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MEETING NOTICE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

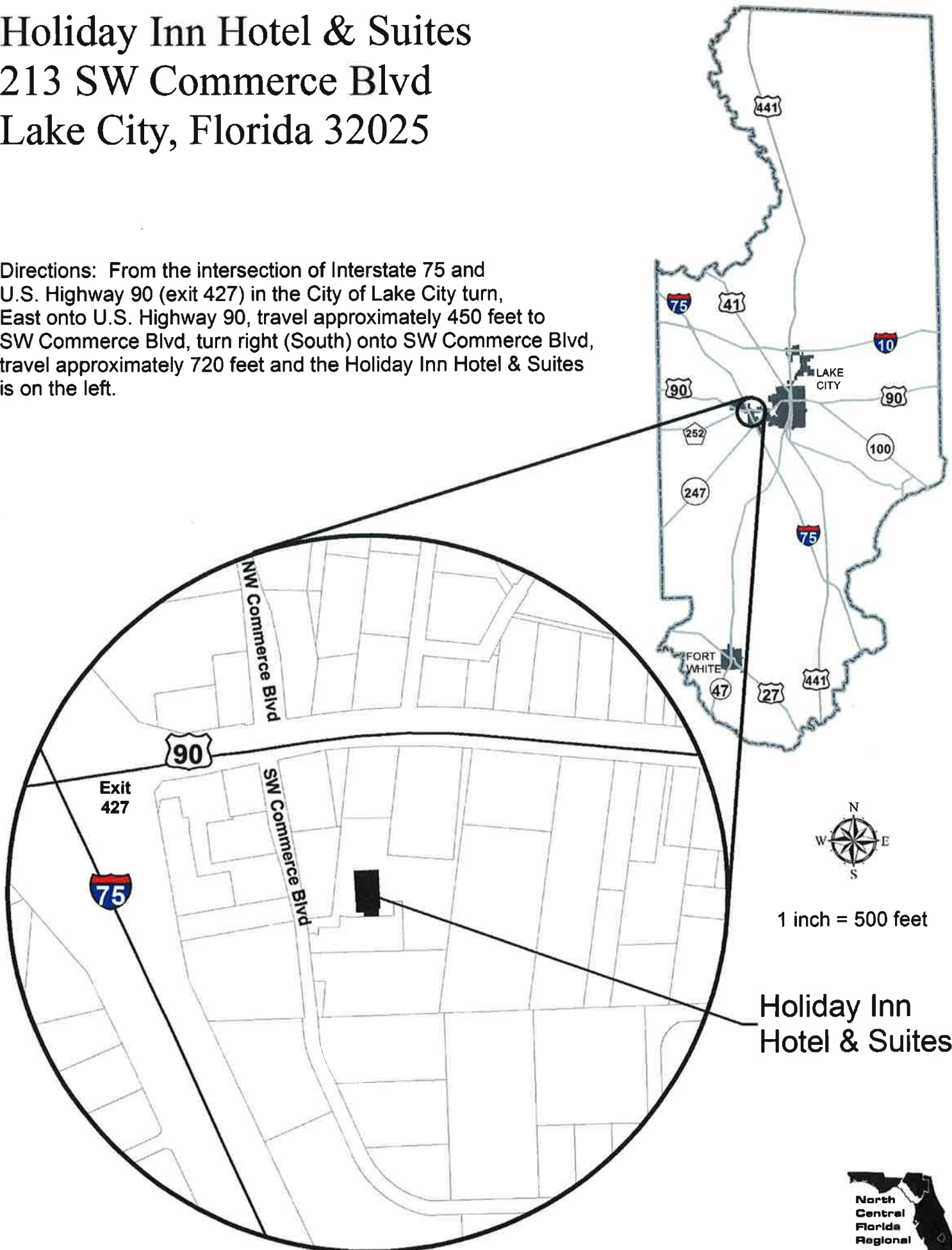
There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on **September 28, 2017**. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida at 6:00 p.m.

