

RESOLUTION NO. 2007- 39

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA FINDING THAT NORTHROP GRUMMAN BE APPROVED AS A QUALIFIED APPLICANT PURSUANT TO §288.106, FLORIDA STATUTES FOR THE SIKORSKY CH-53 HELICOPTER PROJECT; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000.00 AS LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE QUALIFIED DEFENSE CONTRACT TAX REFUND PROGRAM, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA as follows:

WHEREAS, the business under consideration is one of the largest private employers in St. Johns County and manufactures the E-2C Hawkeye and modifies U.S. Government and foreign military aircraft, specifically, Northrop Grumman; and

WHEREAS, Northrop Grumman is located at 5000 U.S. 1 North, P.O. Box 105, St. Augustine, FL 32085; and

WHEREAS, Northrop Grumman service markets throughout North America, Central America, Mexico and other selected international projects; and

WHEREAS, Northrop Grumman **intends to bring up to 125 new jobs to St. Johns County, and those new jobs will have** an average salary of \$50,000 per year for the Sikorsky CH-53 Helicopter Project; and

WHEREAS, Northrop Grumman **has submitted an application with the State of Florida, Enterprise Florida in connection with its desire to be approved and certified as a Qualified Defense Contract Business, under Section 288.106, Florida Statutes; and**

WHEREAS, Northrop Grumman, consistent with Section 288.106, Florida Statutes, has applied for a Qualified Defense Contract Tax Refund, and seeks St. Johns County to provide a local match of 20% of the total Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund; and

WHEREAS, if Northrop Grumman is certified as a Qualified Defense Contract Business, then St. Johns County's local match of Qualified Defense Contract Tax Refund could total an amount up to, but not exceeding, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, has considered the merits of Northrop Grumman's application, and determined that such an application, if approved, will provide an economic benefit for the residents of St. Johns County, Florida.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA as follows:

Section 1. The above Recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution, and such Recitals are adopted as Findings of Fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida (Board) recommends to the State of Florida that Northrop Grumman be approved as a Qualified Defense Contract Business pursuant to Section 288.106, Florida Statutes.

Section 3. The Board acknowledges that the necessary commitment of local financial support for Northrop Grumman, as a Qualified Defense Contract Business for the Qualified Defense Contract Tax Refund Program exists in an amount not to exceed one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), spread over at least a minimum of five (5) County fiscal years.

Section 4. That any money paid by the County under the Qualified Defense Contract Tax Refund Program will be paid to the Florida Economic Development Trust Fund, as required, and containing the stipulation that such funds are intended to represent the "local participation" pursuant to Section 288.106, Florida Statutes.


Section 5. This **Resolution** shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA this 6th day of February, 2007.


ATTEST:

Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**



Chairman



Clerk

ADOPTION DATE 2/8/07