

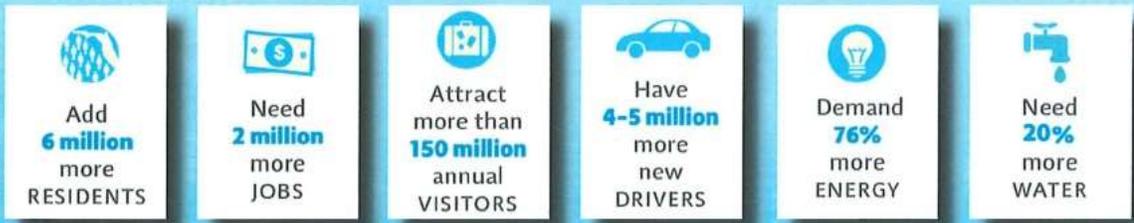
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IS FLORIDA READY FOR THE FUTURE?

By the year 2030, Florida will:



The Florida 2030 Project

By 2030, six million more residents will call Florida home and 2 million more jobs will be needed. To prepare for this continued growth and ensure Florida remains successful, we need a plan for Florida's future that develops high-wage jobs, diversifies the economy, ensures global competitiveness and creates vibrant communities.

The Florida Chamber Foundation is leading the charge to write the blueprint for Florida's future — Florida 2030. This two-year research program will stimulate strategic thinking about Florida's future and engage business and community leaders in each of Florida's 67 counties in identifying key trends and the factors that can drive their regional economy.

Florida 2030 is our opportunity to work together to strengthen your community, your business, and your future. Help us make Florida a better place for tomorrow by engaging in Florida 2030 today.

Secure Florida's Future

- **Lend your expertise.** We are going around the state and hosting townhalls. We want you to help us bring people together at your company meetings or community events. Our target is 10,000 voices telling us about the future.
- **Provide your input.** We are seeking people who have the ability to vision at the local and state level. What are the changes you see coming?
- **Invest in Florida's future.** Preparing a roadmap is essential to building a future where all Floridians succeed. Florida 2030 is driven by and funded by corporations, small businesses, nonprofits, and individuals who are committed to securing Florida's future.

May 13, 2016

Anthea Gianniotis Little
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 SW Camden Avenue
Stuart, FL 34994

Dear Anthea:

Congratulations! The members of the Driehaus Form-Based Codes Award Jury for 2016 have awarded the CBD Code and Architectural Guidelines for Delray Beach with its award this year. The jury members were faced with many difficult decisions as they assessed the codes submitted for the award and determined that your code contains provisions and innovations that can serve as a model for other communities and code writers. Please convey our congratulations to the rest of your team.

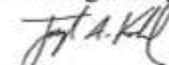
The highly descriptive Code and Guidelines provide a strong and enforceable framework for good urban development. The Jury cited the clear metrics, requirements for parking, active uses facing public spaces, and the workforce housing as worthy of emulation. The required Architectural Guidelines embedded within the Code elevate architectural expectations and ensure adherence to the City's character while responding to climate and respecting history. Its use of a façade proportioning system works irrespective of style. The graphics are simple to reproduce, making the code easy to reproduce and distribute.

As the practice of Form-Based Coding continues to be refined, studying the codes submitted for consideration was a learning experience for the jurors and will significantly advance the practice. Thank you for sharing your code with us.

We hope that you, or another representative from your team, will join us to accept the Driehaus Award at the Award Ceremony to be held at CNU 24 in Detroit, Michigan, on Thursday, June 9, at 5:00 pm. FBCI is also sponsoring a session on "Implementing Form Based Codes in Your Community" that afternoon at 12:30 pm. I hope you are able to attend this session where your code will be recognized as a Driehaus Award winner.

Again, thank you for submitting your code and congratulations! The members of the Jury appreciated the opportunity to study so many quality codes.

With highest regards,



Joseph Kohl
Jury Chairman

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May 18, 2016

Sarah E. Feinberg
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Letter of Support for South Florida Regional Transportation Authority

Dear Administrator Feinberg:

The purpose of this letter is to express the Council's strong support for the grant application from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) for the FY 2016 Railroad Safety Technology Grant Funds for its Positive Train Control system upgrade.