(Location Map on Back)

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

213 SW Commerce Blvd
Lake City, Florida 32025

Directions: From the intersection of Interstate 75 and U.S. Highway 90 (exit 427) in the City of Lake City turn, East onto U.S. Highway 90, travel approximately 450 feet to SW Commerce Blvd, turn right (South) onto SW Commerce Blvd, travel approximately 720 feet and the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites is on the left.





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AGENDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

September 28, 2017
6:00 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

August 24, 2017
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lorene Thomas, Chair
Louie Davis, Vice-Chair
Rick Davis, Immediate Past Chair
Larry Sessions, Member
Robert Wilford, Secretary/Treasurer

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons

GUESTS PRESENT

Stew Lilker

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Thomas asked that Item IV. Proclamation Declaring September 24, 2017 as James Montgomery Day in the north central Florida region be added to the agenda and approve the agenda, as amended.

ACTION: Commissioner Sessions made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wilford, to add Item IV. Proclamation Declaring September 24, 2017 as James Montgomery Day in north central Florida region to the agenda and approve the agenda, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 27, 2017

Chair Thomas asked that the minutes for the July 27, 2017 Executive Committee meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Wilford made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis to approve the minutes for July 27, 2017 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONTRACTS AND APPLICATIONS

A. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Service Agreements -
Fiscal Year 2017-18

ACTION: Commissioner Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Sessions to recommend that the Council authorize the Chair to execute technical assistance services agreements on a fixed fee basis to assist counties and cities with implementing their comprehensive plans and land development regulations for Fiscal Year 2016-17. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Hazardous Waste Monitoring Verification and Notification Service Agreements -
Fiscal Year 2017-18

ACTION: Commissioner Wilford made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis to recommend that the Council authorize the Chair to execute agreements with Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison,

Suwannee and Union Counties for hazardous waste monitoring for Fiscal Year 2017-18. The motion carried unanimously.

III. PROGRAM REPORT - None

IV. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - Proclamation Declaring September 24, 2017
James Montgomery Day

Mr. Koons stated that in recognition of the service of James Montgomery to the North Florida Regional Planning Council it is recommended that the Council adopt a proclamation declaring September 24, 2017 as James Montgomery Day in the north central Florida region. He stated that Mr. Montgomery served on the Council from 1975 to 2004 as a member representing the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County. Mr. Koons noted that in 2010 Mr. Montgomery was appointed as a gubernatorial appointee from Columbia County. He further noted that Mr. Montgomery has provided 38 years of distinguished leadership and service to the Council and his 38 years of service is the longest of any member of the Council since its creation in 1969.

Mr. Koons further stated that Mr. Montgomery has served three times as Chair of the Council. He noted that Mr. Montgomery currently serves as Chair of the Clearinghouse Committee, a member of the Regional Planning Committee and a member of the Board of Directors of the Council. Mr. Koons stated that Mr. Montgomery will be recognized and honored as man for all seasons for his many years of service as a teacher for the Columbia County School System, an instructor for Florida Gateway College, a member of the First Presbyterian Church and for his service on innumerable civic boards, committees and projects on September 24, 2017 at the James Montgomery Appreciation Day to be held at 3:00 p.m. at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wilford to recommend that the Council approve a proclamation declaring September 24, 2017 as James Montgomery Day in north central Florida region. The motion carried unanimously.

V. OTHER BUSINESS - None

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

9/28/17

Date




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September 21, 2017

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: North Florida Economic Development Partnership
Experience North Florida Sponsorship

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Council being a Titanium Level Sponsor for the North Florida Economic Development Partnership *Experience North Florida* event in the amount of \$1,000.

BACKGROUND:

As you know, the North Florida Economic Development Partnership is the public-private partnership that promotes economic development in the 14-county North Central Florida Rural Area of Opportunity. This area includes Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties in the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council region as well as Baker, Jefferson and Putnam Counties.

