



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2030

1. **Title of Project:** The Bluffs 2019 Entrance/Transportation Upgrades

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Doug Broxson

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/04/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Planning, engineering, design, and construction for the entrance to the Bluffs Industrial Corridor, and transportation upgrades at the multi-leg intersection of Chemstrand Road, Old Chemstrand Road, Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA) entrance drive, and Ascend Materials entrance drive(s).

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

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>

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)	2,500,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		500,000	1906A	No

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

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 2,000,000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		



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Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Planning, engineering, design, and construction for the entrance to the Bluffs Industrial Corridor and transportation upgrades at the multi-leg intersection of Chemstrand Road, Old Chemstrand Road, ECUA entrance drive, and Ascend Materials entrance drive(s).	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,500,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

The current intersection configuration does not have adequate capacity to support the Bluffs Master Plan development. Access to the Bluffs Industrial Corridor and transportation upgrades for the multi-leg intersection of Chemstrand Road, Old Chemstrand Road, ECUA entrance drive, and Ascend Materials entrance drive(s) will be achieved with these funds.

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

Planning, engineering, design, and construction

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

The Bluffs is a 6400 acre industrial cluster on the lower Escambia River in Escambia County, FL. Over the past several years DEO/FDOT have been investing in the development of competitive sites for advanced manufacturing and economic diversification. This initiative is part of the goals and objectives outlined in the "Florida Trade and Logistics Study 2.0." The citizens stand to benefit from the development of this site inventory through the associated jobs, economic diversification, and economic growth.

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

The Bluffs industrial development will impact working-age adults and their families in the Florida panhandle. Economic studies have predicted an impact of about 15,000 direct jobs at full development.

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

As a large-scale industrial cluster, the Bluffs has been evaluated for economic return and/or impact by a number of experts and interest groups. The 25-year program is expected to generate approximately 15,000 direct jobs and a payroll of \$550 million. As the competitive advanced manufacturing sites are developed and



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marketed, progress towards the programmatic goal will be reported to the various project stakeholders and responsible agencies at annual intervals.

- 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?**

Withholding of funds.

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.**

Escambia County

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

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14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Pensacola-Escambia Promotions & Development Commission
- b. **County:** Escambia
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify) Legislatively created Economic Development Commission FS 89-480 HB No. 984
- d. **Contact Name:** Scott Luth
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15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. **Name:** None
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- d. **Phone Number:**