

Putnam County Economic Development Activity Report

April - June 2024

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:

- Currently working with **18** clients interested in either attraction/relocation or expanding existing operations in Putnam County. These represent collectively **4,045** new jobs and over **\$2.3 Billion** in capital investment to the county if they come to fruition.
- Responded to **3** confidential requests for information from firms considering Putnam County. Reviewed **8** 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/industry.
- 2023 Announced Expansion Project at CertainTeed Gypsum is under-construction with a planned opening in early 2025.

II. Related Agencies:

- Maintained working relationships with Florida Commerce, JAXUSA Partnership, FPL, Clay Electric, NFEDP, FEDC, SEDC, IEDC, CSX, TECO Gas and other economic development agencies.
- Represented Putnam County at NFEDP Board & Executive Committee meetings, JAXUSA Regional Partner & Business Development Committee meetings.
- Continue to work with Local Technology Planning Team on broadband initiatives.
- Continue to work with SBDC representative on local business/entrepreneurial assistance.

III. Other Activities:

- Putnam Chamber adopted a new 5-year Strategic Action Plan for Economic Development and the Elevate Putnam Capital Fundraising Campaign continued. This is a 10-month campaign aimed at raising funding resources to implement the Strategic Plan.
- 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.putnamcountyeconomicdevelopment.com
- Continue to update online sites/buildings inventories and Salesforce data/metrics
- Relunched the Putnam Chamber Workforce Development Task Force bringing together all local educational training providers, CareerSource, and major employers in Putnam County.
- Monitor/Post Content on LinkedIn page for PCEDC
- Attended Site Selectors Guild Annual Conference, Nashville, TN
- Attended SEDC Meet the Site Consultants Summit, Atlanta, GA
- Attended SelectUSA FDI Summit, Washington, DC