Tri-Rail, operated by the SFRTA on the South Florida Rail Corridor (SFRC), connects the economies and six million residents of the south Florida region between the cities of West Palm Beach and Miami. The corridor also hosts daily service by Amtrak, as well as CSX and Tri-Rail trains, moving people and goods, and improves mobility and the quality of life.

In 2015, SFRTA took over the maintenance of the SFRC and implementation of Positive Train Control is a required project in SFRTA's capital budget. It is also an extremely important safety investment for the corridor and region, and will ultimately benefit Tri-Rail, CSX, and Amtrak.

The funding from this grant will assist SFRTA speed the implementation of the necessary Positive Train Control improvements to the corridor.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project to improve the safety of the region. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can provide more information.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Busha, AICP
fov Executive Director

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cc: Michael Davis, TCRPC Chair

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Unemployment Summary - Treasure Coast Region May 20, 2016

Highlights

- **Unemployment in the region fell to 4.5 percent in April, down from 4.9 percent in April of the previous year.**
- **20,100 new nonagricultural jobs year over year from April 2015 to April 2016.**
- **Job gains primarily in education and health services; leisure and hospitality; professional and business services; and government.**

- This unemployment summary is derived from statistical reports - *Overview of the CareerSource Research Coast Region* (Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties) and *Overview of CareerSource Palm Beach County Region* (Palm Beach County) prepared by the two workforce development boards in the Treasure Coast Region. Their respective reports follow this regional summary.
- The unemployment rate for the Treasure Coast Region was 4.5 percent in April 2016, down 0.4 percentage points from the April 2015 rate of 4.9 percent. The Region's unemployment rate was the same as the state's unemployment rate of 4.5 percent and 0.2 percentage points lower than the national unemployment rate of 4.7 percent. Out of a labor force of 957,794 there were 43,068 unemployed residents in the Treasure Coast Region.
- The Treasure Coast Region contains three metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), the Port St. Lucie MSA (Martin and St. Lucie counties), the Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA (Indian River County), and the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MSA (Palm Beach County). In April 2016, nonagricultural employment in the combined metropolitan areas of the Region was 793,400 an increase of 20,100 jobs over the previous year.

| Unemployment Rates* | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Geographic Area | April 2016 | March 2016 | April 2015 |
| Indian River County | 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.2 |
| Martin County | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.9 |
| Palm Beach County | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.6 |
| St. Lucie County | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.9 |
| Treasure Coast Region | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.9 |
| Florida | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.2 |
| United States | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. *Not seasonally adjusted. | | | |

- In the combined metropolitan areas, job gains were primarily in the education and health services (+5,800); leisure and hospitality (+3,500); professional and business services (+3,500); and government (+2,400).
- The manufacturing industry lost jobs over the year (-300).

Port St. Lucie Metro Area:

The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: education and health services (+1,300 jobs); government (+1,000 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+800 jobs); professional and business services (+500 jobs); other services (+300 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+200 jobs); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+100 jobs); and information (+100 jobs). The manufacturing (-400 jobs) industry lost jobs over the year. The financial activities industry was unchanged over the year.

Sebastian-Vero Beach Metro Area:

The major industries that gained jobs over the year were: education and health services (+500 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+300 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+300 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+200 jobs); financial activities (+100 jobs); professional and business services (+100 jobs); and other services (+100 jobs). Manufacturing lost 200 jobs over the year. Information and government were unchanged over the year.

West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division:

The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: education and health services (+4,000 jobs); professional and business services (+2,900 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+2,500 jobs); financial activities (+1,600 jobs); government (+1,400 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,000 jobs); other services (+500 jobs); and manufacturing (+300 jobs). The information industry was unchanged over the year.

