



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 1.

DATE OF MEETING: November 18, 2013

REQUESTED BY: Skip Green, Grant Writer/Administrator

SHORT TITLE: Public Hearing on Proposed CDBG-ED Application to Obtain a \$750,000 Grant to Assist in the Construction of a Wastewater Treatment Plant that will Serve Pender Commerce Park/RC Creations, LLC.

BACKGROUND: The North Carolina Department of Commerce (NCDOC) administers the US Department of Housing and Urban Developments' (HUD) Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Prior to the submittal of a CDBG application, the Applicant must hold two public hearings. The first public hearing describing the State's CDBG program has been held. This public hearing is the required second public hearing that describes Pender County's proposed \$750,000 CDBG-ED application to help finance the County's 0.5 MGD waste water treatment plant that will serve the Pender Commerce Park and its first tenant, RC Creations, LLC.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To hold a public hearing and in regular session consider a resolution authorizing approval to seek funds from the North Carolina Department of Commerce's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pender County will hold a Public Hearing on a proposed Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-Economic Development Application to be submitted to the Commerce Finance Center, North Carolina Department of Commerce for funding consideration. This Application will seek a \$750,000 million CDBG-ED grant (10%) to be used with a \$400,000 (6%) Golden Leaf grant, and \$6,000,000 (84%%) local funds (loan) to finance the construction of a 500,000 gallon per day waste water treatment plant (WWTP that will serve the Pender Commerce Park and the 421 industrial corridor the Park is located in.

The CDBG-ED project will benefit the Park's first tenant, RC Creations, LLC, a seafood processing company that will import fresh and frozen seafood from around the world to produce ready-to-eat seafood products that are packaged and shipped domestically and internationally. The company plans to invest more than \$25 million and create 120 new jobs within thirty-six months of its announcement. The CDBG-ED project will result in the creation of 89 full-time employment opportunities for area residents within twenty-four months of the anticipated CDBG-ED grant award with at least 60% of the new jobs being filled by individuals from households having Low or Moderate incomes.

Pender County will conduct a Public Hearing on November 18, 2013 at 4:00 PM, Pender County Public Assembly Room, 805 S. Walker Street, Burgaw, North Carolina. The purpose of this Hearing is to explain the proposed CDBG application and obtain citizen input. Written comments received prior to the opening of the Public Hearing will be considered. Written comments may be sent to Mickey Duvall, County Manager, PO Box 1578, 805 S. Walker Street, Burgaw, North Carolina 28425.

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Mickey Duvall, County Manager, at (910) 259-1407 or at County Manager's Office, Pender County Administration Building, 805 S. Walker Street, Burgaw, North Carolina 28425 for accommodations for this request.

Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, Mickey Duvall, County Manager, at (910) 259-1407 or at County Manager's Office, Pender County Administration Building, 805 S. Walker Street, Burgaw, North Carolina 28425 póngase en contacto con de alojamiento para esta solicitud.

George R. Brown, Chairman
Pender County Board of County Commissioners