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Florida Seaport Transportation and
Economic Development Council

Wednesday, October 25, 2023
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST

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1. **Call to Order, Chairman's Welcome and Opening Comments** – Chairman Alex King, Port Director, Panama City Port Authority
2. **Roll Call** – Emily Fisher, VP of Programs & Planning, Florida Port Council
3. **Administrative Issue: Approval of the August 2, 2023, Annual Meeting Summary** – Chairman Alex King, Port Director, Panama City Port Authority
4. **Reports and Studies**
 - a. **2023/2024 Seaport Mission Plan** – Emily Fisher, VP of Programs & Planning, Florida Port Council
 - b. **Statewide Economic Impact Analysis** – Lauren Rand, MPE, CPM, Manager, Seaport Office, Florida Department of Transportation
 - c. **Port Putnam Feasibility Assessment** – Mike Rubin, President & CEO, Florida Ports Council
5. **2024 Legislative Report** – Mike Rubin, President & CEO, Florida Ports Council
 - a. **\$20 million Aggregate Funding Update** – Lauren Rand, MPE, CPM, Manager, Seaport Office, Florida Department of Transportation
 - b. **Priority Project List** – Mike Rubin, President & CEO, Florida Ports Council
6. **Program Funding**
 - a. **Approval of FSTED Program Fund Reallocations** – Chairman Alex King, Port Director, Panama City Port Authority
 - b. **Recommendations and Approval of FY 23/24 FSTED Security Grant Allocations (Remaining Funding)** – Chairman Alex King, Port Director, Panama City Port Authority
7. **New Business**
 - a. **Upcoming Spring Legislative FSTED/ FPC Meetings in Tallahassee: January 30, 31, & February 1**
8. **Adjournment**

TAB 1

**Call to Order, Chairman's Welcome and
Opening Comments**

TAB 2
Roll Call



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TAB 3
Administrative Issues: Approval of the
August 2, 2023, Annual Meeting
Summary

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ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

FLORIDA SEAPORT TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

August 2, 2023

Hilton Marina, Fort Lauderdale, FL

- 1. Call to Order, Chairman's Welcome and Opening Comments:** The annual meeting of the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development (FSTED) Council was held on August 2, 2023, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Port Panama City Port Director, and FSTED Chairman, Alex King called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. EST.
- 2. Roll Call:** Emily Fisher, called the roll. Members present were:

Alex King, Chair, Port Panama City
Captain John Murray, Port Canaveral
Joshua Revord, Port of Ft. Pierce
Eric Green, JAXPORT
Andy Heckler on behalf of Hydi Webb, Port Miami
Carlos Buqueras, SeaPort Manatee
Michael Meekins, Port of Palm Beach
Clark Merritt, Port of Pensacola
Jonathan Daniels, Port Everglades

A quorum was present. Also, in attendance were:

Becky Hope, PortMiami
Glenn Wiltshire, Port Everglades
Damien Bressler, Port Panama City
Diane Luensmann, Port Canaveral
Tom Self, Port Canaveral
Thomas Hobbs, Port Tampa Bay
Laura Lenhart, Port Tampa Bay
Mark Dubina, Port Tampa Bay
Ryan Fierst, Port Tampa Bay
David Anderton, Port Everglades
Peter Bergeron, Port Canaveral
Nick Primrose, JAXPORT
Chris Cooley, Port Tampa Bay
Dan Fitz-Patrick, SeaPort Manatee
Jimmy McDonald, HNTB
Dana Reeves, Court Reporter

Charles Klug, on behalf of Paul Anderson, Port
Tampa Bay
David Kaufman, Port of Fernandina
David Wirth, Port of St. Petersburg
Sam Sullivan, Port Putnam
Lauren Rand on behalf of Secretary Jared Perdue,
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
Secretary J. Alex Kelly, FloridaCommerce

Madeline Jones, HNTB
Mauricio Pizarro, Burns McDonnell
Maureen Smith, FloridaCommerce
Matt Swonson, FloridaCommerce
TJ Villamil, FloridaCommerce
Rebekah Farris, Port Panama City
Mike Williamson, Cambridge Systematics
Nancy Leuikauf, Nancy Leuikauf & Associates
Justin Ryan, JAXPORT
Jeff Littlejohn, Adams & Reese
Mike Rubin, Florida Ports Council
Emily Fisher, Florida Ports Council
Christy Gandy, Florida Ports Council
Edie Ousley, Yellow Finch Strategies
Ram Kancharla, Port Tampa Bay
Mike Poole, Port Canaveral
Candace Ericks, TSE Consulting
Representative Chip LaMarca

