

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION / CONTRACT CONTROL FORM

Tracking Number: 17.

Date of Request: April 14, 2008

Date Request Received: April 14, 2008

Board Meeting Date Requested: April 21, 2008

Board Meeting Date Assigned: April 21, 2008

Short Title: North Carolina's Eastern Region: Thanks For Support Of The Establishment Of The Military Growth Task Force & Request For Funding.

- Request Status:**
- Request is proceeding to Board of Commissioners
 - More information is needed – see attached
 - Request on hold – no further information needed
 - Other:

Background: On January 22, 2008, the Board unanimously approved a resolution supporting the establishment and organization of the Military Growth Task Force, as requested by North Carolina's Eastern Region. The Eastern Region has committed to funding and is requesting each member county to provide a proportionate share of matching funding.

(Administrative Use Only)

Specific Action Requested: Consider the request.

Requested by: David Williams
 Department:
 Title: Commissioner
 Contact Phone: 259-1200
 Contact Fax:

CONTRACT TYPE

- Renewal
- For Service(s)
- Intergovernmental – County as Grantee
 - Federal Grantor
 - State Grantor
 - Grant or
- County as Grantor
 - County Funds
 - Other Funds:
- Revision
- For Equipment

PURCHASING Budgeted Item: Yes No
 Date Rec'd: Reviewed and Approved
 Comments on Reverse

Date Sent: Signed:

ATTORNEY Reviewed and Approved
 Date Rec'd: Legal Problem(s)
 Comments on Reverse

Date Sent: Signed:

FINANCE Sufficient Funds Available
 Date Rec'd: Not Available
 Budget Amendment Necessary
 Budgeted Amendment is Attached
 Comments on Reverse

Date Sent: Signed:

CLERK Signature(s) Required:
 Board Chairman/County Manager
 Other:

Date Rec'd Approved by Board: Yes No
 At meeting on



**NORTH CAROLINA'S
EASTERN REGION**

April 7, 2008

Mr. David Williams, Jr., Chairman
Pender County
240 Doral Drive
Hampstead, NC 28443

Dear David,

We extend our thanks and the thanks of every member of the Military Growth Task Force (MGTF) for your recent passage of a resolution supporting the establishment and work of North Carolina's Eastern Region Military Growth Task Force. Your support demonstrates the willingness among the affected communities to work together and to meet the challenges we will face from the influx of new residents to our region. Your resolution clearly shows we are united and have a common goal.

Your active support is also helping us to secure significant funding from the U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) to undertake the region-wide data gathering, planning and communication necessary to meet the challenges ahead. As the plans for creation of this task force were being developed, we communicated with officials in the affected counties that the MGTF expected to seek approximately \$2.5 million over a multi-year period to fund the work of the MGTF. Most of those dollars will come from the Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment. However, to access those federal dollars, OEA requires a 10% non-federal match. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 over the next 2 ½ years to meet the federal match requirement.

The North Carolina's Eastern Region Board has already committed and provided \$100,000 in cash towards that match. An additional \$25,000 will be raised from private donors throughout the region. This leaves a balance of \$125,000 which must be provided from local government sources.

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On Thursday, April 3, 2008, after considerable thought and discussion, the MGTF unanimously approved a request to each of the seven counties in the MGTF area for a proportionate share of these matching funds. The proportionate share request is as follows:

<u>County</u>	<u>Percentage Share of Total</u>	<u>Dollar Amount Requested</u>
Carteret County	15% share of total	\$ 18,750
Craven County	25% share of total	\$ 31,250
Duplin County	5% share of total	\$ 6,250
Jones County	5% share of total	\$ 6,250
Pamlico County	5% share of total	\$ 6,250
Pender County	5% share of total	\$ 6,250
Onslow County	40% share of total	\$ 50,000
Total	100% share of total	\$125,000

These funds may be provided by your county over a two fiscal-year period of time.

However, at least 50% of your county's obligation needs to be provided in the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008. In order for the MGTF to meet its matching funds requirement to OEA, we must have a minimum of \$62,500 from the participating counties in the upcoming fiscal year. The MGTF is making this request now so that you may incorporate this request in your current budgeting process.

Some counties may choose to seek support towards their overall matching funds obligation from municipal governments that will be directly and significantly impacted by the growth of the military. For example, Onslow County may seek a portion of their overall \$50,000 obligation from the City of Jacksonville. That decision and the process to determine what percentage of the total ought to be sought from municipal governments is one that the MGTF believes is best left to local officials.

Please know that your contribution towards the 10% non-federal match will allow the MGTF to access \$1.575 million over the next 15 months from OEA (for a total initial project funding of \$1.75 million). The application for OEA funding is complete and ready to be submitted in the next few days. We expect approval from OEA will come within the month of April. Thanks to the \$100,000 match already provided by North Carolina's Eastern Region, the MGTF will be able to begin drawing down and expending federal funds immediately upon approval of the grant. However, your contribution is critical if the MGTF is to access the full amount of grant funding that OEA is expected to approve.