

RESOLUTION 2011 - N/A

A RESOLUTION BY THE TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA, FINDING THAT GRACE INDUSTRIES OF FLORIDA BE APPROVED AS A QUALIFIED APPLICANT PURSUANT TO SECTION 288.106 AND SECTION 288.107; FLORIDA STATUTES; REQUESTING A WAIVER OF THE AVERAGE WAGE REQUIREMENT WITHIN THE QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$48,000 AS LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners desires to enhance the business environment for those locating to Taylor County, and

**WHEREAS**, the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners has pursued and received State of Florida Enterprise Zone and Brownfield area designations, and

**WHEREAS**, Grace Industries of Florida has located in such an area designated both a State of Florida Enterprise Zone and Brownfield area, and

**WHEREAS**, Grace Industries of Florida has committed to a minimum number of full-time equivalent jobs to be created of forty (40), and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners of Taylor County requests for a waiver from *the average wage requirement* because the largest employer in the County employs more than nearly the next six largest employers in the County combined, and the largest employer's wages are much greater than the other major employers in the County could pay and remain competitive in their respective industries, and the combined effect of the largest employer's number of employees and high wages inflate the average wage of the County to a level that most employer's could not meet and remain competitive, and that Grace Industries of Florida is engaged in the Transportation Manufacturing industry whose wages do not approach those of the largest employer's industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Taylor County acknowledges its local financial support of twenty percent (20%) of the total tax refund under the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program is optional, and

**WHEREAS**, Taylor County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the many benefits that forty (40) new quality full-jobs will bestow upon the community, and therefore, for the \$6,000 per new full-time job that Grace Industries of Florida can qualify for under the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program because Grace Industries of Florida's expansion is in a State of Florida Enterprise Zone, the Board does not request a waiver from the financial support requirement authorized under the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program pursuant to Section 288.106 and Section 288.107, Florida Statutes, and

**WHEREAS**, due to the unique nature of Grace Industries of Florida's expansion being in a State of Florida Enterprise Zone and Brownfield area, for the \$2,500 per new full-time job that Grace Industries of Florida can qualify for under the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program because Grace Industries of Florida's expansion is in a Brownfield area, Taylor County Board of County Commissioners does request a waiver from the financial support requirement authorized under the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program pursuant to Section 288.106 and Section 288.107, Florida Statutes.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners, Taylor County, Florida as follows:

**Section 1.** That this Board hereby recommends that Grace Industries of Florida be approved under the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program pursuant to Section 288.106, Florida Statutes and the Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus Program pursuant to Section 288.107, Florida Statutes.

**Section 2.** That the local financial support for the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program of \$48,000, for the \$6,000 per new full-time job that Grace Industries of Florida can qualify for under the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program because Grace Industries of Florida's expansion is in a State of Florida Enterprise Zone, will be provided to the State of Florida by depositing into the Economic Development Trust Fund each year the required installment.

**Section 3.** That this Board requests that the local financial support requirement, for the \$2,500 per new full-time job that Grace Industries of Florida can qualify for under the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program because Grace Industries of Florida's expansion is in a Brownfield

area, be waived as authorized under the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program pursuant to Section 288.107, Florida Statutes.

**Section 4.** That this County has an Enterprise Zone and is eligible for the average wage requirement waiver within the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program (Section 288.106, Florida Statutes) and that this Board will exercise that option.

**Section 5.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of March 2011.



ATTEST

Annie Mae Murphy  
ANNIE MAE MURPHY, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

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LONNIE HOUCK, Chairperson