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3. **Administrative Issues:** Chairman King moved onto discussion of administrative issues.
 - a. **Approval of the April 20, 2023, Virtual Meeting Summary:** Chairman King requested a motion for the approval of the April 20, 2023, FSTED meeting minutes. A motion was made by Captain John Murray, seconded by Eric Green, and passed unanimously.
 - b. **Report on Seaport Environmental Management Committee Meeting:** Chairman King recognized Chris Cooley, Director of Environmental Affairs at Port Tampa Bay and Chair of the Seaport Environmental Management Committee (SEMC). Cooley reported on the highlights from the Committee meeting, earlier that morning on August 2, 2023. Additionally, Chairman King announced it was time to appoint a new SEMC Chair and he appointed Joshua Revord, Port Director of the Port of Fort Pierce. Chairman King opened the floor for discussion; with no discussion, a motion was made by Carlos Buqueras, seconded by Jonathan Daniels, and passed unanimously, accepting Joshua Revord as new SEMC Chair.
 - c. **Report on FSTED Security Committee:** Chairman King recognized Peter Bergeron, Senior Director, Public Safety & Security at Port Canaveral and Chair of the FSTED Security Committee. Bergeron reported on the highlights from the Committee meeting earlier that morning of August 2, 2023. Bergeron advised that the ports submitted \$858,651 in security projects, that leaves a remainder of \$141,349 in the million-dollar budget. Bergeron recommended that the security project application portal be opened again for the remainder of funds.
4. **FSTED Officer Nominations/Election:** Chairman King opened the floor for FSTED officer nominations and suggestions. Jonathan Daniels, Port Director of Port Everglades, submitted a slate for consideration: Chairman: Alex King; Vice Chair: Eric Green; Secretary-Treasurer: Clark Merritt. A motion for the approval of the slate of officers as stated was made by Jonathan Daniels, was seconded by Captain John Murray, and passed unanimously.
5. **Reports and Studies:** Chairman King turned the discussion to reports and studies.
 - a. **2023/2024 Seaport Mission Plan:** Chairman King recognized Emily Fisher to give an update on the 2023 Seaport Mission Plan. Fisher advised that in the coming months, FDOT and the Florida Ports Council would combine efforts to gather data into one streamlined process and would be asking for this data by end of October 2023 with a deadline at the end of November 2023.
 - b. **Economic Impact Analysis:** Lauren Rand, Interim Chief of Mobile Development, Manager of the Seaport Office for Florida Department of Transportation, provide the update regarding the upcoming EIA. Rand advised that each seaport is responsible for updating their individual seaport EIA to contribute to a larger statewide EIA by June 30, 2024. Additionally, Rand discussed that FDOT may take on the EIA costs for smaller ports. Chairman King paused for an open discussion regarding Rice's Whales on the Gulf Coast of Florida. Chairman King asked the council for their input and open discussion on getting the four gulf coast seaports together to look at an economic study based on the critical habitat and restrictions set forth by NOAA. After discussion it was proposed to continue the conversation at the next FSTED meeting.

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c. **PIERS Data Contract:** Lauren Rand, Interim Chief of Mobile Development, Manager of the Seaport Office for Florida Department of Transportation, provide the update regarding PIERS. Rand indicated that the current PIERS contract has two years left of it and FDOT is going to explore more data options and platforms for the future. Rand stated that in the coming months and years, FDOT will be working with the seaports on the procurement of a possible new contract.

6. **Legislative Report:** Chairman King recognized Mike Rubin, President and CEO, of the Florida Ports Council, to provide the council with a forecast on Regular Session 2023. Rubin yielded the floor to Representative Chip LaMarca, District 100, to provide comments. Representative LaMarca made comments on the upcoming session and expectations.

At 2:30 p.m. Chairman King declared the FSTED meeting into recess for the FDOT hearing on the **Strategic Port Investment Initiative (SPII) Program**. Lauren Rand, Interim Chief of Mobile Development, Manager of the Seaport Office for Florida Department of Transportation, conducted this portion of the meeting. After discussion, the FSTED Council meeting was called back to order at 2:50 p.m.

7. **Agency Reports:** Chairman King transitioned to agency reports.

a. **FloridaCommerce:** Chairman King recognized the newly appointed Secretary of Commerce, J. Alex Kelly, to provide a brief update from the FloridaCommerce. Secretary Kelly detailed that FloridaCommerce is happy to help with efforts regarding Rice's Whales, including sending letters to Congress. Secretary Kelly also detailed the amount of good change with the newly branded Department of Commerce and stressed his appreciation and eagerness to partner with the Florida seaports.

b. **Department of Transportation (FDOT):** Chairman King recognized Lauren Rand, Interim Chief of Mobile Development, Manager of the Seaport Office for Florida Department of Transportation, to give the board an update on the happenings at the Florida Department of Transportation. Rand began by telling the council that the resiliency of our seaport system is critical to Florida's success. She mentioned that FDOT is about to kick off the Florida Supply Chain Resiliency Strategic Plan. The Plan will give Florida's freight community this opportunity to explore ways to further strengthen our supply chains, creating increased safety, security, quality of life, and economic prosperity for our businesses and residents. Rand detailed that technology is an opportunity for all ports to improve efficiencies, grow capabilities, and decrease their environmental impact. For example, Port Miami is net zero. The Cargo mobility optimization and resiliency project was an example of how ports use these capabilities to change the way they do business.

8. **Program Funding:** Chairman King moved onto the program funding discussion.

a. **Discussion and Review of Seaport Funding Spend Downs:** Chairman King recognized Mike Rubin, President and CEO, of the Florida Ports Council, to address and ask each port to present their specific port spend-downs of their allocated funding. Each port addressed their spend-down strategies for 2024.

b. **Approval of FSTED Program Fund Reallocations:** Chairman King recognized Carlos Buqueras, Port Director of SeaPort Manatee, to discuss his requested reallocation of the balance of remaining state fiscal year 2022 FSTED Program funds from application PFS0002744 (Dry / Chill Warehouse) to

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PFS0002921 (Zone B Pad Paving & Rail Spur - Phase I). After discussion, Chairman King requested a motion for the approval of the SeaPort Manatee Program Fund Reallocation. A motion was made by Eric Green, seconded by David Wirth, and passed unanimously.

- c. **Agency Reports on Consistency Review of FY 24/25 FSTED Project Applications:** Chairman King recognized Emily Fisher. Fisher stated there were 53 total projects, totaling in \$1.8 billion total estimated cost, put through the SeaCIP project application database; FPC, FDOT and FloridaCommere found these projects to be consistent with F.S. 311.07. Chairman King requested a motion for the approval of all consistent FSTED project applications in the 2024/2025 application cycle. A motion was made by Clark Merritt, seconded by Alex King, and passed unanimously.
- d. **Recommendations and Approval of FY 24/25 Program Allocations:** Chairman King recognized Emily Fisher to discuss the 2024-2025 FSTED program allocations. The FSTED Program Allocation Recommendations for 2024-2025 were as follows:

Port Canaveral - \$3,195,263 FSTED allocation for Port-wide Berth Rehabilitation.

