

SWFRPC RESOLUTION #2012-03

**A Resolution in Support of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's
Department of Labor Workforce Innovation Fund Grant Application**

WHEREAS, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (Council) is committed to help diverse enterprises and agencies come together around extending concepts and practices that improve the competitiveness of our region's workforce;

WHEREAS, Florida's state workforce board, Workforce Florida, Inc. supports the formation of a Regional Business Team (RBT) to grow regional collaboration and talent competitiveness, and encourages innovation in retention and growth of jobs;

WHEREAS, the Council is playing a formative and continuing strategic role in the RBT;

WHEREAS, the Council, and its participants from higher education, the regional workforce board Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc. (Southwest Florida Works), school districts, and economic development organizations, are mutually committed to reimagining the nature of talent supply and making data driven decisions;

WHEREAS, other regions of Florida will track and learn from the RBT's work through a Workforce Florida portal called FloridaEight.com;

WHEREAS, Southwest Florida Works has agreed to take on a decisive role as the project lead, providing leaders with the strength and confidence of project management and tracking;

WHEREAS, The US Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration Solicitation for Grant Applications for Workforce Innovation Funds Grants SGA/DFA PY-11-05 is aligned with the RBT and Council vision and strategy for job recovery, alignment with the needs of employers, innovation in collaborative models and delivery systems, and the overall reputation of the region for providing outstanding talent and meeting the needs of industry in a new economy; and

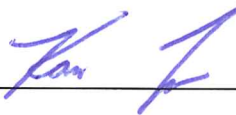
WHEREAS, the RBT intends to participate in the above-referenced grant process.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL:

The COUNCIL supports applying for this Workforce Innovation Fund Grant, encourages all of its members to support and participate in the grant, and will demonstrate – in the form of Memoranda of Understanding, substantive non-form letters, or other documents – for satisfaction of the grant application that strategic relationships are already in place, that the COUNCIL understands its roles and responsibilities, and that leadership are aligned with and support the application.

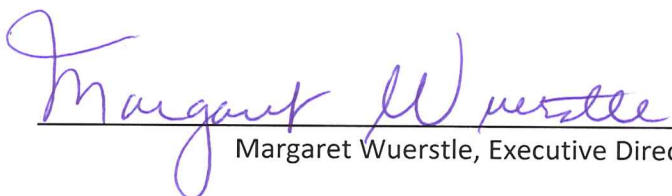
DULY ADOPTED by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council this 16th day of February 2012.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL



Karson Turner, Chair

ATTEST:



Margaret Wuerstle, Executive Director