



Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 | 9:30 a.m.

How to Attend:

In Person:

DeSoto County Administration Building
County Commission Chambers
201 East Oak Street
Arcadia, FL 34266

Call To Order – Chair Keith Keene

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- New Member Oath of Office
- Roll Call
- Announcements

1) Opportunity for Public Comments

2) Council Administration

- A) Approval of Minutes
- B) December 2022 Financial Report

Actions Requested:	Approval by Council
Exhibits:	#2A: December 14, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes - page 5 #2B: December 2022 Financial Report - page 10

3) DeSoto County Activities Report

Mandy Hines, DeSoto County Administrator, has been invited to update the Council on current activities in DeSoto County.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

4) Economic Recovery & Resiliency Federal Interagency Resource Exchange (FIRE) Listening Session

The Federal Economic Recovery Support Function, in partnership with Florida's Regional Planning Councils and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, is facilitating regional convenings to enable strategic conversations between local, state, and regional stakeholders and federal agencies called FIRE Listening Sessions. The purpose of these events is to gather and validate information regarding the impacts of Hurricane Ian. Staff will provide a report on the February 6th FIRES meeting held in Arcadia.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

5) Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Project Kickoff

The East Central Regional Planning Council was awarded a CDBG-MIT grant for Advancing Mitigation Assessment and Planning Through Regional Collaboration. The project will provide a cohesive, statewide approach to resilience planning, including inland counties. Central Florida Regional Planning Council is a subrecipient of the grant. Staff will provide a project update.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

6) Heartland Regional Resiliency Action Plan Project Kickoff

The CFRPC was awarded a Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to prepare a Heartland Regional Resiliency Action Plan. Staff will provide a project update and an overview of the January 23, 2023 Kickoff meeting.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

7) Technology Consultants Request for Qualifications

The Council uses an information technology company to provide support to the staff's computer system and network. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and price proposal has been prepared to solicit firms interested in providing these services.

Actions Requested:	Approve RFQ and Price Proposal
Exhibits:	#7: Proposed RFQ and Price Proposal - page 20

8) Agency Insurance Request for Qualifications

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and price proposal has been prepared to solicit firms interested in proposing insurance policies for CFRPC workers' compensation, vehicles, property, and liability.

Actions Requested:	Approve RFQ and Price Proposal
Exhibits:	#8: Proposed RFQ and Price Proposal - page 26

9) Regional Economic Indicators

Staff will present an overview of regional economic indicators.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

10) Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) with the Florida Department of Transportation for FTA 5339 Capital Grant

Actions Requested:	Approve Resolution 2023-2A
Exhibits:	#10: Resolution 2023-2A approving PTGA - page 35

11) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan Grant

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. Staff requests authorization to submit, execute agreement, and administer this grant.

Actions Requested:	Authorize Executive Director to submit, execute agreement and administer SS4A Grant
Exhibits:	None

12) Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Activities

Staff will brief the Council on activities of the six-county Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) and other transportation issues.

Actions Requested:	Information only
Exhibits:	None

13) Report on the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) January Policy Board Meeting

The Executive Director and Policy Board Members will report on the FRCA Policy Board meeting which was held in January in Tallahassee. The FRCA Annual Report will be presented.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	#13: Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) FY 2021-22 Annual Report - page 39

14) Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director will report on the FRCA monthly activities.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	#14: FRCA Monthly Activities Report - page 55

15) Next Meeting and Other Business

A) Next Meeting: April 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the Hardee County Commission Chambers in Wauchula.

B) Other Business

16) Adjourn

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

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Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Meeting Agenda

Exhibit #2A

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 | 9:30 a.m.

Winter Haven AdventHealth Fieldhouse & Conference Center, Room A
210 Cypress Gardens Blvd.
Winter Haven, FL 33880

Chair Keith Keene called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Roll was called, and the following Council Members were in attendance:

Chair, Councilmember Keith Keene, City of Arcadia
Commissioner Rick Wilson, Polk County
Commissioner Neda Cobb, City of Wauchula
Commissioner Nathaniel Birdsong, City of Winter Haven
Commissioner Judith George, Hardee County
Commissioner Chad McLeod, City of Lakeland
Donna Howerton, Highlands County Gubernatorial Appointee
Robert "Jeff" Kincart, Gubernatorial Appointee
Jackie Tucker, DeSoto County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Don Elwell, Highlands County
Commissioner Noel Chandler, City of Okeechobee
John Bohde, Polk County, Ex-officio
Kelly Boatwright, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Ex-officio

A quorum of members was present.

1) Opportunity for Public Comments

No public comments were received.

2) Council Administration

A) Approval of October 12, 2022 Minutes

- A motion was made by: Rick Wilson
 - The motion was seconded by: Nathaniel Birdsong
 - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

B) Approval of October Financial Report

- A motion was made by: Rick Wilson.
 - The motion was seconded by: Chad McLeod.
 - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

3) Audit Report for the Year Ended September 30, 2022

CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, presented the audit report for FY 2021-22.

4) Recommendations from the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on December 5, 2022, and recommended approval to the Council of the following items.

- A) Approval of Final Budget Amendment for FY 2021-22
 - A motion was made by: Rick Wilson
 - The motion was seconded by: Chad McLeod
 - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- B) Accept Audit Report for FY 2021-22
 - A motion was made by: Don Elwell
 - The motion was seconded by: Nathaniel Birdsong
 - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- C) Approval of Budget Amendment #1 for FY 2022-23
 - A motion was made by: Rick Wilson
 - The motion was seconded by: Nathaniel Birdsong.
 - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- D) Name Marybeth Soderstrom as Additional Signatory on Council Banking Accounts
 - A motion was made by: Nathaniel Birdsong
 - The motion was seconded by: Rick Wilson
 - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

5) Approval of Contract with new Executive Director

At the Council's direction, the Chair and Council Attorney negotiated a contract with Jennifer Codo-Salisbury to serve as Executive Director of the Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

- A) Approval of Contract with Jennifer Codo-Salisbury
 - A motion was made by: Chad McLeod
 - The motion was seconded by: Nathaniel Birdsong
 - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

6) Resolutions Relating to Change in Executive Director

To execute and administer grants and programs, many resolutions approved by the Council require specific authority be given to the Executive Director by name. To transfer authority to Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, effective January 1, 2023, the following Resolutions required Council action.