Port Everglades - \$3,195,263 FSTED allocation for Terminal 29 Upgrades and Rehabilitation*

*Port Everglades Port Director, Jonathan Daniels, requested their priority project be changed from the original Port Crane Improvements and Upgrades to Terminal 29 Upgrades and Rehabilitation.

JAXPORT - \$3,195,262 FSTED allocation for Talleyrand Marine Terminal Waterside Improvements.

SeaPort Manatee - \$3,000,000 FSTED allocation for Berth Rehabilitation.

PortMiami - \$33,195,263 FSTED allocation for Cruise Terminal Improvements.

Port of Panama City - \$3,000,000 FSTED allocation for East Terminal Bulkhead Phase II.

Port Pensacola - \$2,625,000 FSTED allocation for Maritime High-Performance Center of Excellence Dock Complex

Port of St. Petersburg - \$150,000 FSTED allocation for Master Plan Project.

Port Tampa Bay - \$3,195,263 FSTED allocation for Hooker's Point- Container Berth 214, Uplands, Gate 2024-2025.

Chairman King requested a motion for the approval of the FY 2024/2025 FSTED Program Allocation recommendations, including the change to Port Everglades project. A motion was made by Carlos Buqueras, seconded by Captain John Murray, and passed unanimously.

- e. **Recommendations and Approval of FY 23/24 FSTED Security Grant Allocations:** Chairman King recognized Peter Bergeron, Senior Director, Public Safety & Security at Port Canaveral and Chair of the FSTED Security Committee, to discuss the security projects for 23/24. Bergeron said that all security projects were 100% funded under the million-dollar allocation with a total of \$800,659.00 and the left-over amount of \$141,349.00. Chairman King requested a motion for the approval of the FSTED Security Grant Allocation recommendations made for FY 2023/2024. A motion was made by Carlos Buqueras, seconded by Eric Green, and passed unanimously.
- f. **Federal Funding Opportunities:** Chairman King recognized Mike Rubin to give a federal funding update. Rubin reported that all NOFO's have been issued out. Rubin stated that some ports were very successful in the recent Federal Security Program.
- g. **State Funding Opportunities:** Chairman King recognized Mike Rubin to give a state funding update. Rubin yielded the floor to Mauren Smith, Bureau Chief of Strategic Business Development at

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FloridaCommerce to provide an update on the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund (FJGGF). Smith detailed that there are \$75 million dollars available this year for the FJGGF, since 2019, FloridaCommerce has awarded more than \$122 million in funds, 43 infrastructure and workforce projects, creating an estimated 94,500 direct and indirect jobs in 30 Florida counties. Smith mentioned that in May, Governor DeSantis awarded \$3.9 million to the City of Pensacola facility construction for improvements at the port, and that established a High-Performance Maritime Center for Excellence and help secure the City of Pensacola as American Home

9. New Business: No new business was discussed.

10. Adjournment: Chairman King adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m. ET.

TAB 4
Reports & Studies

TAB 4a
2023/2024 Seaport Mission Plan

To Be Discussed

TAB 4b
Statewide Economic Impact Analysis

To Be Discussed

TAB 4c
Port Putnam Feasibility Assessment

Putnam County
Port Master Plan



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2023 Port Putnam Master Plan provides a framework for the Port's revitalization and development program over the next ten years to facilitate the Putnam County Port Authority's goals of job creation and economic revitalization. Currently, these projects have started as evidenced by the leasing of port property to a local ship manufacturing company, the granting of Federal dollars by the Maritime Administration to study the current properties, markets and plans in order to enhance the economic opportunities presented by the port's revitalization and enhance the Master Plan itself. The facility will positively affect the local employment market and permit long-term established local companies to expand their commercial outreach and expand their individual operations.

PORT OVERVIEW

Port Putnam consists of 17 acres located in an industrial zone north of the city of Palatka, the county seat. This property includes 400 feet of waterfront along the St. John's River that connects Central Florida to the Atlantic Ocean. While still mostly undeveloped, the Port's current infrastructure and location offers ideal development potential with its current waterway, rail line, major highway, and municipal airport access.

Opportunities

Port Putnam is located at a waterway, rail and road intersection which makes its location ideal for development of a regional transportation hub. The Federal waterway along the St. John's River connects Central Florida to the Atlantic Ocean and JaxPort. The rail line connects the Port to Jacksonville, Tampa, Orlando, Miami, and beyond. The road network that crosses the city of Palatka, just south of Port Putnam, connects the city with Interstates and major highways that traverse the State of Florida and beyond. Additionally, the Palatka airport is less than two miles from the Port and is poised to expand its runway length to accommodate larger cargo planes. The combination of these elements along with its central location make Port Putnam the ideal spot for the development of an intermodal cargo hub.

Certainfeed, a subsidiary of Saint Gobain, has just expanded its Palatka operation resulting in doubling their import of gypsum and other raw materials from Spain. Currently, they ship the cargo into JaxPort then truck it to their plant. They have expressed a strong desire to transfer cargo at JaxPort from bulk carrier to barge and to ship their material through Port Putnam. This would not only reduce their transportation cost, it would also reduce their carbon footprint.

Beck Automotive, one of the Southeastern United States' largest automotive parts supplier, has expressed a strong desire to utilize Port Putnam to barge parts to new markets to expand their market and their local operation.

Veritas Steel manufactures bridge girders for accessible markets. Their current market is limited to components that can be transported across roads. With the revitalization of Port Putnam, they will have the ability to conquer new markets requiring larger girders as barge transportation will enable them to ship larger components. Furthermore, they currently import their steel by rail. Barge access to steel markets will permit them to import larger quantities of steel at one time resulting in less deliveries and lower raw material costs for them. The sum of these points will provide them with the opportunity to double their current operation and staff.