**Overview of the CareerSource Research Coast Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
May 20th, 2016**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Research Coast region (Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie counties) was 5.0 percent in April 2016. This rate was 0.7 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 5.7 percent. Out of a labor force of 262,863 there were 13,083 unemployed residents in the region.
- Martin County had the lowest unemployment rate (4.4 percent) in the CareerSource Research Coast region followed by St. Lucie County (5.0 percent), and Indian River County (5.5 percent).
- The CareerSource Research Coast region contains two metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs); the Port St. Lucie MSA (Martin and St. Lucie counties) and the Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA (Indian River County). In April 2016, nonagricultural employment in the combined CareerSource Research Coast metro areas was 192,200, an increase of 5,300 jobs (+2.8 percent) over the previous year.
- In the combined CareerSource Research Coast metro areas, the major industries that gained jobs over the year were: education and health services (+1,800 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+1,000 jobs); government (+1,000 jobs); professional and business services; (+600 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+500 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities; and other services (+400 jobs each); information; and financial activities (+100 jobs each). The manufacturing (-600 jobs) industry lost jobs over the year.

Port St. Lucie metro areas

- The majority of the nonagricultural employment in the CareerSource Research Coast region was in the Port St. Lucie metro area. This metro area accounted for 142,100 jobs in April 2016, an increase of 3,900 jobs from April 2015 (+2.8 percent).
- The Port St. Lucie MSA had the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in information (+8.3 percent) and government (+5.1 percent) in April 2016.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

- Annual employment growth in information (+8.3 percent); education and health services (+5.3 percent); government (+5.1 percent); leisure and hospitality (+4.3 percent); and other services (+3.8 percent) was faster in the metro area than statewide.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: education and health services (+1,300 jobs); government (+1,000 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+800 jobs); professional and business services (+500 jobs); other services (+300 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+200 jobs); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+100 jobs); and information (+100 jobs). The manufacturing (-400 jobs) industry lost jobs over the year. The financial activities industry was unchanged over the year.

Sebastian-Vero Beach metro area

- Nonagricultural employment was 50,100 in the Sebastian-Vero Beach metro area in April 2016, an increase of 1,400 jobs (+2.9 percent) from the previous year.
- The Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA had the third fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in mining, logging, and construction (+9.4 percent) in April 2016.
- Mining, logging, and construction (+9.4 percent); education and health services (+5.3 percent); financial activities (+3.8 percent); other services (+3.7 percent); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+3.0 percent) grew as fast or faster in the metro area than in the state over the year.
- The major industries that gained jobs over the year were: education and health services (+500 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+300 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+300 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+200 jobs); financial activities (+100 jobs); professional and business services (+100 jobs); and other services (+100 jobs). Manufacturing lost 200 jobs over the year. Information and government were unchanged over the year.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

| Unemployment Rates | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| (not seasonally adjusted) | Apr-16 | Mar-16 | Apr-15 |
| CareerSource Research Coast | 5.0% | 5.1% | 5.7% |
| Indian River County | 5.5% | 5.5% | 6.2% |
| Martin County | 4.4% | 4.6% | 4.9% |
| St. Lucie County | 5.0% | 5.2% | 5.9% |
| Florida | 4.5% | 4.7% | 5.2% |
| United States | 4.7% | 5.1% | 5.1% |

| Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted) | Port St. Lucie Metropolitan Statistical Area | | | | Sebastian-Vero Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area | | | |
|---|---|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| | Apr-16 | Apr-15 | change | percent change | Apr-16 | Apr-15 | change | percent change |
| Total Employment | 142,100 | 138,200 | 3,900 | 2.8 | 50,100 | 48,700 | 1,400 | 2.9 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 8,600 | 8,400 | 200 | 2.4 | 3,500 | 3,200 | 300 | 9.4 |
| Manufacturing | 6,000 | 6,400 | -400 | -6.3 | 1,800 | 2,000 | -200 | -10.0 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 29,900 | 29,800 | 100 | 0.3 | 10,300 | 10,000 | 300 | 3.0 |
| Wholesale Trade | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 | 0.0 | 800 | 800 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Retail Trade | 20,700 | 20,600 | 100 | 0.5 | 8,700 | 8,500 | 200 | 2.4 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 4,200 | 4,200 | 0 | 0.0 | 800 | 700 | 100 | 14.3 |
| Information | 1,300 | 1,200 | 100 | 8.3 | 600 | 600 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Financial Activities | 5,200 | 5,200 | 0 | 0.0 | 2,700 | 2,600 | 100 | 3.8 |
| Professional and Business Services | 17,000 | 16,500 | 500 | 3.0 | 5,100 | 5,000 | 100 | 2.0 |
| Education and Health Services | 26,000 | 24,700 | 1,300 | 5.3 | 10,000 | 9,500 | 500 | 5.3 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 19,500 | 18,700 | 800 | 4.3 | 8,100 | 7,900 | 200 | 2.5 |
| Other Services | 8,100 | 7,800 | 300 | 3.8 | 2,800 | 2,700 | 100 | 3.7 |
| Government | 20,500 | 19,500 | 1,000 | 5.1 | 5,200 | 5,200 | 0 | 0.0 |

| Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted) | CareerSource Research Coast Combined Metropolitan Statistical Areas | | | | Florida | | | |
|---|--|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| | Apr-16 | Apr-15 | change | percent change | Apr-16 | Apr-15 | change | percent change |
| Total Employment | 192,200 | 186,900 | 5,300 | 2.8 | 8,353,300 | 8,088,600 | 264,700 | 3.3 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 12,100 | 11,600 | 500 | 4.3 | 453,200 | 426,400 | 26,800 | 6.3 |
| Manufacturing | 7,800 | 8,400 | -600 | -7.1 | 350,900 | 339,600 | 11,300 | 3.3 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 40,200 | 39,800 | 400 | 1.0 | 1,708,000 | 1,666,700 | 41,300 | 2.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 5,800 | 5,800 | 0 | 0.0 | 341,200 | 333,300 | 7,900 | 2.4 |
| Retail Trade | 29,400 | 29,100 | 300 | 1.0 | 1,094,300 | 1,070,700 | 23,600 | 2.2 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 5,000 | 4,900 | 100 | 2.0 | 272,500 | 262,700 | 9,800 | 3.7 |
| Information | 1,900 | 1,800 | 100 | 5.6 | 134,500 | 135,600 | -1,100 | -0.8 |
| Financial Activities | 7,900 | 7,800 | 100 | 1.3 | 550,700 | 530,600 | 20,100 | 3.8 |
| Professional and Business Services | 22,100 | 21,500 | 600 | 2.8 | 1,263,100 | 1,213,300 | 49,800 | 4.1 |
| Education and Health Services | 36,000 | 34,200 | 1,800 | 5.3 | 1,244,200 | 1,196,100 | 48,100 | 4.0 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 27,600 | 26,600 | 1,000 | 3.8 | 1,194,100 | 1,147,600 | 46,500 | 4.1 |
| Other Services | 10,900 | 10,500 | 400 | 3.8 | 339,600 | 331,600 | 8,000 | 2.4 |
| Government | 25,700 | 24,700 | 1,000 | 4.0 | 1,115,000 | 1,101,100 | 13,900 | 1.3 |

| Population | 2015 | 2014 | change | percent change |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| CareerSource Research Coast | 581,137 | 571,821 | 9,316 | 1.6 |
| Indian River County | 143,326 | 140,955 | 2,371 | 1.7 |
| Martin County | 150,062 | 148,585 | 1,477 | 1.0 |
| St. Lucie County | 287,749 | 282,281 | 5,468 | 1.9 |
| Florida | 19,815,183 | 19,507,369 | 307,814 | 1.6 |

| Average Annual Wage | 2014 | 2013 | change | percent change |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| CareerSource Research Coast | \$38,038 | \$37,078 | \$960 | 2.6 |
| Indian River County | \$38,718 | \$37,075 | \$1,643 | 4.4 |
| Martin County | \$39,009 | \$38,149 | \$860 | 2.3 |
| St. Lucie County | \$36,728 | \$36,173 | \$555 | 1.5 |
| Florida | \$44,810 | \$43,651 | \$1,159 | 2.7 |

