

RESOLUTION NO. 16- 17

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVING PROJECT B4100252787 AS A QUALIFIED APPLICANT FOR THE QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 288.106, FLORIDA STATUTES; IDENTIFYING LOCAL COUNTY FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PROJECT B4100252787; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida established the Qualified Target Industry Business Tax Refund Program (“QTI Program”) to encourage the growth of Florida’s economy by creating high-wage, value-added employment opportunities, and authorized the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to accept, review and approve applications for tax refunds to qualified target industry businesses; and

WHEREAS, the QTI Program requires 20% local financial participation as tax refunds become due; and

WHEREAS, Project B4100252787 is a food manufacturer that wishes to expand its headquarters within Pinellas County and projects hiring 12 employees in qualified value-added jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that providing QTI Program tax refunds to Project B4100252787 serves the public purpose of promoting positive impacts on and benefits to the County’s economic vitality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY FLORIDA, at a duly-assembled meeting held on the 15th day of March, 2016, as follows:

Section 1. Project B4100252787 is approved as a Qualified Target Industry Business pursuant to Section 288.106, Florida Statutes. This recommendation is based upon the creation of

the specified jobs and is contingent upon Pinellas County's review and confirmation of Project B4100252787's final application.

Section 2. Project B4100252787's average private sector wage commitment calculation shall be at least 115% of the State of Florida average annual wage.

Section 3. The necessary commitment of local financial support for the Qualified Target Industry Business for the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program has been identified in the total sum of \$12,000 with 50% of the local contribution to be paid by Pinellas County and 50% to be paid by the City of Clearwater subject to annual appropriations, and will be paid to the Florida Economic Development Trust Fund as tax refunds become due. The funding authorized herein is intended to represent the local financial support required by Section 288.106, Florida Statutes and is conditioned upon the applicant meeting all statutory requirements of the QTI Program. Nothing herein will prevent other jurisdictions or private sector entities from making or increasing their contributions. However, in no event will the total contribution of Pinellas County for Project B4100252787 exceed \$6,000.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Commissioner Morrone offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Long, and upon roll call, the vote was:

 Ayes: Justice, Long, Welch, Eggers, Gerard, Seel, and Morrone.

 Nays: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Muhammad A. Zao
Office of the County Attorney