Putnam County and its surrounding areas are primarily agricultural. This industry requires fertilizer, growing media, stockfeed, inhibitors, chelates, dispersants and dust suppressants. These are currently transported by road for long distances resulting in high out-of-cost pockets for local farmers. Importing these materials into Port Putnam and then distributing them to local markets would reduce their transportation costs, a benefit to local farmers. Similarly, barge access would provide local farmers with a low cost solution for farm to market transportation.

Development Costs

The United States Army Corps of Engineers is in the last phase of conducting its Tentatively Selected Plan TSP hereafter) for the dredging of an access channel at Port Putnam. The Putnam County Port Authority's share will be twenty percent of the total cost which will be determined when the TSP is released. The channel dredging is essential to the port's revitalization.

Port Putnam's main infrastructure was constructed in 1961 and is nearing its life expectancy. Additionally, no as-builts or plans exist for either the bulkhead or the dockage area. In order to accommodate modern cargo needs, the bulkhead requires replacement and the dockage considerable refurbishing. The estimated cost for these infrastructure needs amounts to a little more than \$3 million.

Additional development should take place at the Port Annex located across Comfort Road from the Port. This sixteen (16) acre property is adjacent to CSX's main Jacksonville-Miami line and provides an ideal location for a cargo rail spur servicing a rail cart loading and unloading dock. This opportunity and the associated costs will be determined in the Port Infrastructure Development Grant partially funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration.

Economic Impacts

By restoring shipping activities to Port Putnam, the Putnam County Port Authority will provide the area with the opportunity for local manufacturers and business to expand their operation resulting in the creation of well-paying jobs and economic vitality for the region. Furthermore, the development of a regional cargo hub at the Port will provide incentive for businesses to relocate to the region importing additional well-paying jobs as well.

Goals

Goal 1: Economic Growth

Port Putnam, located in Putnam County just north of the City of Palatka the county seat, intends to plan and develop a functional commercial cargo vessel facility taking into consideration market forecasts, business inquiries, community's industrial and commercial resources, and working in cooperation with its public and private partners to create jobs and stimulate local and regional economic development. To achieve this goal, Port Putnam will engage professional experts using Maritime Administration Port Infrastructure Development grant funds to develop a phased program of infrastructure development and targeted marketing to provide the maximum possible economic, environmental, and social benefits to the community and region.

Goal 2: Regional Collaboration

Port Putnam shall coordinate efforts with State and Local government as well as private stakeholders, and collaborate with some on initiatives to enhance economic development opportunities in Northeast Florida.

Goal 3: Environment

Port Putnam is committed to preserving and protecting the quality of environmental resources in the community. It shall conserve and protect these resources consistent with port development and expansion.

Goal 4: Transportation Efficiencies

Port Putnam will work with Local, State and Federal agencies as well as private entities responsible for road, water, air, and rail connectivity to ensure that the intermodal transportation infrastructure and connectivity necessary for Port operations are in place.

Goal 5: Security

Port Putnam will establish programs and measures to protect human life and property from natural and man-made disasters.

Goal 6: Financial Stability

Measures shall be undertaken to ensure Port Putnam's financial health as it develops and expands.

TAB 5
Legislative Report

TAB 5a
\$20 million Aggregate Funding Update

RFI Title: Strategic Intermodal System Supply Chain Demands

RFI Number: DOT-RFI-24-9040-PB

October 25, 2023

Summary: The Department is requesting information from seaports and rail lines and rail facilities on proposed projects that meet the public purpose of providing increased capacity and enhanced capabilities to move and store construction aggregate. Respondents shall provide a written Response, addressing the demand and movement of road building materials for infrastructure investments.

The Department is exploring solutions to address supply chain demands of the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) pursuant to section 339.651, F.S., which directs the Department to make up to \$20 million available each year for fiscal years 2023-2024 through 2027-2028, from existing work program revenues, to fund projects that meet the public purpose of providing increased capacity and enhanced capabilities to move and store construction aggregate.

RFI Web link: <https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/search/bids/detail/6769>

Responses should be submitted by e-mail to the following address: co.aggregate@dot.state.fl.us, the email subject line should be: **DOT-RFI-24-9040-PB**

RFI Responses due by: 11/3/2023 at 5pm.

Please direct all procurement questions to:

Name: Paul Baker

Phone: (850) 414-4412

Address: 605 Suwannee St MS 20 Tallahassee, FL 32399

Email: Co.aggregate@dot.state.fl.us

For all other inquiries contact:

- Melissa Smith, Manager, Modal Development Office, melissa.smith@dot.state.fl.us, (850) 414-4797
- Gabrielle Matthews, Manager, Public Transit Office, gabrielle.matthews@dot.state.fl.us, (850) 414-4803
- Lauren Rand, Manager, Seaport Office, lauren.rand@dot.state.fl.us, (850) 414-4551

Quick facts:

- Up to \$20 million a year.
- The purpose is to get aggregate into the State of Florida. Infrastructure improvements to allow for additional aggregate into the State.
- Not Seaport specific, could be rail, etc.



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Request for Information

Strategic Intermodal System Supply Chain Demands

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is requesting information regarding Supply Chain Demands as described in the attached Request for Information Document.

The requested information must be received by 5:00 PM (EST) on Friday, November 3, 2023.

NOTES:

Responses to this Request for Information (RFI) will be reviewed by the agency for information purposes only and will not be considered as offers to be accepted by the agency to form a binding



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Advertisement of any subsequent competitive solicitation that may result from this RFI will be posted on the MFMP Florida Vendor Bid System.

Information obtained in response to this RFI is subject to public record as defined by F.S. Chapter 119.

In accordance with F.S. 287.057, information obtained in response to this RFI may be used to develop scope and solicitation documents for future procurements at the discretion of the Department. Respondents to this RFI will remain eligible for any subsequent contract with the agency.

The Department may exercise the option to invite each Vendor that responds to meet and discuss the information provided in more detail. Any information provided via this RFI and during the meetings will be subject to public disclosure.

