TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To:    Council Members
From:  Staff
Date:  October 17, 2014 Council Meeting
Subject: Florida Chamber Foundation/Regional Planning Council Website Launch on Regional Metrics

Introduction

In partnership with the Florida Chamber Foundation, the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) has launched a new website on regional metrics (http://floridarpcscorecard.com/). The metrics displayed on FRCA’s Florida Scorecard website are drawn from the Six Pillars framework developed by the Florida Chamber Foundation. These same regional metrics are used by the regional planning councils in their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies.

As federally designated Economic Development Districts by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, each council is required to adopt a Strategy that serves as an economic development plan and brings public and private sectors together to create an economic road map to diversity and strengthen the regional economy. The information provided on the Florida Scorecard website allows a comparison of statistics ranging from high school graduation rates and trade imports to employment by industry and relative housing prices across regions. This information may be useful to local governments and regional planning councils when applying for funds for economic development projects.

Recommendation

For informational purposes only.