

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

AGENDA ITEM 5E

From: Staff

Date: May 21, 2010 Regional Planning Council Meeting

Subject: Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Log

The attached Intergovernmental Coordination and Review (ICR) Log presents three applications for federal funding of projects or programs. The Review Log contains the applicant's name, project location, project description, federal funding source, and the amount of funds requested, as well as designation of Notification of Intent if it is a preliminary application. Staff recommendations are provided on the consistency of funding applications with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan*.

TCRPC Number	Project Description	Applicant	Funding Agency	Federal Funding Requested	Total Funding
10-PB-04-01	Rural Business Cooperative Service Business and Industry Loan Request	Todd Minikus Limited, Inc.	U.S. Department of Agriculture	\$1,725,000	\$2,114,000
10-IR-04-02	Operating Expense Assistance	Indian River County	Federal Transit Administration	\$76,323	\$152,646
10-IR-04-04	Notice of Scoping – INEOS New Plant BioEnergy Commercial Scale Integrated Demonstration Biorefinery	U.S. Department of Energy	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total				\$1,801,323	\$2,266,646

Recommendation

Council should approve staff comments and authorize their distribution.

Attachments

**TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW LOG**

TCRPC Number: 10-PB-04-01

Applicant: Todd Minikus Limited, Inc.

Project Description: Rural Business Cooperative Service Business and Industry Loan Request

Todd Minikus Limited, LLC is seeking a loan guarantee through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program. The purpose of the program is to develop or finance business in order to improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities. The proposed project involves the construction of an equestrian stable, training center and related facilities on a 10 acre horse farm in the Town of Loxahatchee Groves in western Palm Beach County.

The facilities will be used for renting stalls, instructing clients and their horses and buying and selling horses. The new facility is anticipated to create 10 jobs and retain 4 currently in existence. Regional employment in the western communities is limited to agricultural related employment and work in the service industry. The proposed project will help to diversify the local economy.

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Project Costs: \$1,725,000 Federal
 389,000 Applicant
\$2,114,000 Total

Recommendations: The proposed project is consistent with the **Strategic Regional Policy Plan**. It supports **Policy 3.1.1.1** - attract investors to help broaden the economic base and strengthen the job market and **Policy 3.2.2.1** - Encourage, maintain and expand industries such as equine and aquaculture to increase and diversify agricultural activity and encourage continued agricultural land use.

Agencies Contacted: Palm Beach County
City of Lake Worth

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TCRPC Number: 10-IR-04-02

Applicant: Indian River County

Project Description: Operating Expense Assistance

Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization is seeking funding for the transportation-related operating expenses of the Senior Resource Association. The Senior Resource Association is a private, not-for-profit agency that provides transportation services to citizens, public agencies, medical offices, hospitals, shopping centers, local businesses, government offices, adult day care centers, and nutrition sites providing congregate meals in Indian River County.

The applicant is requesting assistance to continue providing public transportation service to residents of rural and urban areas of the county. The service will be available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Funding Agency: Federal Transit Administration

<u>Project Costs:</u>	\$ 76,323	Federal
	<u>76,323</u>	Local
	\$152,646	Total

Recommendations: The application is consistent with the **Strategic Regional Policy Plan**. It furthers **Regional Goal 7.2** which calls for adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.

Agencies Contacted: All Indian River County Municipalities

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TCRPC Number: 10-IR-04-04

Applicant: U.S. Department of Energy

Project Description: Notice of Scoping – INEOS New Plant BioEnergy Commercial Scale Integrated Demonstration Biorefinery

The US Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide federal funding to INEOS, a global manufacturer of petrochemicals, specialty chemicals and oil products for the design, construction, and initial start-up of a commercial scale integrated demonstration biorefinery near the City of Vero Beach in Indian River County.

The proposed process would convert feedstock to ethanol by bacteria. Ethanol would be purified and stored until transported off-site by truck. Waste, heat and gas steams would be used to generate steam and electric power in sufficient quantities that the proposed facility would be energy self-sufficient during stable operation and excess renewable electricity would be available for export to the electric power grid. The project as proposed would produce 8 million gallons year of ethanol and 2 megawatts of electricity for commercial use.

The proposed project would be located on an approximately 70 acre site previously used for citrus processing. The site is located east of I-95, at the southwest corner of Oslo Road and 74th Avenue. The proposed project site is zoned General Industrial and the surrounding parcels are zoned Light Industrial, Agricultural and General Commercial. There are two residential areas within the vicinity of the site.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, DOE is preparing a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to accomplish the following:

- Identify any adverse environmental effects of the proposed project
- Evaluate viable alternatives to the proposed project
- Describe the relationship between local short-term uses of the environment and the maintenance and enhancement of long-term productivity
- Characterize any irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources that would be involved should this proposed project be implemented

The EA must consider a reasonable range of alternatives to the proposed action that could accomplish the agency's purpose and need and reduce environmental effects. The DOE considers reasonable alternatives as those that may feasibly be carried out based on environmental, technical, and economic factors.

