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Executive Summary

Created in 2011 under Florida Statute 288.987, the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) held its first meetings in January 2011. The task force has 13 members – four members appointed by the Governor, four members appointed by the Senate, and four members appointed by the House of Representatives. The Governor has designated Representative Dana Young as the 13th member and his representative on the Task Force. Representative Jimmy Patronis has served as the Chair since January 2013. Dr. David Goetsch continued to serve as the Vice Chair through August 2014. James Montgomerie was appointed by Senate President Don Gaetz in August to replace Dr. Goetsch.

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, and a FY 2014-2015 appropriation of \$3.5 million to protect, preserve, promote and grow Florida military installations and missions. The Task Force held a total of 9 meetings throughout the calendar year 2014.

The Task Force provides weekly email updates for its members. The Task Force developed an initial strategic plan to guide its actions in protecting Florida’s military installations dated April 23, 2012. This plan was updated in October 2012 and again in July 2013. The Task Force plan to update this strategic plan in early 2015. 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 Task Force published the 2014 Florida Military Friendly Guide in November 2014 with additions from the 2014 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. A copy is enclosed at Tab I.

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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 2014, Representative Jimmy Patronis was reappointed as the Task Force Chairman.. Dr. David Goetsch resigned from the Task Force in 2014. James Montgomerie was appointed by Senator Don Gaetz to serve for the remainder of Dr. Goetsch's term on the Task Force. See Tab B.

Funding

The FDSTF received an FY 2014-2015 appropriation of \$3.5 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. Task Force budget summary, contract obligations and FY 13-14 administrative expenses 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 twice – once in October 2012 and then again in July 2013. The revised version adjusts the Task Force goals to reflect the changing national defense budgets and its impact on Florida's military missions and installations. The Task Force plans to update this plan in early 2015. See Tab C.

Task Force Meetings

January 16, 2014 -- Tallahassee. The Task Force received an update from Doug Callaway from the state of Florida office in Washington as well as Secretary Anthony Principi of the Principi Group on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. Staff provided a legislative update on bills evolving in the Florida Legislature. Staff also provided a comprehensive review of all the minutes from all Task Force meeting since the inception of the Task Force. Task Force members approved the 2013 Annual Report and 2014 Work Plan. 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. Task Force members approved an increase in the Florida 8 a Alliance grant funding from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

March 11, 2014 -- Tallahassee.

Congressman Jeff Miller from the 1st Congressional District attended this meeting and gave opening remarks. The Task Force received an update from the state of Florida Washington Office and The Principi Group concerning military and defense issues at the national level and their projected impacts to Florida. Staff reported on the status of military-friendly legislation moving through the Florida Legislature. Florida's Great Northwest requested \$50,000 in out-of-cycle grant funding and it was approved by the Task Force. The funding is intended for marketing in support of aviation aerospace growth and veterans employment. Jim Kuzma provided an update on Space Florida. He reported that Florida was not selected as one of the six test UAV sites. Staff gave a brief overview of DOD family issues and noted that Florida was one of the best states in regard to military friendly laws. The only exception was the Florida did not yet have a provision for in-state tuition rates for veterans. However, this was remedied by the passage of the Florida GI Bill. 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

May 15, 2014 -- Homestead.

Congressman Joe Garcia from the 26th Congressional District and Representative Holly Raschein attended the meeting and made remarks to the Task Force. The Homestead defense community provided welcoming remarks and an overview of Homestead ARB. The Task Force received an update from the state of Florida Washington Office and The Principi Group concerning military and defense issues at the national level and their projected impacts to Florida. Mike Prendergast, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs provided a comprehensive review of the Florida GI Bill passed by the Legislature. Staff provided a legislative wrap-up of the 2014 Florida Legislative Session. Staff provided a budget update on the status of contracts and Task Force funds. The Task Force conducted a closed session meeting to discuss advocacy strategy involving base strengths and weaknesses connected to protecting, preserving and enhancing Florida's military installations. Following the meeting, Task Force members received a tour of Homestead ARB. Newest member of the Task Force staff, Marcy Sanders, was introduced to the Task Force members.

June 19, 2014 – Orlando

This Task Force meeting was held the day after the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) meeting in order to encourage communication and capitalize on synergy between the Task Force and the FDA. Waymon Armstrong from the Mayor's Task Force and General Tom Baptiste from the National Center for Simulation welcomed the Task Force to Orlando and provided an overview of Team Orlando missions and issues concerning modeling and simulation. The Task Force received an update from the state of Florida Washington Office and The Principi Group concerning military and defense issues at the national level and their projected impacts to Florida. Craig Dalton, Chairman of the Florida Defense Alliance, provided an update on his organization's activities. He also requested that the Task Force commission a survey of the best practices of other states to use to measure Florida's progress in supporting military installations. Additionally, Craig requested a study to show the connectivity among Florida's military bases as a means of strengthening the state's position in the event of a BRAC. The Task Force approved both requests and directed staff to prepare contracts for The Principi Group to accomplish the tasks. Eric Sherman, Southeastern Regional DOD state liaison discussed family issues and emphasized how well Florida was addressing the needs of military families. Mike Prendergast, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs provided an update on veterans issues and the Governor's program of awarding state veterans medals. Colonel Glenn Saunders from the US Army Reserve reported that Florida had about 9,000 Army Reservists and 39 separate facilities. During public comment, Sal Nuzzo from the Florida Chamber invited the Task Force to a Military, Defense and Veterans Opportunity Summit to be held in August. 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.

