

RESOLUTION NO. 2007- 90

**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 §288.1045, FLORIDA STATUTES FOR THE U.S. AIR FORCE A-10 ENHANCED WING PROJECT; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$130,400.00 AS LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE QUALIFIED DEFENSE CONTRACT TAX REFUND PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-40 DUE TO THE DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES REQUIRED FOR THE PROJECT AND THE REDUCTION OF THE LOCAL PARTICIPATION AMOUNT FROM \$260,000 TO \$130,400.**

**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** 163 new jobs to St. Johns County, **and those new jobs will have** an average salary of \$50,000 per year for the U.S. Air Force A-10 Enhanced Wing 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 288.1045, Florida Statutes; and**

**WHEREAS**, Northrop Grumman, consistent with Section 288.1045, 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 thirty thousand four hundred dollars (\$130,400.00); 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.**

**WHEREAS, adoption of this Resolution will by its nature and effect rescind Resolution No. 2007-40, approved at the February 6, 2007, Board of County Commissioners Meeting, due to a decrease in the number of additional employees required for the project and a reduction in the amount of local participation from \$260,000 to \$130,400.**

**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 288.1045, 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 thirty thousand four hundred dollars (\$130,400.00), 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 288.1045, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007.**

ATTEST:

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

  
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Chairman

  
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Clerk

RENDITION DATE 3/21/07