



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Data Sharing Agreement between Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Pinellas Board of County Commissioners, and WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the Data Sharing Agreement between Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (CLEO), and WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas (LWDB).

- Establishes confidentiality guidelines pursuant to which DEO agrees to disclose confidential information to CLEO and its agent LWDB.

Strategic Plan:

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

Summary:

DEO is the authority over the administration of Florida's Unemployment Compensation Program. The agreement establishes the confidentiality guidelines pursuant to which DEO agrees to disclose confidential information for conducting targeted outreach for Reemployment Assistance (RA) claimants via mail, email and telephone to explain the assistance available through the workforce information system, and explain services available through local career centers, and provide notification of job opportunities.

Pinellas County Resolution 06-70 states, "Notwithstanding any contractual authority delegation to the contrary, any indemnification provisions entered into by the County other than that listed in paragraph 111. may only be entered into at the specific direction of the County Administrator or his designee, and only after review by the County

Attorney's Office. Any indemnity provision entered into pursuant to this subsection IV shall be reported to the Board of County Commissioners in arrears no less than quarterly."

DEO has refused, in writing, to remove all indemnification requirements requested of the County directly and refused to allow a statement that each party be responsible for its own negligence to take the place of the indemnification provision. DEO is the only source of this information and the data is needed in order for CareerSource Pinellas to provide the targeted outreach.

Background Information:

In response to COVID-19, Florida temporarily waived the requirement that RA claimants complete the online work registration required by section 443.01(1)(b), F.S., and the online work registration system is a mechanism by which One-Stop career centers identify and provide RA claimants with

workforce services under Chapter 445, F.S. There now exists a pool of RA claimants who the One-Stop career centers cannot identify and target for services. Use of the confidential information received pursuant to this Agreement will provide a mechanism to provide assistance through the workforce information system and will explain services available through local career centers and provide notification of job opportunities.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

Mike Meidel, Director, Economic Development

Partners:

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas

Attachments:

Data Sharing Agreement
Indemnity Res 06-70
DEO Correspondence