July 31, 2014 -- Jacksonville

Rear Admiral Vic Guillory from the City of Jacksonville welcomed the Task Force on behalf of Mayor Brown and discussed the growth of the Jacksonville Naval community. The Task Force received an update from the state of Florida Washington Office and The Principi Group (TPG) concerning military and defense issues at the national level and their projected impacts to Florida. General Mike Jones from TPG discussed in detail the two requested tasks from FDA and determined they were both within the scope of the current contract. The first is a study of best practices by other states in supporting military installations and the second is a study of linkages among state military bases. The Chairman set the next meeting in August as a conference call open to the public to vote on these two studies. State Senator Audrey Gibson from Jacksonville attended and thanked the Task Force for their efforts in protecting military bases in Florida. Kelley Boree, Director of State Lands, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) briefed the Task Force on the status on non-conservation lands. DEP is moving forward with the appraisal process for all three parcels identified in the DEO report and the legislation passed this session. Judge Maney briefed the Task Force on Veterans Courts in Florida. Judge Maney has been a pioneer and driving force in expanding veterans courts in Florida. Mike Prendergast, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs provided an update on veterans nursing homes as requested by the Task Force. Sal Nodjomian from Okaloosa County briefed the Task Force on the Tri-County Partnership Initiative on public-private partnerships. Deb Keller from the Nature Conservancy reported on an increase in REPI funds for the next year. Staff provided a budget update on the status of contracts and Task Force funds. The Task Force conducted a closed session meeting to discuss advocacy strategy involving base strengths and weaknesses connected to protecting, preserving and enhancing Florida's military installations.

Following the meeting, Task Force members received a tour of NAS Jacksonville including the Fleet Readiness Center and the P-8's.

August 21, 2014 – Conference Call

The Task Force convened a public conference call for the purpose of discussing and voting on the two separate proposals. The proposals were for studies intended to support the Task Force mission of protecting Florida's military installations. The first proposal was for a linkages study to identify connectivity, interdependent functions among Florida's military installations and missions with the goal of identifying and graphically portraying the Florida Federal Military Complex. The cost of the study was \$63,850 with the final product to be delivered at the November 2014 Task Force meeting. The second proposal was for a study of selected US states and communities hosting military installations to determine the best practices employed by state and local governments to protect, sustain and enhance their installations and missions. The cost of this study was \$66,000 with the final product to be delivered NLT November 21, 2014. The Task Force members discussed both proposals during this open meeting and then voted to approve both proposals. The Task Force directed staff to prepare the contracts.

September 18, 2014 – Tallahassee

Chairman Patronis welcomed the newest member of the Task Force – James Montgomerie, CEO of Vertol Systems in Destin. Mr. Montgomerie is replacing Dr. David Goetsch who resigned due to family medical concerns. Staff provided a budget update on the status of contracts and Task Force funds. The Task Force received an update from the state of Florida Washington Office and The Principi Group (TPG) concerning military and defense issues at the national level and their projected impacts to Florida. Staff discussed the proposed meeting schedule for 2015 and made one change requested by MG Titshaw. The Task Force considered 15 applications for FY 2015 funding based on the published FY 2015 Grant Application Process. (Tab D) After reviewing written applications and receiving in-person presentations from applicants, the Task Force decided to fund 13 projects for FY 2015 and consider one request from the City of Key West at the next meeting. The projects totaled \$2.59 million. The grant recipients included Santa Rosa County, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, Polk County, Clay County Development Authority, National Center for Simulation in Orlando, Clay County Development Authority, the Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County, Bay County, Space Florida, Florida 8 (a) Alliance, Air Force Enlisted Village, Florida's Great Northwest, Career Source Gulf Coast and University of West Florida. The FY 2015 grant announcement is included at Tab E. The Task Force voted to rescind two grants previously awarded to the Pensacola Chamber for Cyber Security and make those funds available to the Task Force for further use.

October 16, 2014 – Key West

Commissioner Barbara Stewart served as the Interim Chair for this meeting. Prior to the meeting, Task Force members visited the Truman Annex area of NAS Key West to see first-hand the land needed to control access to that part of the base. This helped Task Force members better understand the issues surrounding this land parcel and its importance to the base. At the meeting, Mark Rossi, Vice-Mayor of the City of Key West offered greetings on behalf of the Mayor. Jim Fitton from the Military Affairs Committee provided an overview of military activities at bases in Key West. The Task Force received an update from the state of Florida Washington Office and The Principi Group (TPG) concerning military and defense issues at the national level and

their projected impacts to Florida. General Mike Jones from TPG provided an update on the linkages study. Jim Scholl presented the City of Key West grant application requesting \$344,000 for the construction of six roadway elements facilitating access to the base. The Task Force decided during the open session not to fund this request. The Task Force approved the revised meeting schedule for 2015. Staff provided a budget update on the status of contracts and Task Force funds. The Task Force conducted a closed session meeting to discuss advocacy strategy involving base strengths and weaknesses connected to protecting, preserving and enhancing Florida's military installations. During the closed session, the Task Force decided to consider funding the City of Key West grant, so it was placed on the agenda under Old Business for the November meeting. This way the grant request could be voted on during a public meeting. Following the meeting, Task Force members received a tour of NAS Key West.

