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TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee - Annual Strategy Review

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 2025-19 concerning the annual review of the North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2023-2027 as recommended by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Council has been designated by the U. S. Economic Development Administration as an Economic Development District since 1978. As such, the Council is responsible for developing and adopting a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The purpose of the strategy is to analyze the regional economy and serve as a guide for establishing regional goals and objectives, developing and implementing a regional plan of action, and identifying investment priorities and funding sources.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen regional economies by attracting private investment that creates jobs. The strategy must be the result of a continuing economic development planning process developed by a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee representing both the public and private sector, and must set forth the goals and objectives necessary to solve the economic development problems of the region.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee appointed by the Council includes representatives of the private sector, public officials and workforce development boards. The Committee is responsible for the development of the strategy and recommendation of the strategy to the Council for adoption.

Based upon the recommendation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, the Council adopted the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in September 2022. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee met virtually on October 16, 2025 to review activities conducted during the past year to support the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The Committee does not recommend any amendments to the Strategy at this time and recommends that the Council adopt attached Resolution No. 2025-19 concerning the annual review of the North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2023-2027.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachment

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