The Partnership is conducting an event entitled *Experience North Florida* at the Bienville Plantation in White Springs, FL on November 1-3, 2017. The purpose of the event is to connect site location consultants representing north Florida targeted industries with economic development professionals, state and regional project managers, state and local elected officials, corporate business leaders and other key decision-makers committed to attracting investment to the region.

The Partnership is soliciting sponsorships to underwrite the cost of the event. It is recommended that the Council be a sponsor at the Titanium Level for \$1,000. This level of sponsorship entitles the Council to have one attendee participate in all group functions and have the Council logo featured on all event printed materials, website and on-site signage.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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September 21, 2017

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Proclamation Declaring October 2017 as Community Planning Month

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached proclamation declaring October 2017 as Community Planning Month in the north central Florida region.

BACKGROUND:

The month of October 2017 has been designated to celebrate National Community Planning Month. The American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of life in communities and the environment.

It is recommended that the Council join in the celebration of National Community Planning Month by proclaiming October 2017 as Community Planning Month to recognize the valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners and to extend its thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals (see attached Proclamation).

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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PROCLAMATION

DECLARING OCTOBER 2017 AS COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, rural areas, regions, and other places; and

WHEREAS, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

WHEREAS, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning requires public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of October 2017 is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of planning and zoning boards and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the north central Florida region; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners in the north central Florida region and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the month of October 2017 as ***Community Planning Month*** throughout the north central Florida region in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 28th day of September 2017.

Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

SEAL

Robert W. Wilford
Secretary-Treasurer

Lorene J. Thomas
Chair

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IV. B.




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September 21, 2017

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Proclamation Declaring October 6, 2017 as Manufacturing Day

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached proclamation declaring October 6, 2017 as Manufacturing Day in the north central Florida region.

BACKGROUND:

The Fabrication and Manufactures Association International, the National Association of Manufactures, the U.S. Department of Commerce Manufacturing Extension Partnership and the Manufacturing Institute have designated the first Friday of October as Manufacturing Day.

This year October 6, 2017 has been designated to celebrate Manufacturing Day. Manufacturing Day is an effective way to highlight the importance of manufacturing in our region and support those manufacturing and school programs that prepare our workforce.

It is recommended that the Council join in the celebration of Manufacturing Day by proclaiming October 6, 2017 as Manufacturing Day to recognize the impact manufacturing has on north central Florida region (see attached Proclamation).

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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PROCLAMATION

DECLARING OCTOBER 6, 2017 AS MANUFACTURING DAY

WHEREAS, the Fabrication and Manufactures Association International, the National Association of Manufactures, the U.S. Department of Commerce Manufacturing Extension Partnership and the Manufacturing Institute have designated the first Friday of October as Manufacturing Day;

WHEREAS, the goals of Manufacturing Day are to celebrate the impact manufacturing has on the north central Florida region, increase awareness about the benefits of a manufacturing career and attract students to future manufacturing jobs;

WHEREAS, recognizing Manufacturing Day is an effective way to highlight the importance of manufacturing in our region and support those manufacturing and school programs that prepare our future workforce;

WHEREAS, over 300 manufacturers provide jobs for over 12,000 citizens throughout the region and create products ranging from pulp and lumber products to fire rescue vehicles to orthopedic implant devices;

WHEREAS, regional companies and education/workforce partners support manufacturing and manufacturing careers through increased collaboration and service to the regional manufacturing community;

WHEREAS, manufacturing brings increased economic diversity to our region by providing high paying jobs at all skill levels and furthering the standard of living by focusing on technology, innovation and production;

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims October 6, 2017 as ***Manufacturing Day*** in the north central Florida region and the Council urges all citizens to discover the value manufacturing brings to our economy and encourages students and educators to learn about the possibility of manufacturing as a career.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 28th day of September 2017.

Attest:

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Proclamation Declaring October 23-29, 2017 as Florida City Government Week

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached proclamation declaring October 23-29, 2017 as Florida City Government Week in the north central Florida region.