Please direct all questions to:

Name: Paul Baker

Phone: (850) 414-4412

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION from the Florida Department of Transportation

RFI Number: DOT-RFI-24-9040-PB

RFI Title: Strategic Intermodal System Supply Chain Demands

Responses Due Date & Time (On or Before): November 3rd, 2023 at 5:00PM EST

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is requesting information from interested parties as described below. This is not a formal procurement.

Introduction

Pursuant to Rule 60A-1.042, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Agencies are authorized to use a Request For Information (RFI) for research to determine any or all of the following: whether to competitively procure particular commodities or contractual services; which solicitation process to use for a particular need; or general, special, or technical specifications to be included in a solicitation. An RFI is not a solicitation, and an agency issuing a RFI is not required to utilize any information gathered from the RFI, nor is a respondent to an RFI excluded from participating in any resulting solicitation. A response to an RFI is not an offer and the agency may not use a submission to justify a contract without otherwise complying with Chapter 287, Florida Statutes, and Rule 60A-1.042, F.A.C.

It is not necessary to prepare responses using elaborate brochures and artwork, expensive paper and bindings, or other expensive visual presentation aids. The Florida Department of Transportation (Department) is not responsible for and will not reimburse any costs incurred in the preparation or submission of information in response to this RFI. This is strictly an RFI, and this request does not bind FDOT to solicit bids or proposals in the future. In addition, the submittal of the information under this RFI does not give any respondent any advantage in any solicitation if FDOT elects to solicit bids/proposals in the future.

Respondents should be cautioned that any written material provided to the Department will be subject to public records if requested. As a result, no confidential information should be submitted in response to this RFI.

Request for Information

The Florida Department of Transportation (Department) is requesting information from interested parties (i.e., seaports, rail line, and rail facility representatives) regarding the supply chain demands described below.

The Department is exploring solutions to address supply chain demands of the Strategic Intermodal System pursuant to section 339.651, F.S., which directs the Department to make up to \$20 million available each year for fiscal years 2023-2024 through 2027-2028, from existing work program revenues, to fund projects that meet the public purpose of providing increased capacity and enhanced capabilities to move and store construction aggregate.

Background

The Strategic Intermodal System is a critical network supporting economic activities and the transport of people and goods and is also instrumental in the movement of road building materials for infrastructure investment. Florida's rapid economic and population growth has the potential to compound supply chain demands on the transportation system with the demand for construction aggregate outpacing supply.

Specific Information Requested

The Department is requesting information from seaports and rail lines and rail facilities on proposed projects that meet the public purpose of providing increased capacity and enhanced capabilities to move and store construction aggregate. Respondents shall provide a written Response, addressing the demand and movement of road building materials for infrastructure investments.

In your Response, please answer each of the following questions based on your current or proposed abilities:

1. Outline how your proposed project serves the strategic state interest of mitigating supply chain demands for construction aggregate sufficient to ensure ongoing improvement of the Strategic Intermodal System and the state's entire transportation network. Responses should address:
 - a. Location of the proposed project and which Department districts the proposed project will serve by market share in descending order.
 - b. Source and type of aggregate(s) moved or stored.
 - c. How the proposed project fills existing gaps in Florida's supply chain.
2. Describe how the proposed project facilitates the cost-effective and efficient movement and storage of construction aggregate. Responses should include:
 - a. Existing capacity at the proposed project location and additional capacity created by the proposed project.
 - b. How the proposed project enhances the seaport or rail line or rail facilities' capability to move and store construction aggregate.

3. Identify the extent to which the proposed project interacts with and supports the transportation network. Responses should identify:
 - a. Interconnectivity of the proposed project or proposed project location to Florida's roadway, railroad, and waterway network(s).
 - b. How the proposed project improves or strengthens distribution of aggregate(s) to transportation construction projects.
4. Describe additional capacity created by the proposed project, for example the amount of:
 - a. Yard storage (acres)
 - b. Rail car area (cars)
 - c. Rail loading (cars)
 - d. Truck staging (spaces)
 - e. Truck loading (spaces)
 - f. Vessel unloading (berths)
 - g. Granite (tons)
 - h. Lime rock (tons)
 - i. Asphalt products (tons)
 - j. Concrete products (tons)
5. Include a project location map or site layout as part of your response.

The Department may request additional clarification from respondents or exercise the choice to invite respondents that fully address the questions above to meet and discuss the submitted information in more detail. Any information provided via this RFI and during the meetings will be subject to public disclosure.

Contact for Questions or clarification:

Please email (co.aggregate@dot.state.fl.us) with any questions or comments. Subject line: DOT-RFI-24-9040-PB

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF REPLIES

Please follow the submittal instructions below:

- Replies shall be submitted to: (co.aggregate@dot.state.fl.us)
- Subject line must show: DOT-RFI-24-9040-PB (Respondent's Name)
- All replies submitted electronically shall contain file attachments and be marked as follows:
RFI - (Insert Respondent's Name)
- Please submit your documents in .pdf (portable document format) for the response to this RFI.
- Do not submit documents in .zip (ZIP) files. The Department is unable to receive them.

- Please keep below the file size limitation of 25MB.

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) Responses to this Request for Information (RFI) will be reviewed by the agency for informational purposes and will not be considered as offers to be accepted by the agency to form a binding contract.
- 2) The Department may contact respondents that fully respond to the questions to discuss information in further detail.
- 3) Information obtained in response to this RFI is public record as defined by Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (F.S.).
- 4) In accordance with Section 287.057, F.S., information obtained in response to this RFI may be used to develop scope and solicitation documents for future procurements at the discretion of the Department. Respondents eligible to respond to this RFI will remain eligible for any subsequent related contract with the agency.
- 5) Advertisement of any subsequent competitive solicitation that may result from this RFI will be posted on the MyFloridaMarketPlace Vendor Bid System.
- 6) If the responses to this RFI contain any information subject to non-disclosure, then the respondent must include any materials it asserts to be exempted from public disclosure under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, in a separate bound document labeled "Confidential Material". The respondent must identify the specific Statute that authorizes exemption from the Public Records Law. Any claim of confidentiality on materials the respondent asserts to be exempt from public disclosure and placed elsewhere in the proposal will be considered waived by the respondent upon submission, effective after opening.