November 20, 2014 – Pensacola

Craig Dalton from the Pensacola Chamber welcomed the Task Force to Pensacola. Staff provided a budget update on the status of contracts and Task Force funds. Under Old Business, the Task Force voted to provide \$100,000 in funding to the City of Key West project to improve the military value of NAS Key West. The Task Force received an update from the state of Florida Washington Office and The Principi Group (TPG) concerning military and defense issues at the national level and their projected impacts to Florida. General Mike Jones from TPG briefed the linkages study to Task Force members. Alex Lincoln and Chad Gilliland from the Andrews Institute briefed the success story of the Eagle Fund. Their program, funded by the Task Force, provided rehabilitation to 50 wounded special operations warriors to allow them to recover and rejoin their units. Ana Richmond from the Department of Economic Opportunity briefed on the Military Base Protection Program – Non-Conservation Encroachment. The Task Force asked staff to follow up and obtain resolution on the disposition of non-conservation buffering lands from the previous year. Staff briefed on draft guidance for the FY 2016 Task Force Grant Application process. The Task Force directed staff to tighten up the criteria for grant applicants in light of the new Florida is for Veterans, Inc. organization that will be providing funding for veterans projects in the future. Staff briefed on Task Force membership. Chairman Patronis noted that this was his last meeting as the Chairman.

Activities/Achievements

Task Force's activities and achievements for 2014 include:

1. New Task Force member, James Montgomerie assumed duties in September replacing Dr. David Goetsch.
2. The Task Force awarded 14 grants for FY 2015 grants totalling \$2.69 million.
3. The Florida Defense Support Task Force maintains an updated web site with a new address: www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf
4. The Principi Group conducted visits to military installations in conjunction with Task Force meetings. They visited Jacksonville, Key West, Homestead, Pensacola and Orlando during 2014. The purpose of the visits was to update the assessments made in 2012 and remain current on issues faced by each installation commander. During these visits, the installation commanders met with members of the Principi Group and Task Force staff. In this way, the installation commanders were able to provide information concerning issues directly to those advocating for Florida at the national level. Additionally, the Principi Group members met with local defense leaders to receive their community input.
5. The Task Force extended the advocacy contract with The Principi Group lasting until December 2015. This group continued their advocacy efforts throughout 2014. They provided monthly reports to the Task Force on their activities on behalf of Florida. Additionally, they participated in a weekly conference call that included Task Force staff, the state of Florida Washington office, and the Department of Military Affairs.
6. In 2014, the Task Force commissioned two studies by The Principi Group. The first was for a linkages study to identify connectivity, interdependent functions among Florida's military installations and missions with the goal of identifying and graphically portraying the Florida Federal Military Complex. The second was for a study of selected US states and communities hosting military installations to determine the best practices employed by state and local governments to protect, sustain and enhance their installations and missions.

7. The Task Force published and distributed the Florida Military Friendly Guide summarizing programs and benefits for active duty, National Guard and Reserve service members and families in November. An electronic 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 I.
8. The Task Force began coordinating meetings with the Florida Defense Alliance 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.

State Legislative Issues

The 2014 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 2014 - 2015 -- \$3,500,000.

Legislation:

Florida GI Bill - HB 7015 - Relating to Military and Veteran Support.

- Provides over \$7 million in non-recurring funds to purchase lands preventing encroachment on select Florida military installations.
- Allows for military spouses/dependents to keep their state of residence driver licenses while stationed in Florida.
- Automatically extends military spouse/dependent driver licenses while stationed outside of Florida.
- Creates a non-profit Florida is for Veterans, Inc. to attract veterans to Florida, assist veterans with finding employment, and offer training grants to businesses that hire veterans.
- Expands Florida's veterans' preference in state employment to include all veterans.
- Grants out-of-state tuition waivers to student veterans.
- Allows military experience to count towards certain professional licenses.
- Removes one-year state residency requirement for State Veteran Nursing Homes.
- Authorizes the Florida Veterans Walk of Honor and Memorial Gardens.
- Provides \$12.5 million for Florida National Guard Armory Renovations.
- Expands the Florida National Guard education programs.

Florida Defense Support Task Force – SB 858 – Relating to OSGR/Florida Defense Support Task Force – Amends provision which provide exemptions from public records and public meeting requirements for certain records and meetings of the Florida Defense Support Task

Force; saving the exemptions from repeal under the Open Government Sunshine Review Act (OSGR).

Engineers –HB 713 – Relating to Engineers – Authorizing military service members an additional two attempts at the Professional Engineer Exam before requiring additional college.

Persons with Disabilities: Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waivers – Implementing language in the FY 2014-2015 budget (HB 5003 – GAA) provides individuals who meet eligibility requirements under F.S. 393.065(1) to receive home and community-based services if parent or legal guardian is an active duty military service member and if, at the time of transfer to Florida, the individual was already receiving home and community-based services in another state. (**Note: Florida is the first state in the nation to adopt this provision for military families**)

Defense Grants Budget:

Military Base Protection -- \$150,000.
Defense Reinvestment --- \$850,000.