- A) Approval of Resolution 2022-12B giving authority as Executive Director to Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, effective January 1, 2023
 - A motion was made by: Donna Howerton
 - The motion was seconded by: Don Elwell
 - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- B) Approval of Resolution 2022-12C authorizing Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Executive Director, to Administer the US Economic Development Administration Partnership Planning Grant.
 - A motion was made by: Nathaniel Birdsong.
 - The motion was seconded by Rick Wilson.
 - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- C) Approval of Resolutions granting authority to Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Executive Director, effective January 1, 2023 to enter into, modify, extend, or terminate specific PTGAs with the Florida Department of Transportation: Those resolutions include: Resolution 2022-12D, Resolution 2022-12E, Resolution 2022-12F, Resolution 2022-12G, Resolution 2022-12H, Resolution 2022-12I, Resolution 2022-12J, Resolution 2022-12K, Resolution 2022-12L,

Resolution 2022-12M, Resolution 2022-12N, Resolution 2022-12O, Resolution 2022-12P, Resolution 2022-12Q, Resolution 2022-12R, Resolution 2022-12S, Resolution 2022-12T

- A motion was made by: Nathaniel Birdsong
 - The motion was seconded by: Jeff Kincart
 - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

7) Opportunity For Public Hearing for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grants

Marybeth Soderstrom, Transportation Director, stated that staff prepared FTA Capital Grant applications that require a public hearing be set in the event anyone from the public would like to comment on the grants. She stated there were no requests to conduct a public hearing received.

8) Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) with the Florida Department of Transportation for FTA 5339 Capital Grant

Resolution 2022-12U authorizes the Executive Director to sign a PTGA to purchase a vehicle to serve the counties of DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee.

A) Approval of Resolution 2022-12U

- A motion was made by: Rick Wilson.
 - The motion was seconded by: Nathaniel Birdsong.
 - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

9) Post Disaster Recovery Economic Development Grant

The US Economic Development Administration awarded \$200,000 through the Economic Adjustment Assistance Program for a Post Disaster Recovery position and support.

A) Authorize Executive Director to submit, execute agreement, and administer EDA Grant.

- A motion was made by: Rick Wilson
 - The motion was seconded by: Nathaniel Birdsong
 - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

10) 2023 Holiday Schedule

The 2023 Holiday Schedule was be presented.

A) Approval of 2023 Holiday Schedule

- A motion was made by: Don Elwell
 - The motion was seconded by: Donna Howerton
 - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

11) Rescind Regional Emergency Declaration

Resolution 2022-12V rescinds actions authorized in Resolution 2022-10A (October 2022) which provided the Executive Director temporary powers and responsibilities relating to a declared Regional Emergency and coincided with the Governor's declared state of emergency within any of the five counties in the Region.

A) Approval of Resolution 2022-12V

- A motion was made by: Chad McLeod
 - The motion was seconded by: Jeff Kincart
 - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

12) Election of Council Officers for 2023

Chad McLeod stated that the Nominating Committee met virtually on December 8, 2022 to consider nominations for Council officers for 2023. The Committee voted to nominate Arcadia

City Councilmember Keith Keene to serve as Chair for 2023 and voted to nominate Highlands County Gubernatorial Appointee Donna Howerton to serve as Vice-Chair for 2023.

A) Elect Chair and Vice-Chair for 2023

- A motion was made by: Chad McLeod
 - The motion was seconded by: Nathaniel Birdsong
 - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

13) Appoint Members to the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Policy Board

Keith Keene appointed three members below to serve on the FRCA Policy Board representing the CFRPC for 2023. Jaqueline Tucker, Nathaniel Birdsong and Kelly Owens were appointed.

14) Appoint Members to the Finance Committee

Keith Keene appointed Neda Cobb, Donna Howerton and Rick Wilson to serve as the Council's Finance Committee for 2023. The Council Chair, Keith Keene, also serves on the Finance Committee.

15) CFRPC 2022 Recognitions and Review

Pat Steed, Executive Director, stated the next Florida Regional Council Association's Policy Board meeting will be held on January 13, 2023 in Tallahassee.

Pat Steed reviewed 2022 CFRPC accomplishments, awards and staff service recognitions including:

- Shannon McPherson, Administrative Director, was awarded a certificate for her 15 years of service and her many contributions to the Council.
- Lisa Thompson Wieggers, Senior Planner, was awarded a certificate for her 15 years bringing her expertise within the region and local governments.
- Curtis Knowles, Program Manager, was awarded a certificate for his 5 years of service to the Council specializing in emergency management leading recovery efforts, the LEPC program and staffing/recovery efforts with local emergency management programs.
- Tami Hulse, Finance Director, was awarded Employee of the Year and recognized for her outstanding work for the Council.

Pat Steed expressed gratitude to the Council board and staff members present for their contributions to the success of the Council and expressed appreciation for her family for their support over the time she served as Executive Director.

Keith Keene recognized Pat's 17 years of service and leadership to the Council and presented her with a certificate of appreciation. Council Attorney Norman White provided a statement of testimony of Pat's service which was shared by Keith Keene.

16) Next Meeting and Other Business

The next meeting will be held on February 8, 2023 at 9:30 am at DeSoto County Commission Chambers in Arcadia.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Keene, Chair

CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FY 2022-2023
For the Month Ended December 31, 2022