TAB 5b
Priority Project List

DRAFT - Seaport General Revenue Funding Requests (10/18/23)

District	PORT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COST	STATE FUNDING REQUEST	LOCAL MATCH	COMMENTS	FULL DESCRIPTION
D1	SeaPort Manatee	Upland Cargo Capacity	\$ 40,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	<p>Total Cost: \$40M State Match Total: \$20M Local Match Total: \$20M Construction Start: 6/2025 Construction Complete: 6/2027</p> <p>Issues/follow up: Manatee has several projects with upland projects. Is this request a part of any existing project? Need to reflect this in analysis of request.</p> <p>Total Cost: \$ 20M State Match Total: \$10M Local Match Total: \$10M Construction Start: July 2025 Construction Complete: January 2027</p> <p>Issues/follow up:</p>	<p>The Project focuses on Moving Florida Forward by leveraging federal, state, local, seaport, and private funding to develop up to 29.31 acres of multi-user upland cargo capacity for containers, bulk, and breakbulk cargo. The project will allow the Port to meet current and future demand for laydown capacity and mitigate supply chain shortages.</p> <p>project would add up to an additional 350,000 square feet of warehousing and cargo handling capabilities at JAXPORT's Talley and Marine Terminal in Berth 3. This expansion will allow the Port to provide critical supply chain infrastructure to beneficial cargo owners to address derived demand for finished goods which rely heavily on inputs from forest products of all types (From logs and lumber to paper products and wood pulp). Future projections show significant growth in the Forest Products Commodities market.</p>
D2	JAXPORT	Talleyrand Breakbulk Capacity Expansion Project	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	<p>Total Cost: \$1.2M State Match Total: \$ Local Match Total: \$ Construction Start: Need Construction Complete: Need</p> <p>Issues/follow up: New project, what is the project timeline if funds were available on July 1? Is there a port match?</p>	<p>400-foot bulkhead replacement.</p> <p>Bulkhead was constructed in 1961. There exist no plans or as-builts to inform us of its depth, construction, etc. Over time, weather and lack of maintenance as the port laid idle, the bulkhead has fallen into a state of disrepair. Our cost estimate is based on information from other ports and construction costs in the State of Florida.</p>
D2	Port Putnam	Bulkhead Replacement	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	<p>Total Cost: \$13M State Match Total: \$ Local Match Total: \$ Construction Start: Construction Complete:</p> <p>Issues/follow up: High Risk Project based on port drawdown history. Need port to add phase III into the project name. What is the project timeline if funds were available on July 1?</p>	<p>Phase II of the Berth 6 project (funding amount \$6M) would be demolishing the entire topside deck, bollards, cleats, and supporting beams. The existing bulkhead would be retained but repaired as necessary and cathodic protection installed. Existing piles will remain and repaired as necessary. There is no impact to installation and repairs made under Phase I and vessel mooring continues at full service.</p> <p>Phase III (funding amount \$7M) is the complete repair of the topside deck returning it to full service to include pier side loading and unloading. Project includes removal of the Phase I gangways and the construction of new piles, topside deck, bollards, cleats, and supporting beams required to fully restore the berth. The mooring dolphins installed during Phase I are integrated into the new topside decking replacement.</p>
D3	Port Pensacola	Berth 6 Total Rehabilitation (Phase II add Phase III)	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000	\$ -	<p>Total Cost: \$26M State Match Total: \$ Local Match Total: \$ Construction Start: Construction Complete:</p> <p>Issues/follow up: Current SIS funds on East Term. Will be adjusted based on allocation. What is the project timeline if funds were available on July 1? (funds on FM 438763-1-94-10)</p>	<p>Bulkhead extension, turning basin expansion, and dredged material disposal plan for the Port Authority. The initial cost estimate for the project is \$26,000,000. This estimate includes the bulkhead extension and dredging of the turning basin.</p>
D3	Port Panama City	East Terminal Bulkhead Phase 2 Expansion	\$ 26,000,000	\$ 26,000,000	\$ -		