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

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 September, the Task Force considered 14 applications for FY 2015 funding. After reviewing written applications and receiving in-person presentations from applicants, the Task Force decided to fund 13 projects for FY 2015. The projects totaled \$2.59 million. The grant recipients included Santa Rosa County, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, Polk County, Clay County Development Authority, National Center for Simulation in Orlando, Clay County Development Authority, the Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County, Bay County, Space Florida, Florida 8 (a) Alliance, Air Force Enlisted Village, Florida's Great Northwest, Career Source Gulf Coast and University of West Florida. The FY 2015 grant announcement is included at Tab E.

In November, the Task Force awarded \$100,000 to the City of Key West for road projects intended to improve security and access to the base and improve its military value.

FDSTF 2015 Work Plan

Work Plan for 2015

During 2015, the Task Force will work with The Principi Group, the Florida Congressional delegation, state government and local defense communities to aggressively advocate promoting and growing Florida's military installations based on the Task Force Strategic Plan. This plan was developed based on the results and recommendations from the comprehensive analysis and risk assessment conducted by The Spectrum Group of every military installation in Florida. Additionally, the Task Force will consider another round of funding initiatives that assist in supporting and protecting military installations.

The Task Force will meet on the third Thursday of every month throughout 2015. When possible, meetings will be held in various locations around the state and may include base visitations.

First Quarter

January – March 2015

- 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.
- 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 2015

- 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 2015 session.

Third Quarter

July – September 2015

- The Task Force will seat newly appointed members.
- The Task Force will prepare a budget and legislative slate for 2015. They will identify the fiscal resources needed to support and implement FDSTF recommendations to further prepare for any future realignment or closures, or budget initiatives.

Fourth Quarter

October – December 2014

- The Task Force will refine evolving budget and legislative issues.
- The Task Force will publish a new version of the Florida Military-Friendly Guide and distribute it statewide.

APPENDIX – TABS

A Governing Statute -- Florida Statute 288.987/ 288.985

B Membership of the Task Force and Support Staff

C Current Task Force Strategic Plan

D FY 2015 Task Force Grant Funding Application Process

E Announcement of FY 2015 Grant Awards

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TAB A Florida Statute 288.987 / 288.985

288.987 Florida Defense Support Task Force.—

- (1) The Florida Defense Support Task Force is created.
- (2) The mission of the task force is to make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations to support the state's position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting, and to improve the state's military-friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees, and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.
- (3) The task force shall be comprised of the Governor or his or her designee, and 12 members appointed as follows:
 - (a) Four members appointed by the Governor.
 - (b) Four members appointed by the President of the Senate.
 - (c) Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (d) Appointed members must represent defense-related industries or communities that host military bases and installations. All appointments must be made by August 1, 2011. Members shall serve for a term of 4 years, with the first term ending July 1, 2015. However, if members of the Legislature are appointed to the task force, those members shall serve until the expiration of their legislative term and may be reappointed once. A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the initial appointment. All members of the council are eligible for reappointment. A member who serves in the Legislature may participate in all task force activities but may only vote on matters that are advisory.
- (4) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each designate one of their appointees to serve as chair of the task force. The chair shall rotate each July 1. The appointee designated by the President of the Senate shall serve as initial chair. If the Governor, instead of his or her designee, participates in the activities of the task force, then the Governor shall serve as chair.
- (5) The executive director of the Department of Economic Opportunity, or his or her designee, shall serve as the ex officio, nonvoting executive director of the task force.
- (6) The task force shall submit an annual progress report and work plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each February 1.
- (7) The department shall contract with the task force for expenditure of appropriated funds, which may be used by the task force for economic and product research and development, joint planning with host communities to accommodate military missions and prevent base encroachment, advocacy on the state's behalf with federal civilian and military officials, assistance to school districts in providing a smooth transition for large numbers of additional military-related students, job training and placement for military spouses in communities with high proportions of active duty military personnel, and promotion of the state to military and related contractors and employers. The task force may annually spend up to \$200,000

of funds appropriated to the department for the task force for staffing and administrative expenses of the task force, including travel and per diem costs incurred by task force members who are not otherwise eligible for state reimbursement.

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

¹Note.—

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

288.985 Exemptions from public records and public meetings requirements.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TAB B Membership of the Task Force and Support Staff

Governor Appointees

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

Senate President Appointees

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

House Speaker Appointees

Representative Jimmy Patronis – Chairman January 7, 2013 – November 2014.
Representative Matt Gaetz – Termed out November 2014.
Brigadier General Arthur F. Diehl, III, U.S Air Force, Retired
Dr. Ed Naggiar
Representative Ritch Workman – Began term in December 2014: Appointed Chair in January 2015
Representative Clay Ingram – Began term in December 2014

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

TAB C Updated Task Force Strategic Plan – July 2013



Florida

Defense Support Task Force

Strategic Plan

2012 – 2015

Updated as of: July 19, 2013

Florida Defense Support Task Force Strategic Plan 2012 – 2015

July 19, 2013

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

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

Vision

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

Guiding Principles

- Champion Florida as the “Most Military-Friendly State” in the nation.
- Advocate for favorable resolution of military and defense issues from a statewide perspective and unify Florida’s defense communities with one voice. Provide a plan for active and effective advocacy for military and homeland defense missions and facilities located in Florida including the United States Coast Guard.
- Promote Florida’s military friendly atmosphere and optimum training environment and locations as the best and most cost-effective alternative for the Department of Defense.
- Coordinate a unified message of Task Force members, executive and legislative branches of Florida government, congressional members and defense communities.

