs, office equipment,) costing less than \$500 per unit but perhaps listed on one invoice.

**Information provided by:**

Robert Slate  
Strategic Systems, Inc.  
9310 Old Kings Road S. #1602  
Jacksonville, FL 32257  
phone 904-636-0466



Property Owner  
Gulf County/Board of Commissioners  
1000 Cecil G Costin Sr Blvd  
Port Saint Joe, FL 32456-1653

March 8, 2013

Re: Cell Tower on your Property (O 467482)

Dear Cell Site Lease Holder:

Unison Site Management is the leading independent wireless real estate company in the nation. We specialize in working directly with you, the land owner, not the wireless carriers or the tower companies. I am your local Unison site development expert and can evaluate opportunities to create and capture value for your specific existing wireless communication structure.

I would appreciate the opportunity to give you an unbiased and objective evaluation of your cell site. Please contact me for a free site assessment at 866-496-1812

Best Regards,

Jonathan Swinford, Vice President of Unison Site Management  
Unison Site Management

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WILLIAM J. RISH, JR.  
POST OFFICE BOX 9  
PORT SAINT JOE, FLORIDA 32457  
850-227-5569

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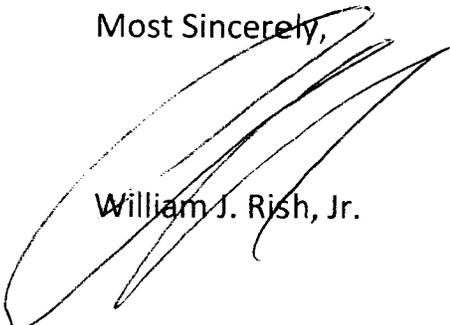
Mr. David P. Warriner, Chairman  
Gulf County Tourist Development Council  
C/o P. O. Box 280  
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Dear Chairman Warriner,

Based upon the time constraints and priorities of my business and professional life, I hereby tender this letter to you as my official resignation from the Gulf County Tourist Development Council. I leave the council issuing my support of you, the board, staff, and Director Jenkins.

If you have any questions or comments about this matter, do not hesitate to contact me at 850-227-5569.

Most Sincerely,



William J. Rish, Jr.

Cc. Hon. Tan Smiley, Chairman, GCBOCC  
Hon. Warren J. Yeager, GCBOCC  
Jennifer Jenkins, Director, Gulf Co. TDC

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Application for appointment to  
Gulf County Advisory Board or Council

Name:

Date:

Zach Ferrell

3-5-13

Gulf County Advisory Board or Council Vacancy that you are submitting this application for

TDC Advisory Board

Organization/Business: No Worries Vacation Rentals

Business Address: 101 Good Morning St. Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Home Address: (850) 527-2330

Telephone: same

Email Address: zach@talcor.com

Business Website: www.noworriesvacationrentals.com

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Qualifications

Please describe your area of expertise and/or interest that will benefit the citizens of Gulf County, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners in their duties to the citizens, and the other members of this advisory board or council. (Please attach to this page if additional space is needed and additional resume and attachments you feel will be helpful in this review and consideration.)

No Worries Vacation Rentals - Owner

No Worries Beach Service - Owner

NAI Talcor (Real Estate Sales) - Partner / Director of Residential Sales

TDC Partner

TDC Wedding Partner

Hobie Kayak Writer Event - Sponsor + CoHost

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District 1

WARD McDANIEL  
District 2

JOANNA BRYAN  
District 3

IAN SMILEY  
District 4

WARREN YEAGER  
District 5

Professional Sportfish Mate/Tournaments/Charters

I have reviewed the Gulf County guidelines and policies of the advisory board or council for which I submit this application. I have also reviewed and acknowledge my understanding and strict compliance with all county policy and procedures which include both the Gulf County Sunshine and Open Public Meeting Policy as well as the Gulf County Public Records Policy should I be selected and appointed in this advisory role. By signing below I hereby certify my understanding and agree to adhere to all regulations and terms as set forth by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners in its expectations and requirements of my advisory role. As a member of this advisory board or council I will remain in good standing with the Gulf County Board of County Commission and understand that I must meet at all times the necessary requirements to carry out this vital role in the proper function of county business and governance and my compliance with all local and State responsibilities that come with the appointment.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 3-5-13

Printed Name: Zach Ferrill

Title: Owner

Company: No Worries Vacation Rentals

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