COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
July 15, 2016
Introduction

- CEDS Committee established in 1998
- TCRPC Strategic Regional Policy Plan
  - Regional Goal 3.8: Establish the Treasure Coast Region as a Regional Economic Development District (EDD)
- U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)
  - Provides EDD designation
- All 10 RPCs in Florida are established as EDDs
- EDD designation provides more opportunities for federal funding
Background

• TCRPC designated as an EDD in 1999
• TCRPC received an EDA Planning Partnership Award
  • Provides support to develop a CEDS plan
  • Requires establishment of CEDS Committee
  • CEDS Committee oversees development of CEDS Plan
  • CEDS Committee should broadly represent the main economic interests of the region
Committee Membership

- Five appointees from each county in the region
- County commissioners appoint the members
- Members represent:
  - Economic Development Organizations
  - Chambers of Commerce
  - Workforce Development Boards
  - Local Governments
  - Private Businesses
  - Private Citizens
Committee Operation

- CEDS Committee has an adopted set of bylaws
- Meetings are held four-to-six times a year
- Meetings are advertised and open to the public
- Meeting minutes are posted on Council’s website
- Florida Sunshine Law applies to the committee
CEDS Plan

- Adopted in 2012
- Follows EDA guidelines
- Strategy-driven plan
- Includes SWOT Analysis
- Coordinated with State
- Incorporates Florida Chamber Foundation Six Pillars framework
- Available on website
- Updated every 5 years
Current Activities

- Planning a Summit
- October 28, 2016
- Gather Input for 2017
  Update of the CEDS Plan
- Review Economic Trends
- Industry Groups Panel
- Transportation Panel
- Education Panel
- Breakout Groups/Polling
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