- Maintain a proactive posture, assisting the Department of Defense in its effort to find efficiencies and develop synergies in the face of necessary military mission consolidations or realignment actions.
- Help Florida communities become better prepared to present the Department of Defense with viable options and opportunities where realignment or consolidation actions are being considered.
- Identify, prioritize and address all current or potential base and range encroachment issues including, but not limited to airspace, environmental, energy, frequency spectrum and land use compatibility.
- Foster mutually beneficial communication and strengthen relationships between the state of Florida, installation leadership and community leaders.
- Enhance the Florida Congressional Delegation efforts in working defense and security issues at the federal level.
- Focus on advocacy efforts to obtain results which are mutually beneficial to Florida and the defense community.
- Identify the military value of Florida installations using core Department of Defense criteria and the results of previous data calls.
- Assist the Governor's office in addressing and supporting the needs of Florida's installations identified as the result of base commander's meetings.
- Champion and continue legacy of Florida's warmth, embrace and respect for military family quality of life.

General Definitions

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

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

Time Frame Definitions

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

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

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Short-Term Strategic Goals

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

National Level -- (Alphabetical Order by Installation):

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

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

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

- **Eglin Air Force Base –**
 - Maintain Air Force Weapon Research, Development, Test and Evaluation synergies and functions.
 - Federal legislation to manage/control structures being built in the coastal waters.
 - Acquire more compatible missions and aircraft to fully utilize the capacity/potential at Eglin.
- **Homestead Air Reserve Base –** Improve by installing of fueling hydrant system and preventing encroachment.
- **Hurlburt Field --** Resolve pavement condition issues, especially the asphalt portion of Taxiway G and a portion of the C-130 transport aircraft apron.
- **Florida Air National Guard/125th Fighter Wing –**
 - Establish an “Active-Associate” unit at the 125th Fighter Wing.
 - Build a new Base fire station.
 - Support F-35 joint strike fighter basing at this site.
- **MacDill Air Force Base –**
 - Advocate for basing of new KC 46 refueling tankers.
 - Advocate for infrastructure improvements.
- **Naval Air Station Jacksonville –** Increase awareness by Naval Aviation leadership of the importance and efficiencies of the Fleet Readiness Center, Jacksonville.
- **Naval Air Station Key West --** Improve the outreach effort regarding Naval Air Station Key West’s important security role and unique capabilities.
- **Naval Station Mayport –**
 - Pursue expedited home porting of the Amphibious Ready Group at Naval Station Mayport.
 - Continue to advocate for nuclear aircraft carrier home port.
 - Seek US Coast Guard ship basing.
- **Naval Support Activity Panama City –**

- Assist local defense community in securing funds to ensure permanent control of an 8-acre tract acquired to prevent future encroachment, enhance security and provide for mission expansion.
- Assist NSA Panama City in seeking renewable energy project to reduce energy costs.
- **Patrick Air Force Base** – Pursue programs to develop sites suitable for mission expansion.
- **Saufley Field** – Advocate for funding to implement Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) plan. (Note: US Navy recently canceled this EUL initiative.)
- **Space Florida** – Assist Space Florida in identifying DoD BRAC transition mechanisms that might be useful to NASA.
- **Team Orlando** –
 - Retain Team Orlando.
 - Assist with additional office space requirements.
 - Assist Metro Orlando Defense Task Force (MODTF) in further development and execution of the strategic plan and communications plan to retain Team Orlando.
- **Tyndall Air Force Base** –
 - Advocate for Tyndall’s tenant commands including the Air and Space Operations Center.
 - Advocate for increased missions/aircraft.
 - Prevent potential encroachment in the Gulf Range Complex.

State Level -- (Alphabetical Order by Installation):

- **Camp Blanding Joint Training Center** –
 - Improve communication systems on Camp Blanding.
 - Prioritize construction of additional training unit facilities.
 - Develop separate marketing/information campaigns to:
 - Encourage transfer or standup of remotely piloted vehicle training
 - Encourage transfer or standup of emergency operations center training
 - Encourage transfer or standup of all-service combat skills weather training