D4	o	Port Infrastructure Development Program - Rail Improvements	\$ 26,448,180	\$ 9,073,506	\$ -	<p>: The purpose of the project is to increase the speed and efficiency by which cargo moves through the Port. To accomplish this, the project has been broken into three elements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Redevelopment of an on-dock intermodal container transfer facility: The intermodal rail facility provides new entrance tracks from recently replaced terminal access tracks (completed in 2018) to a proposed intermodal freight rail facility with five process tracks, each 736 feet in length, for a total of 3,680 feet of process track. The tracks are spaced 20 feet on center to allow for straddle carrier loading and unloading. •New cargo access and egress gates, scales, and RPMs: A seven lane (four inbound and three outbound) container gate with scales and a two-lane adjacent RPM scanning facility will be located on the main cargo entrance roadway (Port Road) to meet CBP requirements. The gate will be automated with technology to reduce gate transactions to an average of approximately two minutes per truck. A separate two-lane gate for non-containerized cargoes with a scale and an RPM scanner will be separately located on a new intra-terminal roadway that will travel along the western boundary of the Port from Port Road to South Road. •Realignments of and improvements to internal terminal roadways: Port Road will be improved and widened to more efficiently accommodate increased truck traffic entering and leaving the terminal. A new roadway will carry non-containerized and non-Tropical Shipping cargoes can be built along the Port's western boundary between the Port entrance on Port Road and the secondary east-west thoroughfare on the terminal-South Road. A final section of Port Road will be widened and improved to carry container trucks past the new gate to the dockside container storage and handling area east of the Skypass bridge. <p>This proposed I-595 Flyover roadway project would separate Southport traffic, which consists primarily of trucks moving containers into and out of Port Everglades' container terminals and/or the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF), from traffic that continues straight into the Midport area via Eller Drive using a multi-lane bi-directional grade separation that links McIntosh Road directly to I-595. A traffic study conducted in conjunction with the 2018 Update of the port's Master/Vision Plan shows that the I-595 flyover greatly improves truck-related congestion at the intersection of Eller Drive and McIntosh Road while also eliminating most of the eastbound truck queuing that currently occurs at this intersection during peak weekday periods.</p> <p>Port Everglades is currently conducting an alternatives analysis with FDOT District 4 which should be complete in CY 24. After the conclusion of the analysis and an alternative is selected, programming and design could commence followed by construction.</p>
D4	Port Everglades	I-595 Flyover	\$ 72,800,000	\$ 72,800,000	\$ -	<p>Total Cost: \$72,800,000 State Match Total: \$ Local Match Total: \$ Construction Start: Construction Complete: <i>Issues/follow up: Project is currently being studied for analysis on several alternatives. The study should be completed prior to any funding requests.</i></p>
D5	Port Canaveral	Northside Uplands Improvement	\$ 32,000,000	\$ 32,000,000	\$ -	<p>Total Cost: \$32M State Match Total: \$ Local Match Total: \$ Construction Start: Construction Complete: <i>Issues/follow up: Need short description of project location and which berth this project would support. What is the project timeline if funds were available on July 1?</i></p>
D6	Port Miami	Cargo Terminal Capacity & Throughput Improvements	\$ 46,976,552	\$ 23,488,276	\$ 23,488,276	<p>Total Cost: \$46M State Match Total: \$23.5M Local Match Total: \$23.5M Construction Start: Construction Complete: <i>Issues/follow up: Need short description on project location and which berths/tenants this project would support. What is the project timeline if funds were available on July 1? Is this project related to G.Y84? If so we can use 440616-1-94-03.</i></p>

D7	Port Tampa Bay	Berth Capacity Expansion and Uplands Development (Dredging & Cranes)	\$ 35,500,000	\$ 35,500,000	\$ 35,500,000	\$ -	<p>Total Cost: \$35.5M State Match Total: \$35.5M Local Match Total: \$ 0 Construction Start: 7/2024 Construction Complete: 6/2026</p> <p>Regional Significance: West central Florida is the fastest growing region of the fastest growing state in the nation. The Tampa Bay-Orlando corridor already has the state's largest concentration of distribution centers – more than 550 million square feet and growing. Nearly 50% of the state's population reside within 100 miles of the port, and more than 140 million visitors enjoy the area each year.</p> <p>Supply Chain Solution: The I-4/I-75 DCs are most efficiently supplied through Port Tampa Bay, keeping truck miles travelled, emissions and wear and tear on our roads to a minimum. One truck driver can do three to four deliveries per day, helping solve driver shortage issues. The short route can save BCOs money. The new port capacity creates critical mass to help some cargo shift to adjacent rail.</p> <p>Container Project Completion: This completes PTB's container complex — with a new Berth 214 and two Panamax cranes. The design optimizes vessel and truck productivity and turnaround.</p> <p>Berth Dredging: Dredges alongside up to 47 feet, accommodating growth and upsizing by the port's 11 existing liner services with global connections, and new services.</p> <p>Two Cranes: Adds two ship-to-shore Panamax cranes for Berth 214.</p>
TOTALS:			\$ 313,924,732	\$ 243,061,782	\$ 53,488,276	\$ -	

TAB 6
Program Funding

TAB 6a
Approval of FSTED Program Fund
Reallocations



October 18, 2023

Alex King, Chairman
Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council
502 E. Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

RE: FSTED Council reallocation from grant application PFS0002820 and PFS0002908 to PFS0002828

Dear Chairman King:

JAXPORT request the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development (FSTED) Council's reallocation of the balance of state fiscal year 2023 FSTED Program funds (\$3,280,000) from application PFS0002820 (Talleyrand Terminal Cargo Improvements) and 2024 FSTED Program funds (\$3,195,262) from application PFS0002908 (Talleyrand Marine Terminal Waterside Improvements) to PFS0002828 (Blount Island Marine Terminal Improvement & Expansion (444623-1-94-02 / PTGA G2756)).

The Port requests the use of reallocated funds to complete the environmental, design and construction work for JAXPORT's Blount Island Marine Terminal (BIMT) Upland Improvements initiative. This initiative includes the construction of two (2) new auto processing facilities, and two (2) rail spurs. Reallocation of funds will permit the Department of Transportation to amend the existing grant (G2756).

A separate Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council application PFS0002932 has been submitted through SEACIP for the Blount Island Marine Terminal Improvement & Expansion Project.

JAXPORT respectfully request Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council's consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Eric B. Green
Chief Executive Officer



Florida Department of Transportation

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GOVERNOR

605 Suwannee Street
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JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.
SECRETARY

October 25, 2023

Alex King, Chair
Florida Seaport Transportation and
Economic Development Council
1 Seaport Drive
Panama City, FL 32401

RE: Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council Consistency Review for Off-cycle Fiscal Year 2024

Dear Chairman King:

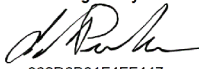
As required by Section 311.09(6), Florida Statutes (F.S.), the Florida Department of Transportation has completed a consistency review of fiscal year 2024 seaport project applications, which were submitted by the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development (FSTED) Council to the Department on May 26, 2023. The project applications have been reviewed for consistency with the Florida Transportation Plan, the Statewide Seaport and Waterways System Plan, and the Department's adopted work program.

The project listed below is consistent with the requirements of Section 311.09(6), F.S.

Seaport	UPIN	Project Name
JAXPORT	PFS0002932	Blount Island Marine Terminal (BIMT) Upland Improvements

If FSTED Council members should have questions about the Department's Seaport Program, please contact Lauren Rand, Seaport Office Manager at (850) 414-4551.