Exhibit #2B

UNAUDITED

December = 25%

	ACCRUAL	ACTUAL	Approved Budget	ACCRUAL
	December 2022	December 2022	Budget	% of Budget
ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE INCOME				
1 Use of Prior Year Surplus	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
2 Member Assessments	87,771	87,771	351,085	25%
3 Local Revenue	193,467	150,069	1,162,235	17%
4 State Revenue	77,436	43,672	426,889	18%
5 Federal Revenue	624,230	921,053	4,481,159	14%
6 TOTAL INCOME	982,904	1,202,565	6,421,368	15%
7 EXPENSE				
8 Salaries & Fringe Benefits	623,388	624,071	2,720,462	23%
9 Consultants	25,240	43,097	255,661	10%
10 Transportation for the Disadvantaged Trips	173,967	403,067	2,640,000	7%
12 Accounting/Payroll Services	344	334	2,000	17%
13 Advertising	292	514	10,000	3%
14 Audit	27,750	15,750	27,750	100%
15 Auto Expense	2,542	2,559	15,000	17%
16 Building Security	190	190	1,600	12%
17 Dues & Fees	11,887	11,747	55,000	22%
18 Equipment Expense	2,439	2,439	9,000	27%
19 File Management	-	-	3,000	0%
20 Insurance	15,925	15,925	40,000	40%
21 Janitorial/Maintenance	3,443	4,236	15,500	22%
22 Legal Fees	8,904	8,904	35,000	25%
23 Meeting Expense	26	326	8,000	0%
24 Miscellaneous	898	898	1,000	90%
25 Office Supplies	3,172	4,097	15,000	21%
26 Postage & Delivery	446	250	5,000	9%
27 Printing	660	633	6,000	11%
28 Repair & Maintenance	5,278	6,702	10,000	53%
29 Technology Supplies	6,750	925	55,000	12%
30 Telephone	4,633	5,340	20,000	23%
31 Travel & Registration Fees	14,452	17,666	65,000	22%
32 Utilities	1,943	4,190	15,000	13%
33 Capital Outlay - Office & Technology	4,325	9,225	40,000	11%
34 Capital Outlay - Vehicle	-	-	-	0%
34 Capital Outlay - TD Vehicle	62,325	-	316,395	20%
35 Capital Outlay - Building	-	-	35,000	0%
36 TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 1,001,218	\$ 1,183,087	\$ 6,421,368	16%
37				
38 INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSE	\$ (18,314)	\$ 19,478	\$ -	

CASH ON HAND 12/31/2022

Checking Account + Petty Cash	\$ 121,153
Cash Held in Reserve:	
Money Market Account	\$ 275,676
Local Govt Investment Pool	\$ 9,632
Total Cash	\$ 406,461

CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
December 31, 2022

Exhibit #2B

UNAUDITED

ACCRUAL

ASSETS

1	Cash	\$	121,138
2	Petty Cash		15
3	Accounts Receivable		1,032,442
4	Unbilled Costs		90,413
5	Prepaid Expenses		37,115
6	Fixed Assets		1,246,513
7	Funds Held in Reserve		285,308

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9	TOTAL ASSETS	\$	2,812,944
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

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Liabilities

14	Accounts Payable	\$	403,929
15	Compensated Absences Liability		154,377
16	Deferred Revenue		87,062
17	Total Liabilities		645,369

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19	Fund Balance		2,167,575
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21	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$	2,812,944
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Agenda Item #4
**Economic Recovery & Resiliency Federal Interagency Resource Exchange (FIRE)
Listening Session**

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

Background: The effects of Hurricane Ian made landfall as a Category 4 hurricane on September 28, 2022. On September 29, 2022, President Biden approved a Major Disaster Declaration for Florida (DR-4673-FL). The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) activated the National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF) to facilitate coordinated interagency capacities and supplement state, tribal and local response efforts in the affected areas.

The Economic Recovery Support Function (ERSF), led by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) mission began on October 3, 2022, to serve alongside FEMA and the other RSFs in the Joint Field Office (JFO) in Florida. EDA is working with federal, state, and regional partners in the post-disaster recovery mission for Florida. The Economic RSF, in partnership with Florida's Regional Planning Councils (RPCs) and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), is facilitating regional events to enable strategic conversations between local, state, and regional stakeholders and federal agencies. The following event series will be hosted by the Southwest Florida RPC, Tampa Bay RPC, Northeast Florida RPC, Central Florida RPC, and East Central RPC.

Regional Integration Step by Step Process

Step 1: Federal Interagency Resource Exchange (FIRE): A listening session which is an important first step to share information and build relationships – February 2023.

Step 2: Economic Recovery and Resiliency Workshops: Designed to set the framework for implementation of the goals, strategies, and actions that the region may want to pursue for achieving economic recovery and resiliency –March 2023.

Step 3: Regional Economic Diversification Summit (REDS): Focused on project development and implementation, for communities and regions with an active Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) that want to take economic development to the next level – date TBD.

Staff will provide an update regarding these efforts.

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Agenda Item #5
Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Project Kickoff

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

Background: The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council was awarded a CDBG-MIT grant for Advancing Mitigation Assessment and Planning through Regional Collaboration. The project will provide a cohesive, statewide approach to resilience planning, including inland counties. Central Florida Regional Planning Council will be one of the subrecipients of the grant, performing a portion of the work and implementation.

The Northeast, East Central, Tampa Bay, North Central, Treasure Coast and Central Florida Regional Planning Councils are subrecipients of the grant through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

The Scope of Work for the CFRPC includes the following:

- Project Management and Coordination
- GIS Flood Assessment Modeling
- Comprehensive Regional Mitigation Assessment (methodology and template)
- Regional Mitigation Priority Areas and Project List
- Selective Small Area Plans
- Stormwater Management Best Practices
- Stakeholder Engagement

Staff will provide a project update.

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Agenda Item #6
Heartland Regional Resiliency Action Plan Project Kickoff

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

Background: On April 1, 2022, the Heartland Regional Resiliency Coalition Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) became effective. Through the MOU, the Heartland Regional Resiliency Coalition provides a formal platform for local governments to: work together to create guidelines for the development of resilient communities; learn “Best Practices” from each other and from other regions; and leverage regional resilience efforts to enhance funding and increase competitiveness for securing grants.

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity has awarded the CFRPC a Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant to develop a Regional Resiliency Action Plan as part of the efforts of the Heartland Regional Resiliency Coalition.

The product from this effort will include a Regional Resiliency Action Plan involving a transparent public engagement process and will:

- 1) Create a vision of resilient inland communities encompassing urban, suburban and rural communities.
- 2) Define both local and regional goals, objectives, strategies, and actions to support alignment of critical issues.
- 3) Consider federal and state planning requirements.
- 4) Define best practices, national metrics, and certification requirements.
- 5) Include a scorecard to measure progress and achievements.
- 6) Develop actional strategies for the next five years.

Staff will provide a project update and an overview of the January 23, 2023 Kickoff meeting.

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Agenda Item #7
Technology Consultants Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Price Proposal

Actions Requested:	Approve RFQ and Price Proposal
Exhibits:	#7: Proposed RFQ and Price Proposal and Price

Background: The Council uses an information technology company to provide support to the staff's computer system and network. The Council's current agreement with a technology service provider ends in the Summer of 2023. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and price proposal has been prepared to solicit firms interested in providing these services.