- Encourage transfer or standup of all-service water survival training
- Encourage transfer or standup of military vehicle overhaul or recapitalization.
- **Eglin Air Force Base –**
 - Support road improvements to facilitate ingress/egress.
 - Prevent encroachment that could impact the Gulf Range Complex east of the Military Mission Line.
- **Hurlburt Field --** Support proposed “West Gate” construction and off base auxiliary roads.
- **Florida Air National Guard/125th Fighter Wing –** Support facility improvements and taxiway upgrades.
- **MacDill Air Force Base –**
 - Support the purchase of a parcel of land immediately adjacent to MacDill Air Force Base to prevent future encroachment issues.
 - Support widening of Dale Mabry Blvd. from main gate to enjoin Lee Roy Selmon Expressway.
- **Naval Air Station Pensacola –**
 - Establish a system to enhance air space management in Northwest Florida with guidance aimed at future growth in flight activity.
 - Consider development of a more structured and robust cooperative mechanism involving the hospital, the Veterans Administration facility, and the three local hospitals, with a focus on disaster response.
 - Seek new initiatives for shared functions (commercial, medical, recreation, etc.) with the communities and State through mechanisms such as enhanced-use leasing.
- **Naval Air Station Whiting Field –** Continue efforts to buffer training airfields from encroachment, especially at the outlying fields.
- **Naval Station Mayport –**
 - Support acquisition of land adjacent to NS Mayport to prevent encroachment.
- **Naval Support Activity Panama City –**
 - Protect Navy ranges used for Research, Development, Test, Evaluation and training.
 - Advocate for continued Navy emphasis on mine and littoral warfare and Littoral Combat Ship development.

- Complete implementation of the Joint Land Use Study and adjacent land acquisition project to ensure merging commercial and military activities can each meet their objectives.

Overall Long-Term Strategic Goals for All Military Installations

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

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

What Does Success Look Like?

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

developing solutions and strategies of mutual benefit to the Department of Defense and the state.

TAB D FY 2015 Funding Application Process

Florida Defense Support Task Force FY 2015 Grant Funding Application Process – July 16, 2014

Background

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

Purpose

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

Criteria

- A. The FDSTF will consider providing resources for initiatives which directly support both the mission of the FDSTF as described in F.S. 288.987 and the FDSTF goals as stated in the FDSTF Strategic Plan, dated 7/19/13.
- B. Projects must have a clearly defined, measurable outcome in support of the Task Force mission.

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 electronically no later than 4:00 PM EDT on August 22, 2014.
- 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 2015 grants.
- B. FY 2013 Task Force grant recipients are not eligible to apply for FY 2015 grants unless they have expended all funds from their FY 2013 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.

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.

Florida Defense Support Task Force FY 2015 Grants Timeline

July 16, 2014 Release of FY 2015 Grant Funding Application.

August 22, 2014 Deadline for Task Force grant application submissions.

Aug 25 – 29, 2014	Staff reviews all applications for eligibility.
September 5, 2014	Staff provides all applications for review by TF members
September 8 - 17, 2014	Task Force members review applications.
September 18, 2014	Eligible grant applicant oral presentations in Tallahassee. TF votes to decide final recipients and amounts for FY 2015 grants.
Oct TBD	Task Force FY 2015 grants announced.

Guidance to Applicants

- A. Applicants must obtain support of a FDSTF member as a project sponsor. Once support is obtained, the applicant may submit funding application directly to FDSTF Executive Director via email 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 September 5, 2014, the Task Force Executive Director will notify the applicant to appear at the September 18, 2014 FDSTF meeting to make an in-person presentation.
- C. 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.
- D. Presentations are limited to a maximum of 15 minutes.
- E. 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.
- F. Grants will be announced as soon as possible by the Governor.

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Attachments:

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

Attachment A: FDSTF Project Application

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

1. Project Title

2. Applicant

Organization name:

Name of Primary Contact:

Title:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Website:

3. Project Criteria (check all that apply)

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

FDSTF goals as stated in the FDSTF Strategic Plan, dated 7/19/13.

Clearly defined, measurable outcome.

4. Summary of Project

Must include the following:

a. Project description

b. Objectives

c. Deliverables

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

e. Performance measures

f. Budget and Financial Reporting form (Attachment B)

g. Plan of Action form (Attachment C)

5. Funding requested from the Florida Defense Support Task Force

Total request:

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

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

7. Amounts of other leveraged funding/ contributions

Federal _____ State _____

Local _____ Private _____

Other _____

8. Estimated length of project

Start date _____

End date _____

Attachment B: Budget and Financial Report Form

FY 2014-2015 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 2014-2015 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 2015 Task Force Grant Awards



Florida Defense Support Task Force

September 19, 2014

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

The Florida Defense Support Task Force met on September 18, 2014 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 fourteen applications submitted for funding from the Florida Defense Support Task Force for FY 2015, the Task Force approves the 13 applicants listed below to receive grant awards. One application was withheld from consideration pending an October site visit in Key West.

Applicant	Project	Award
Santa Rosa County	Site clearing to improve force protection at NAS Whiting Field	\$20,654
Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	Execute strategic plan (MacDill 2025) to champion MacDill AFB	\$150,000
Polk County	Protect Avon Park Range from incompatible land use through acquisition of land or specific property rights	\$500,000
Clay Count Development Authority	Purchase of 159 acres adjacent to Camp Blanding to provide buffer from incompatible land development and encroachment	\$400,000
National Center for Simulation (Orlando)	Implement strategic plan to retain Team Orlando and address office space shortage	\$240,000
Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County	Continued development of public-private partnerships to improve the military value of Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field	\$285,000
	Expand Bay County	