The Florida League of Cities has designated the week of October 23-29, 2017 as Florida City Government Week. The League encourages cities to promote their cities through civic education activities.

Florida City Government Week is part of an ongoing effort sponsored by the League to raise public awareness about services that cities perform and to educate the public about how city government works. Cities are encouraged to involve their local schools, businesses, media and civic clubs in their Florida City Government Week activities.

It is recommended that the Council join in the recognition of city government by proclaiming the week of October 23-29, 2017 as Florida City Government Week (see attached Proclamation).

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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PROCLAMATION

DECLARING OCTOBER 23-29, 2017 AS FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, city government is the government closest to most citizens; and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, city government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, city government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, Florida City Government Week is a very important time to recognize the important role played by city government in our lives; and

WHEREAS, this week offers important opportunity to spread the word to all citizens of Florida that they can shape and influence this branch of government which is closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities and its member cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of different projects and information; and

WHEREAS, Florida City Government Week offers an important opportunity to convey to all citizens of Florida that they can shape and influence government through their civic involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the week of October 23-29, 2017 as Florida City Government Week throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 28th day of September 2017.

Attest:

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September 21, 2017

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 2016-17 Audit

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute an engagement letter with the auditing firm of Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants, of Lake City to conduct the Fiscal Year 2016-17 audit of the Council's accounts for a lump sum fee for this service of \$15,801, with the understanding that this engagement includes an audit of the Council's Employee Pension Plan for the same fiscal year.

BACKGROUND:

As you know, the Council selects an auditor for a three-year period, with the condition that an engagement letter be approved each year to ensure that the auditor is conducting the audits in an acceptable manner. The current auditor was selected in 2016 and has conducted one audit under this series. Therefore, it is recommended that a second engagement letter be entered into for the audit of Fiscal Year 2016-17.

The proposed letter of engagement is attached for your information. The lump sum fee has been set at \$15,801 in accordance with the proposal made by the auditor to adjust the fee each year in an amount equal to the percent increase/decrease of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, not to exceed five percent each year. This fee is \$301 more than the fee charged for the Fiscal Year 2015-16 audit.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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September 20 2017

Ms. Lorene Thomas, Chair
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
For the Gainesville Urbanized Area
2009 N.W. 67th Place, Suite A
Gainesville, FL 32653-1603

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the Gainesville Urbanized Area for the year ended September 30, 2017. We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, including the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements, of North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the Gainesville Urbanized Area as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the Gainesville Urbanized Area's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the Gainesville Urbanized Area's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by generally accepted accounting principles and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- 1) Management's Discussion and Analysis.
- 2) Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the Gainesville Urbanized Area's financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and we will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole, in a report combined with our auditor's report on the financial statements:

- 3) Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance

Audit Objectives

The objective of our audit is the expression of opinions as to whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. The objective also includes reporting on—

- Internal control over financial reporting and compliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and award agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
- Internal control over compliance related to major programs and an opinion (or disclaimer of opinion) on compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that could have a direct and material effect on each major program in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

The *Government Auditing Standards* report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters will include a paragraph that states that (1) the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance, and (2) the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. The Uniform Guidance report on internal control over compliance will include a paragraph that states that the purpose of the report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Both reports will state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and the provisions of the Uniform Guidance, and will include tests of accounting records, a determination of major program(s) in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. We will issue written reports upon completion of our Single Audit. Our reports will be addressed to management and the Board of Director of North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the Gainesville Urbanized Area. We cannot provide assurance that unmodified opinions will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinions or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or issue reports, or we may withdraw from this engagement.

Audit Procedures—General

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government. Because the determination of abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements or noncompliance may exist and not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements or major programs. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, any fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that come to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of

laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential, and of any material abuse that comes to our attention. We will include such matters in the reports required for a Single Audit. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about your responsibilities for the financial statements; schedule of expenditures of federal awards; federal award programs; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and other responsibilities required by generally accepted auditing standards.

