

RESOLUTION
of the
ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
regarding
LOCKHEED MARTIN CORPORATION
QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND
WITH AD VALOREM TAX ABATEMENT

Resolution No. 2018-m-48

PREMISES

WHEREAS, in 1994, the Florida legislature passed legislation establishing a “Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program” (“QTI Program”) to encourage the creation of new high-wage job opportunities in Florida by providing “tax refunds” to qualified target industries; and

WHEREAS, Lockheed Martin Corporation (Lockheed Martin) is headquartered in Bethesda, MD with locations throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Lockheed Martin employs over 100,000 employees worldwide with locations throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Lockheed Martin serves diverse high-growth segments of large global markets, including advanced wireless networks and defense radar and communications; and

WHEREAS, Lockheed Martin is considering expanding their local facility; and

WHEREAS, Lockheed Martin is considering Orange County for their expansion; and

WHEREAS, Lockheed Martin anticipates creating approximately Seven hundred fifty (750) new jobs in Orange County at an average annual salary of at least \$92,848, which is 200% of the prevailing salary in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Lockheed Martin has applied to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for approval as a qualified QTI Program applicant, and has applied for five million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$5,250,000) in tax refunds from the State of Florida under the QTI Program, representing seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) per job; and

WHEREAS, Lockheed Martin has been identified as a Target Industry Business and, moreover, falls within one of the high-impact sectors designated under Florida Statute 288.108, specifically Advanced Manufacturing and is eligible to apply for the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund with a High-Impact Sector Bonus, pursuant to s.288.106; and

WHEREAS, in order for Lockheed Martin to be approved as a “qualified applicant” under the QTI Program, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners must adopt a resolution recommending the approval of Lockheed Martin as a “target industry business,” and committing “local financial support” in an amount equal to 20% of the annual tax refund over the course of Lockheed Martin’s eligibility as a “qualified applicant”; and

WHEREAS, Orange County hereby acknowledges that local financial support of 20% of the total tax refund is required under the provisions of s.288.106, Florida Statutes, governing the State’s Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program and will be provided through an approved Orange County Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Abatement Exemption; and

WHEREAS, competition for Lockheed Martin’s expansion exists outside of Florida, and financial incentives are necessary to ensure that this project comes to Orange County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida, hereby recommends that the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity approve Lockheed Martin as a “qualified applicant” under the QTI Program pursuant to s.288.106, Florida Statutes.

Section 2. The Board verifies that the necessary local financial support for the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program exists in the amount of \$1,050,000, which equals 20% of the total tax refund requested, and will be provided in the form of ad valorem tax abatement granted to Lockheed Martin pursuant to s.196.1995, Florida Statutes.

Section 3. The Board’s promise to pay the amount specified in this Resolution is contingent upon (i) appropriation by the Board in each applicable year authorizing payment of the revenues hereunder, (ii) Lockheed Martin receiving the designation as a “qualified applicant” in connection with the QTI program, and (iii) on an annual basis, award by the State of Florida of tax refunds under the QTI program.

Such sums shall be paid from any legally available source or sources of revenue other than those specified in the QTI Program (or rules promulgated thereunder) as being ineligible for such purpose.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect upon receipt by the County of evidence that Lockheed Martin has been approved as a “qualified applicant” and has become eligible for tax refunds under the QTI program, as described herein.

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ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF November, 2018.



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

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Teresa Jacobs
County Mayor
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ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller
As Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

By: *Lakela Lewis*
for Deputy Clerk