Sincerely,

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Jared W. Perdue, P.E.
Secretary

JWP/lr

Enclosures

TAB 6b
Recommendations and Approval of FY
23/24 FSTED Security Grant Allocations
(Remaining Funding)

Project Description		FY24	Additional information				
Strategic Seaports Investments - SIS		\$ 1,047,864	*Balances are subject to change once allocations are received - \$35M SPII Requirement annually				
Project Totals		#REF!	Green font indicates requested amount.				
Remaining Balance		#REF!	Yellow shading is proposed for SIS funding.				
FY 24 SEAPORT SECURITY LIST (Updated 10/11/2023)							
Project Description		FY24	Additional Information				
TOTAL		1,000,000	Annual Appropriation				
Prior Allocations (August FSTED Meeting) - FY24		858,651	Security Projects awarded during August 2nd FSTED Meeting				
Available Balance Remaining - FY24		141,349	Balance to be distributed in October 25 Special Meeting				
Balance		(19,901)					
Funding Requests							
District	Port	FM #	Project Description	FY24	Total FY24 Funding Request	FY 24 Match (\$)	Additional information
5	Canaveral		Access Control Equipment	\$ 47,625	\$ 47,625	\$ 15,875	Total Cost: \$63,500 State Match Total: \$47,625 Local Match Total: \$15,875 Construction Start: Construction Complete: Issues/follow up:
3	Pensacola		CMA & TWIC/Camera System Upgrade	\$ 37,276	\$ 37,276	\$ 12,426	Total Cost: \$49,702 State Match Total: \$37,276 Local Match Total: \$12,426 Construction Start: Construction Complete: Issues/follow up:
2	JAXPORT		Physical Security System & Equipment @ Cruise/Cargo locations	\$ 131,250	\$ 131,250	\$ 43,750	Total Cost: \$175,000 State Match Total: \$131,250 Local Match Total: \$43,750 Construction Start: Construction Complete: Issues/follow up:
1	Manatee		Access Control Center Upgrades	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 70,000	Total Cost: \$280,000 State Match Total: \$210,000 Local Match Total: \$70,000 Construction Start: Construction Complete: Issues/follow up:
6	PortMiami		Border Protection System Phase III	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 66,667	Total Cost: \$266,667 State Match Total: \$200,000 Local Match Total: \$66,667 Construction Start: Construction Complete: Issues/follow up:

6	Palm Beach		South Port Security Enhancements	\$	52,500	\$	52,500	\$	17,500	Total Cost: \$70,000 State Match Total: \$52,500 Local Match Total: \$17,500 Construction Start: Construction Complete: <i>Issues/follow up:</i>
7	Tampa Bay		Perimeter Security Improvements for Building Security	\$	180,000	\$	180,000	\$	60,000	Total Cost: \$240,000 State Match Total: \$180,000 Local Match Total: \$60,000 Construction Start: Construction Complete: <i>Issues/follow up:</i>
1	Seaport Manatee	NEW	Port Docking Platform for Quick Response Vessels (Design & Const)	\$	75,000	\$	75,000	\$	25,000	Total Cost: \$100,000 State Match Total: \$ Local Match Total: \$ Construction Start: Construction Complete: <i>Issues/follow up:</i>
2	JAXPORT	SUP 444930-1-94-04	Physical Security System & Equipment @ Cruise/Cargo locations	\$	18,750	\$	18,750	\$	6,250	Total Cost: \$200,000 (\$175k funded - request for additional \$25k) State Match Total: \$131,250 new req: \$18,750 = \$150,000 Local Match Total: \$43,750 new req \$6,250 = \$50,000 Construction Start: Construction Complete: <i>Issues/follow up:</i> This would be a supplemental for existing security project FM# 444930-1-94-04
2	Fernandina	NEW	US Customs & Border Protection Facility (concept plan for 2 options)	\$	18,750	\$	18,750	\$	6,250	Total Cost: \$25,000 State Match Total: \$18,750 Local Match Total: \$6,250 Construction Start: Construction Complete: <i>Issues/follow up:</i>
3	Panama City	NEW	East Terminal IT Infrastructure Hardening	\$	48,750	\$	48,750	\$	16,250	Total Cost: \$65,000 State Match Total: \$48,750 Local Match Total: \$16,250 Construction Start: Construction Complete: <i>Issues/follow up:</i>
TOTALS:				\$	1,019,901					

FY 24 Allocations
From August FSTED Meeting

APPROVED FSTED Security Grant Allocations 2024 (on 8.2.23)						
Port	Project Number	Security Project Title	State (FSTED) REQUESTED	Local	Total Requested Amount	Total Approved Amount
Canaveral Port Authority	PFS0002926	Access Control Equipment	\$47,625.00	\$15,875.00	\$63,500.00	\$63,500.00
City of Pensacola (Port of Pensacola)	PFS0002907	CMA & TWIC/Camera System Upgrade	\$37,276.00	\$12,426.00	\$49,702.00	\$49,702.00
Jacksonville Port Authority	PFS0002924	FY 24 Seaport Security Grant Program-JAXPORT	\$131,250.00	\$43,750.00	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00
Manatee County Port Authority	PFS0002917	Seaport Manatee Access Control Center Upgrades	\$210,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$280,000.00	\$280,000.00
PortMiami	PFS0002922	Border Protection System - Phase III	\$200,000.00	\$66,667.00	\$266,667.00	\$266,667.00
Port of Palm Beach	PFS0002923	South Port Security Enhancements	\$52,500.00	\$17,500.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
Port Tampa Bay	PFS0002928	Perimeter Security for Security Equipment Building Project	\$180,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00
TOTAL			\$858,651.00	\$286,218.00	\$1,144,869.00	\$1,144,869.00

TAB 7
New Business

To Be Discussed

TAB 8
Adjournment