Request for Qualifications and Price Proposal
for
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONSULTING SERVICES
at
Central Florida Regional Planning Council
555 East Church Street
Bartow, FL 33830
Tel: (863) 534-7130

The Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC) hereby invites qualified companies to provide qualifications and price proposals for **Information Technology (IT) Consulting Services**. The CFRPC will receive qualifications and price proposal packages **until 4:00 p.m.**, **2023**, at Central Florida Regional Planning Council; ATTN: Shannon McPherson, Administrative Director; 555 East Church Street; Bartow, FL 33830 or to smcpherson@cfrpc.org.

SCOPE OF WORK

The requested services consist of providing Information Technology services in full support of a staff of approximately twenty-four (24) as follows:

- 1) Provide off-site data replication up to 4 TB.
- 2) Provide 24 hour, 7 day per week monitoring and alerting for the CFRPC's networks.
- 3) Provide anti-virus management and software.
- 4) Provide backup and recovery services.
- 5) Provide network security management services.
- 6) Provide firewall monitoring and management.
- 7) Provide overall network management support.
- 8) Provide event log monitoring and alerting services.
- 9) Provide patch and license management.
- 10) Provide inventory services.
- 11) Provide unlimited help desk support.
- 12) Provide troubleshooting and recommendations for all hardware and software.
- 13) Additional services include the installation of a new server for the CFRPC.
- 14) Other services as may be requested.

The work is to be conducted at the Central Florida Regional Planning Council office building located at 555 East Church Street in Bartow, Florida. Remote IT services are acceptable with on-site assistance to be provided when needed or requested. The CFRPC currently maintains 1 server, 5 desktop computers, and 27 laptops. CFRPC has the right to negotiate additional services as deemed necessary.

QUALIFICATIONS

The selected company will be required to execute a contract with the CFRPC in accordance with the Scope of Work as stated herein. The selected company must have satisfactorily performed the services described in the scope of work for a period of at least five (5) years, is a licensed provider, and has a track record of performing such services. Qualification and price proposal packages will be considered only from companies who are regularly established in the IT consulting industry and who, in the sole judgment of the CFRPC, are financially responsible and able to show evidence of their reliability, ability, experience, equipment, facilities, and persons directly employed or supervised by them to render professional, prompt, and satisfactory performance and service.

INSURANCE

Before commencing any work on the project, the selected IT company shall be required to provide the CFRPC with the following:

- Certificates of Insurance
 1. Comprehensive General Liability - \$1,000,000 limit.
 2. Workers' Compensation (in compliance with Florida Workers' Compensation Law).
 3. "All risk" personal property insurance sufficient to cover the Customer materials and replacement cost.

EXAMINATION OF EQUIPMENT, SYSTEM AND SITE OF WORK

Before submitting a qualifications and price proposal package, each proposer may request additional information. Please contact Shannon McPherson, Administrative Director, at (863) 534-7130 extension 132 or at smcpherson@cfrpc.org. Each proposer shall fully inform himself/herself prior to submitting the qualifications and price proposal package as to all existing conditions and limitations under which the work is to be performed, and he/she shall include in his/her qualifications and price proposal package a sum to cover all items necessary to perform the work. No allowance will be made to any proposer because of lack of such examination or knowledge. The submission of a qualifications and price proposal package will be construed as conclusive evidence that the proposer has made such examination.

QUALIFICATIONS AND PRICE PROPOSAL PACKAGES

Submit three (3) copies (one original and two copies) of the qualifications and price proposal package **to Central Florida Regional Planning Council; ATTN: Shannon McPherson, Administrative Director; 555 East Church Street; Bartow, FL 33830** either by mail, express delivery, in person or email to smcpherson@cfrpc.org. Faxed proposal packages will **not** be accepted.

We reserve the right to accept or reject any proposal packages based on insufficient information or failure to meet qualifications.

The submission shall include the following:

- Completed Information Form
- Signature with name typed below signature.
- Where the proposer is a corporation, the Information Form must be completed with the legal name of the corporation, followed by the State in which incorporated and legal signature of an officer authorized to bind the corporation to a contract.

CONTRACT PERIOD

The successful proposer shall be prepared to begin provision of services as of July 1, 2023.

INFORMATION FORM

_____, 2023

Central Florida Regional Planning Council
IT Consulting Services
555 East Church Street
Bartow, FL 33830

For: *Central Florida Regional Planning Council*
IT Consulting Services
555 East Church Street
Bartow, FL 33830

To: Central Florida Regional Planning Council
ATTN: Shannon McPherson, Executive Director
555 East Church Street
Bartow, FL 33830

The undersigned, having become thoroughly familiar with the terms and conditions of the Scope of Work and with local conditions affecting performance and costs at the Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereby proposes and agrees to fully perform and complete the Scope of Work in strict accordance with the Qualifications and Price Proposal Package for the following sum(s) of money, including all labor, parts and materials needed to perform the Scope of Work:

Proposal for performing all work under the contract as designated as follows:

Price for Scope of Work per month \$_____ (provide itemized
breakdown of cost components)

Additional Billings Anticipated \$_____ (provide itemized
breakdown of cost components)

Provide a written description of any special conditions:

In submitting this proposal, the undersigned further agrees:

1. The CFRPC reserves the right to reject this proposal.
2. To enter into and execute a Contract Agreement on the prescribed form, if awarded on the basis of this proposal, and/or any mutually acceptable modifications thereto.
3. To furnish Certificates of Insurance.
4. To commence and complete all work within the prescribed schedule as attached.
5. To provide adequate staffing and resources to accomplish the scope of work.
6. To maintain communications with the CFRPC staff to satisfactorily provide services and respond to changing circumstances.

Legal Name of Organization:

Type of Organization (circle one):

Corporation

Partnership

Sole Proprietor

Other _____

Legal Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

- Attach list of at least three references, including contact name, company or organization, email address, telephone number, and time period of contracted services.
- Attach list of all billing rates for additional work which may be requested.
- Work history indicating a minimum of five (5) years of satisfactorily performing services described in the scope of work outlined in this Request for Qualifications and Price Proposal.
- Provide a not more than two page bio or resume on each team member who would be involved in providing the proposed services. Include training, positions, companies, length of services and key skills and experience.
- A list of all licenses and certifications held by the proposing IT company.

Agenda Item #8
Agency Insurance Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Price Proposal

Actions Requested:	Approve RFQ and Price Proposal
Exhibits:	#8: Proposed RFQ and Price Proposal

Background: A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and price proposal has been prepared to solicit firms interested in proposing insurance policies for CFRPC workers' compensation, vehicles, property, and liability.

