1. **Title of Project:** Hernando Schools Vocational Program

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Wilton Simpson

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/07/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

   Hernando is the only county in the Tampa Bay Region that does not have a stand-alone vocational school. In 2013, a $1.5 million appropriation helped to increase vocational offerings. Programs in Welding, HVAC, Automotive, Cybersecurity, Manufacturing, CNA, Cosmetology, ServeSafe and Life Insurance Marketing programs were created and located in available space on high school campuses.  Hernando's Suncoast Technical Education Center, Florida's newest technical school, was created and achieved accreditation without a stand-alone building. Last year, the school district had 1,224 students who earned an industry certification, further demonstrating strong support for Career and Technical training within our community. The Hernando School District has a proven track record of success in Career and Technical Education and we believe there is broad support and community advocates for a vocational school that will serve both high school and adult students interested in learning a trade.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Education

   State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

   | Type of Funding | Amount |
   |---|---|
   | Operations | |
   | Fixed Capital Outlay | 1,000,000 |
   | **Total State Funds Requested** | **1,000,000** |

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

   | Type of Funding | Amount | Percent |
   |---|---|---|
   | Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 1,000,000 | 100.00% |
   | Federal | 0 | 0.00% |
   | State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0.00% |
   | Local | 0 | 0.00% |
   | Other | 0 | 0.00% |
   | **Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020** | **1,000,000** | **100.0%** |

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**   No

   | Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount Recurring | NonRecurring | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
   |---|---|---|---|---|
   | | | | | |

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.** 3,000,000

10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| **Administrative Costs:** | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | | |
| Other Salary and Benefits | | |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | |
| **Operational Costs:** | | |
| Salary and Benefits | | |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | |
| **Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:** | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | Architect, including all systems engineering | 1,000,000 |
| **Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)** | | **1,000,000** |

11. **Program Performance:**

a. **What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?**

The funds will go to the construction and start up of Hernando's first stand-alone vocational school. The school will be utilized by adults and high school students for training in specific trades.

b. **What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?**

In addition to the current post-secondary offerings, Hernando County School District will look to create a full menu of courses within the first 3 years of operation that can be accessed by both populations. Proper wraparound programs available to adults will also be added.

c. **What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Vocational Training to high school students and adults interested in learning a specific trade.

d. **Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?**

According to the 2013-2017 American Community Survey, our County has 18,176 citizens without a high school diploma, and 53,759 citizens who only have a high school diploma. This would be the target population for this project. In addition to the Hernando County high school students who prefer a career and technical path in lieu of a college degree.

e. **What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?**

The immediate benefit is to have a stand-alone facility that will house the expanded career & technical offerings in Hernando County, a community resource that is desperately needed. Accreditation will be sought by the Council of Occupational Education, which gives specific performance measures programs must adhere to in order to be eligible for federal funding.

    **f.** **What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?**

    In the event that building of the technical center does not move forward, all funds will be returned.

12. **The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

Hernando County School District

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