

Economic Growth Task Force

June 16, 2010
11:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Meeting Notes

Members Present: Raj Ravi, Chair; Peter Buczynsky; Renee Dyer; Skip Miller

Staff Present: John Hagen, John Walsh

Summary Notes & Action Items:

Meeting was called to order at 11:10

John Walsh gave an overview of the Tax Collector Business License data. Peter Buczynsky and John gave an overview of the work being done on the capabilities database and the effort to coordinate with the Florida High Tech Corridor Council (FHTCC). It was decided to continue to work with FHTCC and to pursue the PEDC agenda for the development of a Pasco capabilities database. Priorities identified include:

- Meet with DataMentors to develop a comprehensive list of manufacturers
- Have Pasco Hernando Regional Workforce Board compare our business data with its data
- Prepare an outline of a website
- Develop a capabilities survey document

John Hagen gave an overview of the Pasco Enterprise Network which is a collaborative effort, including; Pasco EDC, Pasco County Libraries, Small Business Development Center, Service Corps of Retired Executives, the five Chambers of Commerce and Pasco Hernando regional Workforce board. This coalition will work together to coordinate services and technical assistance for small business and entrepreneurs. A website is being developed that will serve as a portal for clients to research and receive assistance.

John Hagen gave an overview of his work with USF and the development of an incubator. The two main efforts at this point are to find an appropriate building and develop a report relating to the potential of a water quality institute.

John Hagen gave an overview of marketing activities and announced the Marketing Task Force has been formed and the first meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 18th.