Request for Qualifications and Price Proposal

for

INSURANCE SERVICES

at

**Central Florida Regional Planning Council
555 East Church Street
Bartow, FL 33830
Tel: (863) 534-7130
Fax: (863) 534-7138**

The Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC) hereby invites qualified insurance brokers to provide qualifications and price proposals to provide **Insurance Services for workers' compensation, vehicles, property and liability**. The CFRPC will receive qualifications and insurance price proposal packages **until 4:00 p.m. on _____, 2023**, at Central Florida Regional Planning Council; ATTN: Shannon McPherson, Administrative Director; 555 East Church Street; Bartow, FL 33830 or smcpherson@cfrpc.org. **If submitting package via email subject line should read *RFQ and Price Proposal for Insurance*. If the subject line does not read as stated, your proposal may be disqualified.**

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The requested services consist of providing Insurance Services for the CFRPC as follows:

- 1) Assist with annual policy renewals, including negotiation of changes in contracts.
- 2) Meeting with CFRPC administrative staff as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS AND PRICE PROPOSAL PACKAGES

Submit one (1) copy of the qualifications and insurance providers' price proposal packages for each of the insurances listed (workers' compensation, vehicles, property and liability) **to Central Florida Regional Planning Council; ATTN: Shannon McPherson, Administrative Director; 555 East Church Street; Bartow, FL 33830, or electronically at smcpherson@cfrpc.org** either by email, mail, express delivery or in person. Faxed proposal packages will **not** be accepted.

We reserve the right to accept or reject any proposal packages based on insufficient information or failure to meet qualifications.

Proposers may choose to provide proposals on all policies desired by the Council, or any combination of the policies based upon proposers' expertise.

Proposers should coordinate in writing to set up a time and day to view the building and/or vehicles by corresponding with dhorvath@cfrpc.org . Such visits will be accepted by appointment only and proposers should keep the deadline in mind when coordinating site visits, as proposals will not be accepted late.

The submission shall include the following:

- Confirmation that proposer is a licensed insurance provider in the State of Florida, and provide documentation.
- Completed Information Form.
- Signature with name typed below signature.
- Where the proposer is a corporation, the Information Form must be completed with the legal name of the corporation, followed by the State in which incorporated and legal signature of an officer authorized to bind the corporation to a contract.

CONTRACT PERIOD

The successful proposer shall be prepared to begin provision of services immediately.

INFORMATION FORM

_____, 2023

Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Insurance Services
555 East Church Street
Bartow, FL 33830

For: *Central Florida Regional Planning Council*
Insurance Services
555 East Church Street
Bartow, FL 33830

To: Central Florida Regional Planning Council
ATTN: Shannon McPherson, Administrative Director
555 East Church Street
Bartow, FL 33830

The undersigned, having become thoroughly familiar with the terms and conditions of the Scope of Services, hereby proposes and agrees to fully perform and complete the Scope of Services in strict accordance with the Qualifications and Insurance Price Proposal Package.

Provide a written description of any special conditions:

In submitting this proposal, the undersigned further agrees:

1. The CFRPC reserves the right to reject this proposal.
2. To enter into and execute a mutually acceptable Contract Agreement based upon the submitted proposal which may include modifications and/or clarifications of such proposal.
3. To provide adequate staffing and resources to accomplish the scope of work.

4. To maintain communications with the CFRPC staff to satisfactorily provide services and respond to changing circumstances and staffing.

Legal Name of Organization:

Type of Organization (circle one):

Corporation

Partnership

Sole Proprietor

Other _____

Legal Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

- Attach list of at least two (2) references of small groups where the proposer has brokered services within the last three (3) years. Provide name of group, contact name, telephone number, and time period of contracted services.
- Insurance price proposals shall be submitted as Attachment A.

Attachment A

Provide pricing information for workers' compensation insurance.

Provide pricing information for full agency vehicle insurance coverage.

Provide pricing information for full agency building insurance coverage.

Provide pricing information for agency liability insurance coverage.

Provide detailed pricing brackets based upon each level of insurance coverage as applicable.

Indicate which policy(ies) firm is proposing if not all three subject areas.

Agenda Item #9 Regional Economic Indicators

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

Background: The region continues to emerge from COVID 19 from economic uncertainty and high levels of unemployment. Performance measures indicate positive over the year job growth across all of Florida's ten major industries, increases in real annual wages over time, and unemployment rates that have continued to decrease throughout the region. All of the ten major industries experienced positive job growth as of December 2022 with Other Service experiencing significant job increases at 8.7 percent followed closely by Leisure and Hospitality, with 7.4 percent.

Staff will report on regional economic indicators.

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Agenda Item #10
**Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) with the
Florida Department of Transportation for FTA 5339 Capital Grant**

Actions Requested:	Approve Resolution 2023-2A
Exhibits:	#10: Resolution 2023-2A approving PTGA

Background: FDOT has proposed PTGAs for ongoing Federal Transit Operational Grants. MTM Transit, the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties, is a private for-profit company and is not therefore eligible to directly receive Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310, 5311 or 5339 Operating or Capital Funds. As the CFRPC is an eligible recipient of federal funds as a government agency, the CFRPC applies for and administers public transit grant programs, allowing the CTC to serve more riders in the service area.

- **RESOLUTION 2023-2A**

Authorizes Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Executive Director, to enter into, modify, extend, or terminate a Public Transit Grant Agreement (PTGA) with the Florida Department of Transportation, unless specifically rescinded for FTA 5339 Capital funds to be used in DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties.

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RESOLUTION 2023-2A

Exhibit #10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL 5339 FUNDS AWARDED TO THE CFRPC FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE COORDINATED SYSTEM IN DESOTO, HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, AND OKEECHOBEE COUNTIES AND ASSOCIATED ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT DOCUMENTS WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TRANSIT PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into a Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) with the Florida Department of Transportation to undertake a project as authorized by Chapter 341, Florida Statutes and/or by the Florida Transit Administration Act of 1964, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Florida:

1. The PTGA for the Item-Segment-Phase-Sequence (Financial Management Number) _____ is approved.
2. That Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Executive Director, is authorized to enter into, modify, extend, or terminate the PTGA with the Florida Department of Transportation, unless specifically rescinded.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.

CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Keith Keene, Chair

ATTEST:

COUNCIL ATTORNEY:



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Agenda Item #11
Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan Grant

Actions Requested:	Authorize Executive Director to submit, execute agreement and administer SS4A Grant
Exhibits:	None

Background: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over the next 5 years. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. There are two types of SS4A grants: Action Plan Grants and Implementation Grants. Action Plans must be in place before an Implementation Grant can be submitted. The Action Plan for DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties will be developed with the Heartland Regional TPO and include a safety analysis, engagement and collaboration, and strategy and project identification.

