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Florida Design Consultants Steps Up to Leadership Role in Pasco Economic Development Council

Lutz, Florida--The Pasco Economic Development Council (PEDC) announced today that Florida Design Consultants, Inc. has become a Corporate Council Investor (\$10,000). As a Corporate Council level investor, Florida Design Consultants (FDC) will receive a seat on the PEDC Board of Directors, which will be held by Ms. Elizabeth Lyon-Hall, Senior Planner & Business Development. The PEDC Board of Directors is responsible for governing the organization and providing leadership for the *Power of Six*, PEDC's strategic plan.

The investment made by FDC will support PEDC's mission to lead Pasco County in the creation of a sustainable and diversified economy. "Florida Design Consultants, Inc. is going to be a tremendous asset for our team in recruiting companies to the county," said John Hagen, PEDC President. "President Ed Mazur and his colleagues have a huge database regarding Pasco County land and a deep bench when it comes to engineering, planning, and environmental experts."

Florida Design Consultants offers civil engineering, surveying, transportation studies and design, environmental permitting, planning, GIS and computer graphic services to private and public sector clients throughout the State of Florida. FDC has established itself as a highly knowledgeable, goal oriented organization that accomplishes its tasks quickly and efficiently.

"When FDC located to Pasco County, we were so impressed with PEDC's recruiting efforts and felt that by investing in PEDC, we could give back to the community and be a part of helping to create a sustainable and diversified economy in Pasco," said Elizabeth Lyon-Hall, Senior Planner & Business Development.

Hagen remarked that Pasco County is blessed with a concentration of firms in the environmental space. "If we can combine the expertise of engineering firms like Florida Design Consultants with the innovation of our local manufacturers making environmental products, we could have the a good start on a new economic sector that I like to call "Cleantech."

PEDC is an organization that promotes countywide economic development. Created in 1987 by a group of dedicated business and community leaders, it continues to be a strong partnership funded by corporate and public investors and focused on the economic vitality of Pasco County.

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