

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners  
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20021265

**1. REQUESTED MOTION:**

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approve Resolution for Project Number LC 02-10-01 as a Qualified Applicant for the State Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program, pursuant to s.228.106, Florida Statutes, as recommended by the Lee County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) on October 4, 2002.

**WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:** State Law requires County to demonstrate support for the application before approved by the state.

**WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:** Provides a 20% local match not-to-exceed \$50,000 over four years, as inducement, providing application is approved and Lee County is chosen for expansion.

**2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY: 01**

COMMISSION DISTRICT # CW

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**3. MEETING DATE:**

*11-19-2002*

**4. AGENDA:**

- CONSENT ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

**5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:**  
(Specify)

- STATUTE – s.288.106  
ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

**6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:**

- A. COMMISSIONER County-Wide
- B. DEPARTMENT Economic Development
- C. DIVISION

BY: *J. Watermeier*  
Janet Watermeier, Director

**7. BACKGROUND:** Up to \$1.5 million is allocated from the General Fund Reserve for implementation of Lee County's business incentive program, including participation in the 20% local match for the State of Florida's Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program. The State of Florida requires a Resolution from the local government agreeing to provide 20% match over 4 years in the event the incentive application is approved by the State. The local match is not to exceed \$50,000 over 4 years.

This tax incentive would be an inducement for Project LC 02-10-01 to expand their company in Florida and Lee County. If Lee County is chosen as the preferred site, the company expects to employ 50 full-time employees with salaries and benefits more than 200% of the average wage for Lee County and an economic impact annually of \$8.2 million in wages and create 68 indirect jobs.

The Lee County Industrial Development Authority, administrator of the County incentive program, met on October 4, 2002 recommending approval of the resolution to the Board of County Commissioners.

**8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff Recommends Approval**

**9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:**

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
<i>go</i>	N/A	N/A		<i>11/14/02</i>	<i>OA</i> <i>11/14/02</i>	<i>OM</i> <i>11/17/02</i>	<i>Risk</i> <i>11/07/02</i>	<i>GC</i> <i>11-5-02</i>	<i>W. B. ...</i>

**10. COMMISSION ACTION:**

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

Rec. by Coatty
Date: <i>11/14/02</i>
Time: <i>3:15 pm</i>
Forwarded To:

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<i>11-1 4-25</i>
COUNTY ADMIN. FORWARDED TO: <i>OS</i>
<i>11/7 430</i>

**STATE OF Florida  
QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY  
TAX REFUND PROGRAM**

**LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA FINDING THAT LC-02-10-01, BE APPROVED AS A QUALIFIED APPLICANT PURSUANT TO S.288.106, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION NOT-TO-EXCEED \$50,000 AS LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS(S) 2002-2006, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF LEE COUNTY , FLORIDA as follows:**

**WHEREAS**, the Project Number LC-02-10-01 is a company seeking to expand in Lee County; and

**WHEREAS**, Project Number LC-02-10-01 is one of the County's target industries to diversity the economy, that offer higher-wage jobs and specialized training; and

**WHEREAS**, Project Number LC-02-10-01 will employ 50 with an annual wage exceeding 200% of the Lee County average wage and the economic impact of this project in Lee County will be \$8.2 million in wages and benefits annually and create 68 indirect jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners approved a \$1.5 million incentive program for FY 2002/03 which included participation of the 20% local match required by the State of Florida for a company to be considered for state inducement incentives. It is acknowledged and understood that Lee County desires to provide this local participation in the State program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA** that the Board hereby recommends Project LC-02-10-01 be approved as a Qualified Target Industry Business pursuant to S.288-106, Florida Statutes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the necessary commitment of local financial support for the Qualified Target industry Business for the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program exists in an amount not to exceed \$ 50,000; that this amount will be paid to the Florida Economic Development Trust Fund as required with the stipulation that these funds are intended to represent the "local participation" pursuant to S. 288-106, Florida Statutes.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption, offered the foregoing Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and, being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

DOUGLAS ST. CERNY \_\_\_\_\_  
ROBERT JANES \_\_\_\_\_  
RAY JUDAH \_\_\_\_\_  
ANDREW COY \_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN E. ALBION \_\_\_\_\_

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002

**ATTEST:**  
**CHARLIE GREEN, CLERK**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the County Attorney