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FRCA

FLORIDA REGIONAL
COUNCILS ASSOCIATION



Annual Report

2021-2022



Our Mission

Leveraging partnerships to build a strong economy and improve the lives of all Floridians

The Florida Regional Councils Association is an alliance of Florida's ten Regional Planning Councils and serves to enhance regional collaboration throughout the state.



President's Message

Challenged by bringing communities successfully through economic recovery, preparing for the impacts of the next natural disaster, and identifying the best practices to create resiliency and sustainability from those impacts, Florida's regional planning councils have led the way. The ten regional councils across Florida prepared Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) blueprints for each region in partnership with the US Economic Development Administration (EDA). Each RPC worked with the Florida Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to ensure first responders have access to training and provided coordination for all communities to support natural and manmade disaster emergency response. All RPCs actively support resiliency planning, and five are now leading resiliency coalitions.

The Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) works on building and sustaining partnerships. Through internal coordination among RPCs and collaborative partnerships with associations such as the Florida Association of Counties, Florida League of Cities, Small County Coalition, Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, Florida Chamber of Commerce, and many non-profit organizations, FRCA fosters more effective relationships and program delivery with state agencies and Florida policymakers.

During this demanding year, it has been my privilege to serve as President of FRCA and work with the Policy Board Members throughout the state to support the critical mission of these multi-disciplinary organizations. Regional planning councils bring local knowledge to create regional solutions and make impacts statewide on the shared problems and unlimited opportunities of Florida's communities. Highly technical and dedicated staff work throughout the state with local governments, state and Federal agencies, the business community, and citizens to bring a better quality of life to Florida. We bring you this Annual Report that reflects the diverse work of our organizations.

Kristin Dozier, President
Florida Regional Councils Association



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North Central Florida RPC

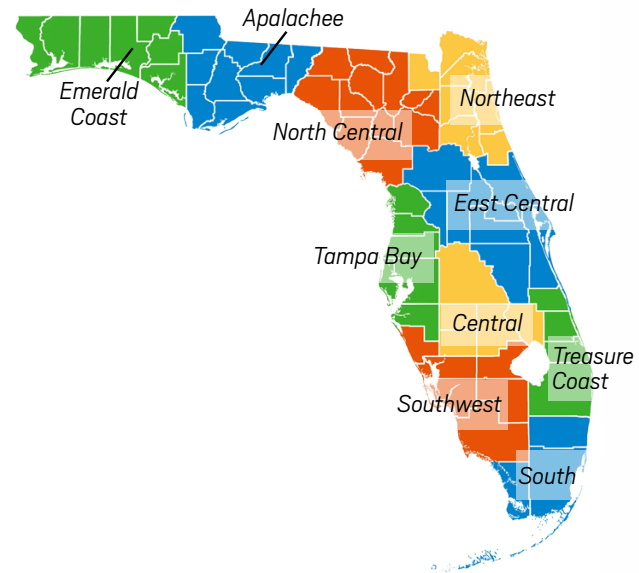


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2021-2022 *By the Numbers*

▶ **5**

**METROPOLITAN/
TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS
STAFFED**

▶ **101**

**ECONOMIC ANALYSES
COMPLETED (REMI)**

▶ **722**

**PLANNING ACTIVITIES
CONDUCTED**

▶ **182**

**NUMBER OF REVOLVING
LOAN FUND APPLICATIONS
REVIEWED**

▶ **1,009**

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
ACTIVITIES PROVIDED TO
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

▶ **1,409**

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
INSPECTIONS OF SMALL
QUANTITY GENERATORS (SQG)**

▶ **1,029,930**

**TRANSPORTATION
DISADVANTAGED
TRIPS PLANNED**

Regional Councils

bring local governments together to solve problems at the regional level and help communities grow.

	Date Established	2021 Regional Population ¹	Governing Board Size	Staff Size (FTE) ²	Square Miles ³	Budget (in millions)
 Apalachee Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla	Aug. 23, 1977	484,168	27	17	6,757	\$4.2
 Central Florida DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, Polk	July 1, 1974	948,878	18	21	5,287	\$5.3
 East Central Florida Brevard, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia	Feb. 22, 1962	4,437,866	35	16	9,244	\$2.6
 Emerald Coast Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, Washington	Oct. 1, 1964	1,030,456	28	28	6,509	\$4.4
 North Central Florida Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, Union	May 7, 1969	580,595	45	8	8,660	\$1.5
 Northeast Florida Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns	Feb. 14, 1977	1,838,821	35	16	5,097	\$2.6
 South Florida Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe	July 1, 1974	4,770,725	19	16	7,492	\$3.3
 Southwest Florida Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Sarasota	Nov. 8, 1973	1,850,007	36	3	7,278	\$1.0
 Tampa Bay Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas	Feb. 16, 1962	3,794,119	44	12	4,998	\$3.1
 Treasure Coast Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, St. Lucie	Aug. 19, 1976	2,163,310	28	10	4,441	\$2.7

¹Source: Florida Estimates of Population, 2021, Table 5, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida, 2021.

²FTE means Full-Time Equivalent.

³Total land and water area.

Regional Councils Work Together

FOR HURRICANE EVACUATION & RECOVERY

In a rapidly changing climate and severe weather events, Florida is an epicenter of tropical storms and hurricanes, which are predicted to become more intense and destructive in the coming years. A future with physical devastation, the potential risk of loss of life, property, and economic disruption caused by major hurricanes, requires all hands on deck to prepare our state.

The regional planning councils of Florida are partners not only with local governments, emergency management officials, state agencies including DEM and DEO, Federal agencies including FEMA, EDA, and SBA, but also nonprofit and religious organizations providing aid to citizens and businesses impacted by these disasters. Through staffing to Local Emergency Planning Committees and coordination and presence in Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) around the state, RPC's continually assist with planning and preparing for manmade and natural disasters but are also there for service during declared events.

From a statewide perspective, the regional councils supported DEM in the update of the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study and continue to provide technical input to update the study with new data. This study covering every region in the state provides critical evacuation times based upon predictive models of the travel behavior of persons in preparation for a declared emergency evacuation.