Audit Procedures—Internal Control

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the government and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

As required by the Uniform Guidance, we will perform tests of controls over compliance to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of controls that we consider relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with compliance requirements applicable to each major federal award program. However, our tests will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on those controls and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance.

Audit Procedures—Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the Gainesville Urbanized Area's compliance with provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements, including grant agreements. However, the objective of those procedures will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

The Uniform Guidance requires that we also plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the auditee has complied with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards applicable to major programs. Our procedures will consist of tests of transactions and other applicable procedures described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* for the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the Gainesville Urbanized Area's major programs. The purpose of these procedures will be to express an opinion on North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the Gainesville Urbanized Area's compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major programs in our report on compliance issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance.

Other Services

We will also assist in preparing the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes of North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the Gainesville Urbanized Area in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and the Uniform Guidance based on information provided by you. These non-audit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes services previously defined. We, in our sole professional

judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

Management Responsibilities

Management is responsible for (1) establishing and maintaining effective internal controls, including internal controls over federal awards, and for evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities, to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; (2) following laws and regulations; (3) ensuring that there is reasonable assurance that government programs are administered in compliance with compliance requirements; and (4) ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles; for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and all accompanying information in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations (including federal statutes) and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements (including award agreements). Your responsibilities also include identifying significant contractor relationships in which the contractor has responsibility for program compliance and for the accuracy and completeness of that information.

Management is also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, (2) access to personnel, accounts, books, records, supporting documentation, and other information as needed to perform an audit under the Uniform Guidance, (3) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (4) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. Management is also responsible for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, or abuse that we report. Additionally, as required by the Uniform Guidance, it is management's responsibility to evaluate and monitor noncompliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards; take prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified including noncompliance identified in audit findings; promptly follow up and take corrective action on reported audit findings; and prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings and a separate corrective action plan. The summary schedule of prior audit findings should be available for our review on September 30, 2017.

You are responsible for identifying all federal awards received and understanding and complying with the compliance requirements and for the preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (including notes and noncash assistance received) in conformity with the Uniform Guidance. You agree to include our report on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. You also agree to [include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards that includes our report thereon OR make the audited financial statements readily available to intended users of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards no later than the date the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is issued with our report thereon]. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in accordance with the Uniform Guidance; (2) you believe the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, including its form and content, is stated fairly in accordance with the Uniform Guidance; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4)

you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

You are also responsible for the preparation of the other supplementary information, which we have been engaged to report on, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains, and indicates that we have reported on, the supplementary information. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying and providing report copies of previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities relating to the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes, and any other non-audit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you agree to oversee the non-audit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

We may from time to time, and depending on the circumstances, use third-party service providers in serving your account. We may share confidential information about you with these service providers, but remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, we maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, we will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that we are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your confidential information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, we will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third-party service providers.

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash, accounts receivable, or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

At the conclusion of the engagement, we will complete the appropriate sections of the Data Collection Form that summarizes our audit findings. It is management's responsibility to electronically submit the reporting package (including financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, summary schedule of prior audit findings, auditors' reports, and corrective action plan) along with the Data Collection Form to the federal audit clearinghouse. We will coordinate with you the electronic submission and certification. The Data Collection Form and the reporting package must be submitted within the earlier of 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditors' reports or nine months after the end of the audit period.

We will provide copies of our reports to North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the Gainesville Urbanized Area; however, management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements. Unless restricted by law or regulation, or containing privileged and confidential information, copies of our reports are to be made available for public inspection.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Powell and Jones, CPA and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Powell and Jones, CPA's personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by a federal agency. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency, pass-through entity, or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the parties contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

We expect to begin our audit on approximately January 15, 2018, and to issue our reports no later than April 1, 2018 unless extended by the Organization. Richard C. Powell, Jr. is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to sign them.

Terms for fees, time frames for audits and renewals are contained in our separate "Proposal for Audit Services". The fee for the current year audit will be \$15,801.