Funding Agency: N/A

Project Costs: N/A

Recommendations: The proposed project is neither inconsistent nor in conflict with the **Strategic Regional Policy Plan.**

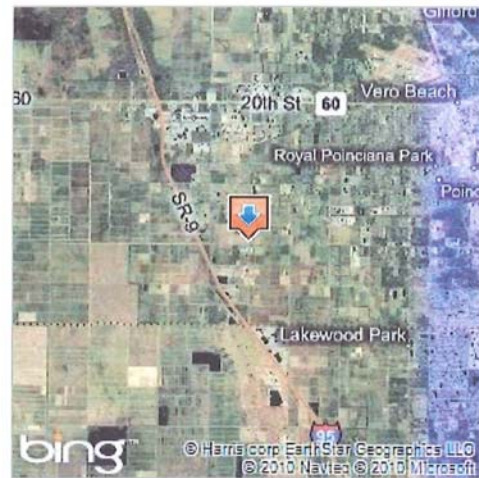
Agencies Contacted: All Indian River County Local Governments

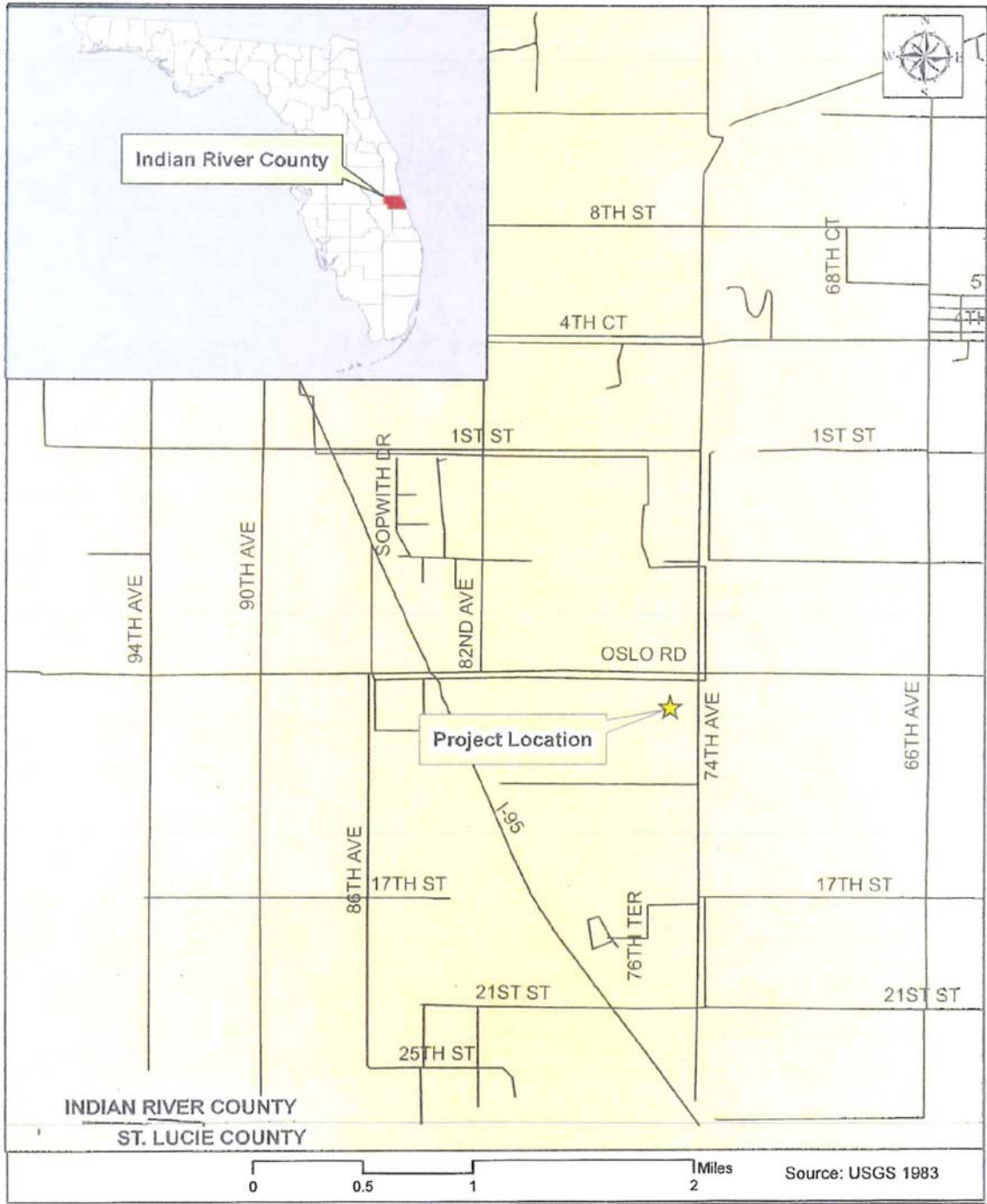
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