All ten Florida RPCs have been involved in recovery from various storm-related impacts in the last decade. Whether dealing with inland flooding, tornadoes, wind damage, or devastating coastal storm surge and beach erosion, RPCs have worked with both recovery partners and with sustained long-term economic development initiatives to rebuild our communities. Unwelcomed visits from Irma, Michael, Maria, Ian, and Nicole, will undoubtedly be joined by future names. This continuing commitment to be there in the planning and preparation, evacuation and emergency operations, and short and long-term recovery is a hallmark of the mission of Florida's regional planning councils.



Regional Councils *Are Building Resiliency*

Resilience is the ability to bounce forward; absorb, recover and get better in the face of short term shocks like hurricanes or infrastructure failures and long – term stressors like affordable housing, aging infrastructure, shifting economic trends and climate change. All 10 RPCs are actively involved in supporting resiliency planning and five now are leading resiliency coalitions.

**Apalachee Strong Regional Resiliency Collaborative • Heartland Regional Resiliency Coalition
East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative • Resilient First Coast
Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition**



East Central Florida RPC Participates in Partnership for the Goals Event

More than one hundred regional leaders from different organizations in east central Florida came together as part of the region's first Partnership for the Goals event. The two-day summit was a partnership between the Brookings Institution, the East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative, housed at the East Central Florida RPC, the Central Florida Foundation, the University of Central Florida's Center for Global Environmental and Economic Opportunity, Orange County, the City of Orlando, and Florida for Good.

Partnership for the Goals was to break from business-as-usual and leverage the Sustainable Development

Goals (SDG) framework as a tool for conversation across government, philanthropic, academic, business, and civic society that often struggle to connect across professional vocabularies and organizational reference points.

The event resulted in new connections and yielded more than two dozen actionable ideas. Most importantly, the event culminated in new collaborations across regional sectors. The Brookings Institute stated it is quickly becoming a model for other global communities. It will remain a cornerstone event of the East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative's efforts for years to come.

Northeast Florida Develops Resiliency Plan for the Health and Medical Lifeline

Administered by the Northeast Florida RC, the North Florida Resiliency Plan for the Health and Medical Lifeline aims to significantly enhance the healthcare sector's ability to adapt and recover from flooding, storm surge, and sea level rise impacts. This Resiliency Plan will provide supporting data, analysis, and mitigation strategies that will be useful during normal operations and extreme weather events. By focusing specifically on improving healthcare infrastructure resilience and essential clinical care service delivery, this Resiliency Plan aims to assist organizations in reducing future vulnerabilities and losses and improving the functioning of a broad range of healthcare facilities across the 18-county region.

In February, the State's Chief Resilience Officer, Dr. Wesley Brooks, met with county and city officials across the Tampa Bay region to tour and discuss resiliency projects and challenges faced by the Tampa Bay Region community.

Dr. Brooks oversees the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection at the Department of Environmental Protection and supports the resiliency efforts of several state agencies.



Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Leadership Summit 2022

The Tampa Bay RPC hosted its 2nd Resiliency Leadership Summit on April 5 & 6, 2022. During the Summit, the Council unveiled the efforts, progress, and work that has taken place in the last year with the introduction of the Draft Regional Resiliency Action Plan. The Action Plan includes strategies and actions based on technical data that assesses sea-level rise vulnerability, informs planning efforts, and provides guidance on the sea-level rise projections to inform local planning efforts.



Tampa Bay Regional Mayors shown above (left to right): Jane Castor, City of Tampa; Ken Welch, City of St. Petersburg; Frank Hibbard, City of Clearwater; and Woody Brown, City of Largo.

QUALITY OF *Life*

The RPCs assist local communities as they implement community visions and strategies. Brownfields programs across the state work to provide resources that clean up abandoned or underused commercial and industrial sites. Many RPCs also provide other services to enhance the quality of life using GIS mapping and affordable housing initiatives.

North Central Florida RPC Promotes Eco-tourism



The North Central Florida RPC provides staff support services to the Original Florida Tourism Task Force, a multi-county destination marketing organization promoting nature-based, heritage-based, and cultural-based tourism in the north-central Florida region. The area comprises 14 predominantly rural counties and covers approximately 10,000 square miles. The Task Force brands and markets the region as Visit Natural North Florida. Marketing activities include a website, digital and print advertising campaigns, brochures and a quarterly electronic newsletter distribution, and participation at travel shows.

This project is an innovative regional partnership approach to tourism promotion. This partnership supports rural counties throughout the north central Florida region to reach a larger market to promote their nature-based, heritage-based, and culture-based tourism opportunities. Visit the website: naturalnorthflorida.org for more information.

Central Florida RPC Partners on Florida Wildlife Corridor

The Florida Wildlife Corridor stretches from the Everglades to Georgia and west to Alabama. Its conservation helps ensure Florida's wildlife populations are connected and protected and was developed to create incentives for sustaining and conserving the green infrastructure. As a foundation of Florida's economy and quality of life, the Corridor includes nearly 18 million acres, with 46% identified as Opportunity Areas or Corridor areas yet to be conserved.



Through an agreement with Archbold Biological Station, the Central Florida RPC identified Florida Wildlife Corridor Opportunity Areas within the Heartland counties of DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk with the potential for near-term development. Data collected and analyzed to inform the report included building permits, zoning changes, land suitability, generalized future land use, existing infrastructure relevant to future development, and development entitlements. Activities included coordination with State agencies, non-profit organizations, and landowners to identify Opportunity Areas potentially available for acquisition, voluntary conservation easements, or those requiring coordination to support new development or redevelopment projects.

EMERGENCY Preparedness

Working together, RPCs conduct cooperative statewide projects such as the award winning statewide Regional Evacuation Study, the Energy Assurance Study, and coastal resiliency planning.

Central Florida RPC Hosts Full-Scale Airplane Crash and Mass Casualty Exercise

Over 170 first responders, volunteer victims, and evaluators worked together to simulate an airline crash at the Lakeland Linder International Airport to test existing plans, systems, and processes on February 15, 2022. The Central Florida RPC contracted with Emergency Response Educators and Consultants Inc. (EREC) to coordinate the triennial full-scale exercise, engaging multiple agencies to test emergency response policies and procedures.

An After-Action Report and Improvement Plan will provide participating agencies with a full report of the event and guide them in improving their response to real-time disaster events.

Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium

The 9th Annual Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium hosted over 575 participants and included 65+ training sessions. Led by the East Central Florida RPC, the Symposium aims to educate and train first responders, first receivers, manufacturers, and industry partners on hazardous materials response, mitigation, prevention, and safety through classroom and hands-on training.

During the four-day conference, hazmat teams compete in simulated hazardous materials scenarios and are scored according to National Fire Protection Association guidelines by independent experts. Seven HazMat Teams competed in the competition, with Orange County Fire Rescue winning first place, the City of Orlando Fire Department taking second place, and Palm Beach County Fire Rescue coming third.



ECONOMIC *Development*

RPCs complete regional economic impact analysis using the nationally recognized REMI software, facilitate Post Disaster Redevelopment Planning, and administer revolving loan funds for small business loans and brownfields redevelopment.

Revolving Loan Funds Recapitalized in Apalachee and South Florida RPCs



For decades regional planning councils have supported small businesses through revolving loan programs established with funding through the EDA. This ongoing partnership, and local matching funds, allowed Apalachee and South Florida Regional Planning Councils to capitalize over \$6.8 million to help alleviate sudden and severe economic impacts caused by the coronavirus pandemic and Hurricane Michael.

South Florida RPC reached the milestone of lending the entirety of the EDA's CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund of \$5.38 million six months ahead of schedule. The SFRPC was recognized as a successful program by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration.

Apalachee RPC expanded its RLF Program, adding two new funds totaling just over \$1.5 million. The Regional Economies Vested in Vital Enterprises (REVIVE!) program was established to grow small businesses and create more jobs within Leon County and the City of Tallahassee. A separate CARES Act RLF provided businesses in Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, and Wakulla counties with gap financing to help them survive and recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Southwest Florida RPC Promotes SWFL Fresh – Choose Local, Choose Fresh

The Southwest Florida RPC was selected for the 2021 USDA Regional Food System Partnership grant to implement the trademarked regional brand "SWFL Fresh: Choose Local, Choose Fresh." The trademarked regional brand showcases SWFL food producers and their products. The RPC is leading the three-year project in collaboration with the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Services Cooperative Extension Service and Tropical Research and Education Center.

Transportation

RPCs participate in the Transportation Disadvantaged program, as staff to local Metropolitan/ Transportation Planning Organizations, and provide planning services for Complete Streets, Safe Routes to Schools, and Greenways and Trails.



Hosted by the Emerald Coast Regional Council, the Transportation Symposium brings together leaders across transportation industries to learn, connect, and be inspired by the latest innovations in the transportation realm. This year's event was held on Thursday, October 6, and Friday, October 7, 2022, in Panama City Beach, Florida.



Apalachee RPC Coordinates "Cycle the Arts" Campaign

In collaboration with Council on Culture and Arts (COCA), Apalachee RPC staff coordinated and developed the "Cycle the Arts" campaign. This new biking experience highlights over 300 outdoor works of public art throughout Tallahassee. ARPC staff created an interactive PDF map for this initiative illustrating bike-friendly routes to public art sites around Tallahassee. Public art is people-powered, and the ARPC/ COCA "Cycle the Arts" campaign offers a new perspective on the accessibility and equity of public art.

REGIONAL *Convening*

RPCs serve as regional conveners. They lead community and regional vision efforts, engage the public in a variety of plans and programs, and maintain Strategic Regional Policy Plans.

Northeast Florida Regional Council Hosts 2022 Overdose Summit



The Northeast Florida RC hosted the 2022 Overdose Summit at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine. The educational Summit brought together more than 120 attendees from around the region for a day-long event examining various aspects of addiction and overdose. While the Summit targeted all forms of addiction, the focus was primarily on fentanyl and the extreme danger it poses. The Summit included 19 speakers covering topics such as the neuroscience of addiction, the stigma of addiction, the risks of the opioid epidemic, and public safety.

Treasure Coast RPC Regional Economic Development Summit

In March 2022, Treasure Coast RPC hosted its Regional Economic Development Summit. It was a unique opportunity to review the latest economic trends, interact with industry leaders, and provide input to update the 2018 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan for the Treasure Coast Region. The goal of the summit was to provide an opportunity for broad-based and diverse stakeholder participation that addresses economic challenges and identifies unique opportunities for the entire Region.



Awards & Partners

2022 NADO Impact Awards

Apalachee Regional Planning Council

- *Cycle the Arts*

Central Florida Regional Planning Council

- *City of Lakeland's Comprehensive Plan: Our Community*
- *Hardee County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan*

East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

- *Southeast Volusia Economic Development Strategic Plan*
- *Partnership for the Goals*
- *Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative (PERI)*

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

- *Gainesville Metropolitan Area Multimodal Level of Service Report*

Northeast Florida Regional Council

- *2022 Overdose Summit*

South Florida Regional Planning Council

- *The Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition*

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

- *An Industrial Land Strategy for Pasco County*
- *Resilient Ready Tampa Bay*



Central Florida RPC was recognized for City of Lakeland Comprehensive Plan: Our Community 2030 by NADO, APA Florida, and Florida Planning and Zoning Association. Pictured (left to right): Commissioner Chad McLeod, Pat Steed, Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley

NADO Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards

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RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Collected articles, edited and distributed the January 2023 Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Newsletter, *FRCA Forward*.
- Updated the email lists for and maintain the email listserv for approximately 2,350 individuals who receive *FRCA Forward*.
- Updated the FRCA website with the 2021-22 FRCA Annual Report and *FRCA Forward* - website: www.flregionalcouncils.org.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, organized, participated in or attended the following meetings and shared information:
 - Statewide Emergency Shelter Working Group hosted by the Division of Emergency Management,
 - Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting hosted by Enterprise Florida,
 - Rural Economic Development Initiative Meeting hosted by Department of Economic Opportunity,
 - Resiliency Collaborative Forum hosted by The Nature Conservancy,
 - Affordable Housing Legislative Webinar hosted by the Florida Housing Coalition, and;
 - Economic Development Administration Coordination Call with RPC economic development planning staff.
- Compiled the October – December quarterly report on economic activities in each regional planning council area.
- Arranged for sponsorship of the Policy and Planning Workshop hosted by the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association scheduled for February 23-24, 2023, virtually.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Participated in the January FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) and the Winter Policy Board meetings held in Tallahassee.
- Prepared for and hosted the January Partners Meeting.
- Prepared for the February EDAC Meeting.
- Continued to coordinate logistics for the 2023 meeting and conference schedule.
- Developed the FRCA Bill Report, grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.

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