Bay County	Intelligent Transportation System to synchronize traffic lights on access roads to Tyndall AFB	\$200,000
Space Florida	Implement Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) component to emergency response exercise at Camp Blanding	\$38,500
Florida 8 (a) Alliance	Develop defense industry and veteran owned small business growth and job creation	\$100,000
Air Force Enlisted Village	Provide assistance in construction of veterans housing in Ft. Walton Beach area	\$135,000
Florida's Great Northwest	Implement marketing program to aerospace and defense industries to bring veterans jobs to NW Florida	\$25,000
Career Source Gulf Coast	Provide meaningful employment and training services to transitioning military members	\$150,000
University of West Florida	Implement program to identify and train military and veterans in information technology and cybersecurity skills	\$350,000
	TOTAL	\$2,594,154

Representative Jimmy Patronis

Chairman, Florida Defense Support Task Force



Florida Defense Support Task Force: Successes 2012 - 2014

December 3, 2014

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 – 2014:

1. Organized as a Task Force, conducted monthly meetings and visited military bases around the state.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
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 has conducted 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 2013 “Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis” and the resultant Florida Defense Factbook and other marketing materials to educate and raise awareness of the economic impact of the military presence and defense industry to Florida’s economy.
8. Published the Florida Military Friendly Guide in 2013, a handbook of state programs and laws that benefit military members and their families stationed in Florida. Published updated version in 2014.
9. Awarded 32 Task Force grants totaling \$7.32 million to local defense communities across the state to enhance the military value of Florida bases.
10. Supported military-friendly state legislation including: a funded program to acquire non-conservation buffering lands adjacent to military installations, an extended voter registration for deployed military members, guaranteed continued Florida participation in the Interstate Compact for Military Children, write in absentee ballots for deployed service members, permission for military spouses/dependents to keep their state of residence driver licenses while stationed in Florida, automatic extensions for military spouse/dependent driver licenses while stationed outside of Florida, and 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 Task Force has received tremendous support and funding from the Governor and Legislature since its inception in 2011.

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TAB G Financial Report

Florida Defense Support Task Force Budget Summary – As of January 6, 2015 FY 2014/2015 Total Program

Year	Carried Fwd	Appropriated	Total Funds for FY 14/15	Spent as of: 01/06/15	Available Balance
FY 2014/2015		3,500,000			
Program	5,661,388	3,250,000	8,911,388	1,369,456	7,541,932
Administrative	107,784	250,000	357,784	108,468	249,316
Total	5,769,172	3,500,000	9,269,172	1,477,924	7,791,248

FY 2013 Contract Expenditures

Contractor	Contract Amount	Reimbursed to Date	Obligated Funds Remaining	Unobligated Funds Remaining
The Principi Group (through Dec 2013)	1,800,000	1,800,000		-
The Spectrum Group (retainer through Dec 2013)	80,000	80,000		-
Haas Center – FL Defense Factbook	154,500	154,500		
Natn'l Ctr for Simulation	350,000	285,885	64,115	
Bay Def Alliance	500,000	-	500,000	
Highlands County	500,000	3,975	496,025	
Florida 8 a Alliance	99,699	99,699		
Santa Rosa	129,400	129,400		
City of Jacksonville (EOD)	249,682	249,682		
Andrews Institute	225,000	225,000		
Tampa Bay Def Alliance	130,000	75,085	54,915	
City of Jacksonville (Maritime)	200,000	-	200,000	
Total	4,418,281	3,103,226	1,315,055	-

Appropriations	
FY 11-12	Program \$4,800,000 Admin \$200,000
FY 12-13	Program \$1,800,000 Admin \$200,000
FY 13-14	Program \$3,800,000 Admin \$200,000
FY 14-15	Program \$3,250,000 Admin \$250,000

Available Balance	7,791,248
FY 2013 Obligated Funds	1,315,055
FY 2014 Obligated Funds	2,636,014
FY 2015 Unobligated Funds	2,594,154
TF Funds Available	1,246,025
Admin	249,316
Program	996,709

FY 2014 Contracts

Contractor	Contract Amount	Reimbursed to Date	Obligated Funds Remaining	Unobligated Funds Remaining
The Principi Group (through Dec 2015)	1,800,000	825,000	975,000	
The Principi Group – 2 projects – Sept-Dec 2014	129,850	97,388	32,463	
National Center for Simulation	350,000		350,000	
Clay County (air space)	474,000	118,500	355,500	
City of Niceville	25,000	13,179	11,821	
Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	225,000	56,250	168,750	
Economic Development Alliance of Bay County	500,000		500,000	
Clay County (mass notification system)	255,000		255,000	
Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County	195,000	76,853	118,147	
Florida 8 (a) Alliance	150,000	37,500	112,500	
Florida Great NW	50,000	38,167	11,833	
Total	4,153,850	1,517,837	2,636,014	

FY 2015 Contracts

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			150,000
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			285,000
Bay County	200,000			200,000
Space Florida	38,500			38,500
Florida 8 (a) Alliance	100,000			100,000
Air Force Enlisted Village	135,000			135,000
Florida's Great NW	25,000			25,000
Career Source Gulf Coast	150,000			150,000
University of West Florida	350,000			350,000
City of Key West	100,000			100,000
Total	2,694,154	-	-	2,694,154

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 and FY 13-14.