Government Auditing Standards require that we provide you with a copy of our most recent external peer review report and any letter of comment, and any subsequent peer review reports and letters of comment received during the period of our contract. Our 2014 peer review report is available upon request.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the Gainesville Urbanized Area and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,



Powell and Jones, CPAs

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the Gainesville Urbanized Area.

Management signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Governance signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



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September 21, 2017

TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Jean Strong, Executive Assistant to Executive Director
SUBJECT: Executive Director Annual Performance Evaluation

The employment contract between the Executive Director and the Council specifies that the Executive Committee shall adopt performance standards to annually review and evaluate the Executive Director. It further specifies that the annual review and evaluation of the Executive Director shall be conducted by the Executive Committee. It also specifies that at its discretion, the Executive Committee is authorized to provide a merit increase to the Executive Director on an annual basis commencing October 1st of each year.

Committee members have received the annual performance evaluation form and have returned the form to me for tabulation. Please find attached the results of the tabulation for your review and ratification at the September 28, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. The annual performance review of the Executive Director resulted in an overall average score of 5.0 on a 5.0 scale. This average score would result in a merit pay adjustment of 5.0 percent.

The action of the Committee concerning the Executive Director annual performance evaluation and merit pay adjustment will be reported to the Council by the Committee at the September 28, 2017 Council meeting.

If you have any questions concerning this evaluation process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachment

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**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

Executive Director: Scott R. Koons

Evaluation Period: October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017

Ratings on Job Performance:

5 = Exceeds Job Requirements
4 = Above Average Performance
3 = Satisfactory Performance
2 = Needs to Take Action to Improve
1 = Performance Does not Meet Job Requirements

Merit Pay Adjustment:

3.5 to 3.9 Score = 1 1/4%
4.0 to 4.4 Score = 2 1/2%
4.5 to 5.0 Score = 5%

	The Executive Director	LD	RD	LS	LT	RW	Average Rating
1.	Represents the Council in a positive, professional manner	5	5	5	5	5	5
2.	Accurately represents the goals and policies of the Council	5	5	5	5	5	5
3.	Maintains a positive image and relationships with local, state and federal agencies	5	5	5	5	5	5
4.	Promotes the Council and its services	5	5	5	5	5	5
5.	Makes clear and concise recommendations to Council	5	5	5	5	5	5
6.	Deals honestly and fairly with all parties	5	5	5	5	5	5
7.	Exercises sound judgment in business transactions	5	5	5	5	5	5
8.	Is respected by peers and leaders in the region	5	5	4	5	5	4.8
9.	Is knowledgeable about regional issues	5	5	4	5	5	4.8
10.	Provides good overall leadership for the Council	5	5	5	5	5	5
	TOTAL AVERAGE SCORE	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0

I hereby certify that this tabulation of the evaluation forms for the Executive Director annual performance review as completed by the members of the Executive Committee is true and correct.


Signature

9/22/17
Date

Jean Strong
Executive Assistant to the Executive Director



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September 21, 2017

TO: Council Members

FROM: Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

SUBJECT: Executive Director Elected First Vice-President of the
National Association of Development Organizations

Our executive director, Scott Koons, has been elected First Vice-President of the National Association of Development Organizations.

The National Association of Development Organizations provides advocacy, education, research and training to a national network of 520 regional development organizations primarily serving small metropolitan and rural regions. The Association is an advocate for federal programs and policies that promote regional strategies and solutions for addressing local community and economic development needs. The National Association of Development Organizations and the National Association of Development Organizations Research Foundation identify and promote best practices, analyze the impact of federal policies and programs on regional development organizations and local communities, and examine the latest trends and developments in the field of regional community and economic development.

As the premier organization for the executive leaders and professional staff of the nation's regional development organizations, the National Association of Development Organizations and its members have worked together since 1967 to promote the regional cooperation of local governments and communities. In 1988, the National Association of Development Organizations Research Foundation was founded to serve as the research and professional development affiliate of the Association.

Congratulations to Scott.

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