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
May 20th, 2016

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 4.3 percent in April 2016. This rate was 0.3 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.6 percent. The region's April 2016 unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point lower than the state rate of 4.5 percent. Out of a labor force of 694,931 there were 29,985 unemployed residents in the region.
- In April 2016 nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Bch-Boca Raton-Delray Bch Metro Division was 601,200, an increase of 14,800 jobs (+2.5 percent) over the year.
- The West Palm Bch-Boca Raton-Delray Bch Metro Division had the third fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in government (+2.2 percent) in April 2016.
- The West Palm Bch-Boca Raton-Delray Bch Metro Division had the third highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in government (+1,400 jobs) in April 2016.
- The education and health services (+4.3 percent); financial activities (+4.1 percent); and government (+2.2 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: education and health services (+4,000 jobs); professional and business services (+2,900 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+2,500 jobs); financial activities (+1,600 jobs); government (+1,400 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,000 jobs); other services (+500 jobs); and manufacturing (+300 jobs).
- The information industry was unchanged over the year.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

| Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted) | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Apr-16 | Mar-16 | Apr-15 |
| CareerSource Palm Beach County | 4.3% | 4.5% | 4.6% |
| Florida | 4.3% | 4.7% | 5.2% |
| United States | 4.7% | 5.1% | 5.1% |

| Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted) | West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-DeBary Beach Metropolitan Division | | | | Florida | | | |
|--|--|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | | | | percent | | | | percent |
| | Apr-16 | Apr-15 | change | change | Apr-16 | Apr-15 | change | change |
| Total Employment | 601,200 | 586,400 | 14,800 | 2.5 | 8,353,300 | 8,088,600 | 264,700 | 3.3 |
| Mining and Logging | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5,800 | 5,800 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Construction | 30,300 | 29,700 | 600 | 2.0 | 447,400 | 420,600 | 26,800 | 6.4 |
| Manufacturing | 17,300 | 17,000 | 300 | 1.8 | 350,900 | 339,600 | 11,300 | 3.3 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 114,100 | 113,100 | 1,000 | 0.9 | 1,708,000 | 1,666,700 | 41,300 | 2.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 24,600 | 24,000 | 600 | 2.5 | 341,200 | 333,300 | 7,900 | 2.4 |
| Retail Trade | 78,200 | 78,100 | 100 | 0.1 | 1,094,300 | 1,070,700 | 23,600 | 2.2 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 11,300 | 11,000 | 300 | 2.7 | 272,500 | 262,700 | 9,800 | 3.7 |
| Information | 10,400 | 10,400 | 0 | 0.0 | 134,500 | 135,600 | -1,100 | -0.8 |
| Financial Activities | 41,000 | 39,400 | 1,600 | 4.1 | 550,700 | 530,600 | 20,100 | 3.8 |
| Professional and Business Services | 108,000 | 105,100 | 2,900 | 2.8 | 1,263,100 | 1,213,300 | 49,800 | 4.1 |
| Education and Health Services | 96,700 | 92,700 | 4,000 | 4.3 | 1,244,200 | 1,196,100 | 48,100 | 4.0 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 86,500 | 84,000 | 2,500 | 3.0 | 1,194,100 | 1,147,600 | 46,500 | 4.1 |
| Other Services | 32,100 | 31,600 | 500 | 1.6 | 339,600 | 331,600 | 8,000 | 2.4 |
| Government | 64,700 | 63,300 | 1,400 | 2.2 | 1,115,000 | 1,101,100 | 13,900 | 1.3 |

| Population | 2015 | 2014 | change | percent change |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| CareerSource Palm Beach County | 1,378,417 | 1,360,238 | 18,179 | 1.3 |
| Florida | 19,815,183 | 19,507,369 | 307,814 | 1.6 |

| Average Annual Wage | 2014 | 2013 | change | percent change |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| CareerSource Palm Beach County | \$49,860 | \$48,218 | \$1,642 | 3.4 |
| Florida | \$44,810 | \$43,651 | \$1,159 | 2.7 |

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Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.