Funding Request Summary -- As of: January 7, 2014 for Task Force Grant Activity

 **Grant Closed**

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	Continued the Metro Orlando Defense Task Force (MODTF) outreach/education/information campaign. Efforts to acquire 200,000 - 300,000 sq. ft. of additional office space continue. Acquisition of the TechPoint 2 building will solve all of the Air Force space requirements and a portion of the Army’s. The MODTF plans to place an option to acquire the TechPoint1 building, which is occupied exclusively by Army personnel, and also acquire a 10.2 acre parcel of land to build a Partnership IV building. The new building will allow them to design the facility to include some unfunded service requirements to meet emerging missions. All required property appraisals were completed and reviewed by the State of Florida during this quarter. <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 June 30, 2015.</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 04/17/14 \$301.45 reverted back to the Task Force control. <u>Grant closed.</u>
13-04 04/22/14 \$500,000	(FY 12-13) Bay Defense Alliance – Acquire land to prevent encroachment at NSA Panama City.	This contract has expired. Florida Legislature has funded this project through HB 2015. Acquisition of land being negotiated by DEP. This grant funds will revert back to Task Force control.
13-05 03/31/15 \$500,000	(FY 12-13) Highlands County – Acquire land or easements to prevent encroachment at Avon Park Range	In the process of preparing for the closings of the conservation easement transactions. <u>Highland’s county request to extend the 04/22/14 end date of this contract was approved with a new end date of March 31, 2015.</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 – Establish cohesive organization	Held annual Board of Directors meeting during this period. The website RFP selection was made. New content and redesign for the website is also underway. <u>The Tampa Bay Defense Alliance’s request to extend the 06/11/14 end date of this contract was approved with a new end date of January 31, 2015.</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	The City of Jacksonville held a project meeting with their advocates in August and September. Advocates have had ongoing discussions with industry and educational institution representatives in working to identify potential project partners to assist in funding R& D activities. Several meetings have been held with US Navy to further a potential working relationship and identify Undersea Warfare Training Range (USWTR) capabilities. <u>The City of Jacksonville’s request to extend the 10/10/14 end date of this contract was approved with a new end date of May 11, 2015.</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>

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Grant # End Date Award Amount	Grantee	Status/Progress
14-02 03/12/15 \$474,000	(FY 13-14) Clay County Development Authority – Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC) – Airspace Control System	Completed the selection and award process to general contractor. Task award, quality plan, operations security plan, kick off meeting, master schedule and engineering site survey were completed during this quarter. Initial disbursement request \$118,500, 25% of grant award, has been paid.
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	The GIS consultant has completed the parcel-specific map. Planning consultant and city staff have been researching data and analyzing existing land development code to prepare text amendments for military compatibility.
14-05 07/31/15 \$500,000	(FY 13-14) Economic Development Alliance of Bay County (BayEDA) – LambdaRail Expansion Project	Potential funding sources have been identified for direct or indirect funds required for implementation of LamdaRail. It is anticipated that funding commitment levels will be established during the next quarter. <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 July 31, 2015.</u>
14-06 06/30/15 \$350,000	(FY 13-14) National Center for Simulation – Threat mitigation plan	This grant along with DTF 13-02 will be used to continue to execute a comprehensive plan to mitigate potential threats to the base from future Department of Defense (DoD) Base Realignment and Closure processes, or other service initiated base realignment activities. Since DTF 13-02 was extended until June 30, 2015 no funds have yet been obligated under this grant, awaiting the remainder of the previous grant being expended. <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 June 30, 2015.</u>
14-08 05/31/15 \$225,000	(FY 13-14) Tampa Bay Defense Alliance – Develop a strategic campaign championing MacDill AFB	Held annual Board of Directors meeting during this period. The website RFP selection was made. New content and redesign for the website is also underway. Initial disbursement request \$56,250, 25% of grant award, has been paid. <u>The Tampa Bay Defense Alliance’s request to extend the 06/11/14 end date of this contract was approved with a new end date of May 31, 2015.</u>
14-09 02/11/15 \$150,000	(FY 13-14) Florida 8 A Alliance – Support veteran and defense small businesses	Completed 3 webinars during this quarter. Two of the webinars were focused on the NASA Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR). The other webinar was focused on veteran state registration and had to highest attendance to date. The Conference Training Track was completed. Initial disbursement request \$37,500, 25% of grant award, has been paid.

<p>14-10 03/12/15 \$195,000</p>	<p>(FY 13-14) Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County – Tri-County Community Partnership Initiative</p>	<p>Eglin Air Force Base concluded their United States Air Force mandated Community Partnership Initiative (CPI) process on 10/01/14. Community-wide public relation workshops have been successfully accomplished during the past six months in partnership with Eglin’s CPI thereby increasing public and private sector awareness of the P4 process and its benefits.</p> <p>Initial disbursement request \$48,750, 25% of grant award, has been paid.</p>
<p>14-11 04/24/15 \$50,000</p>	<p>(FY 13-14) Florida’s Great Northwest – Five County Marketing Diversification Plan</p>	<p>Participated in 5 Aviation, Aerospace, Defense-related trade shows and conferences and met with 125 company and consultant firms. Developed a new manufacturing brochure that highlights the heavy concentration of manufacturers in the Northwest Florida region. Began modifying its website to place more concentration on the military skill sets available throughout the region.</p>

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