

Putnam County Economic Development Activity Report

July - September, 2023

Pursuant to the provisions of the Economic Development Agreement made and entered into between the Putnam County Board of County Commissioners and the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce.

I. New & Existing Business Development:

- *CertainTeed Gypsum (Project Inverness)* announced a \$235 million expansion project to include a new production line, 111 New Jobs, and a 500,000-sf building addition.
- Currently working with **9** clients interested in either relocation or expanding existing operations in Putnam County. These represent collectively **4,035** new jobs and over **\$1.793 Billion** in capital investment to the county if they come to fruition.
- Responded to **5** confidential requests for information from firms considering Putnam County. Reviewed **7** other RFPs but Putnam ineligible as requests were for existing buildings that we do not have available.
- Continue retention visits and meetings with local businesses.

II. Related Agencies:

- Maintained working relationships with Enterprise Florida, the Dept of Economic Opportunity, JAXUSA Partnership, FPL, Clay Electric, NFEDP, FEDC, SEDC, IEDC, CSX, TECO Gas and other economic development agencies.
- Represented Putnam County at NFEDP Board meetings, JAXUSA meetings and other regional/state entities.
- Continue to work with Local Technology Planning Team on broadband initiatives.
- Continue to work with SBDC representative on local business assistance.

III. Other Activities:

- Utilizing a Site Consultant Database (Excel) to connect with Site Selectors
- Maintained website for economic development and the PCEDC. Site contains content to attract site selectors and prospective businesses looking to relocate. The site can be found here: www.putnamcountyflconomicdevelopment.com
- Continue to update online sites/buildings inventories and Salesforce data/metrics
- Continue to work with Education/Talent Supply Subcommittee on workforce development issues
- Monitor/Post Content on LinkedIn page for PCEDC
- Attended ACCE Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Attended SEDC Annual Conference, Williamsburg, Virginia