

**R-17-029**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, RESCINDING RESOLUTION R-13-085 AND ADOPTING RESOLUTION R-17-029 FINDING THAT PROJECT PIONEER BE APPROVED FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE (EDI) AND TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE INCENTIVE (TIFI) GRANT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2013-2014 THROUGH 2019-2020, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Project PIONEER has located a manufacturing facility in Manatee County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Project PIONEER is an employer that pays 125% of the Manatee County average wage and provides benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, Project PIONEER's facility is located in Manatee County and will create 250 jobs over a seven year period; and

**WHEREAS**, expansion of the tax base and growth of higher paying jobs is vital to maintaining economic diversity and improving quality of life in Manatee County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners has participated financially in inducements required to convince Project PIONEER to locate in Manatee County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that:

1. Resolution R-13-085 is hereby rescinded.
2. The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County hereby recommends Project PIONEER for the EDI Grant Program and the Transportation Impact Fee Incentive Program.
3. If the company meets the local EDI/ TIFI Grant program criteria for creation of a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of twenty (250) quality jobs, the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, agrees to participate financially by offering inducements to Project PIONEER for location within Manatee County in amounts not to exceed:

<b>EDI</b>	<b>\$375,000</b>
<b>TIFI</b>	<b><u>\$ 70,248</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$445,248</b>

4. A portion of these funds have already been distributed to Project PIONEER by Manatee County as follows:

FY 2013-2014	\$ 37,500	(EDI paid)
FY 2013-2014	\$ 70,247.14	(TIFI paid)

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FY 2014-2015	\$ 112,500	(EDI paid)
FY 2015-2016	\$ 129,000	(EDI paid)

The annual participation shown above shall be subject to Project PIONEER's facility development and annual employment requirements and may be revised pursuant to the funding agreement and amendment(s) based on job creation performance and annual appropriations in the County Budget each fiscal year for the term of the agreement.

5. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator or his designee to execute the EDI/TIFI funding agreement for Project PIONEER.

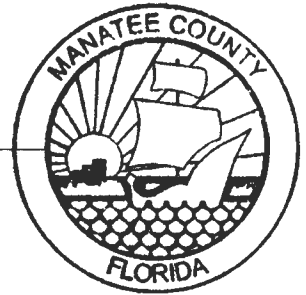
**ADOPTED** with a quorum present and voting this the **7th day of March 2017**.

**ATTEST: Angelina M. Coloneso**  
**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

By:   
**Deputy Clerk**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By:   
**Betsy Benac**  
**Chairman**



**APPROVED** in Open Session

Manatee County Board of County  
Commissioners

Manatee County Government Administrative Center  
Commission Chambers, First Floor  
9:00 a.m. - March 7, 2017

3/7/17

March 7, 2017 - Regular Meeting  
Agenda Item #53

Subject

Economic Development Incentive Grant - Project Pioneer

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Karen Stewart  
County Economic Development Official  
Ext. 3029

Action Requested

Adoption of Resolution R-17-029 rescinding Resolution 13-085 and finding that Project Pioneer be approved for an Economic Development Incentive Grant for a seven-year period.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

F.S. 288.106 Tax refund program for qualified target industry businesses.  
F.S. 288.075 Confidentiality for economic development projects  
Manatee County Government Incentive Grant

Background Discussion

On May 7, 2013, the Board adopted Resolution R-13-085 approving Project Pioneer for an Economic Development Incentive (EDI) and Transportation Impact Fee Incentive (TIFI) Grant.

Project Pioneer located a manufacturing facility in Manatee County and is an employer that pays more than 115% of the Manatee average wage with benefits.

Project Pioneer has qualified and been paid for a portion of these incentives for 186 jobs created in 2013, 2014, and 2015 in the amount of \$279,000 for EDI. In addition the TIFI was paid in 2013 in the amount of \$70,247.14 associated with construction of a facility.

Resolution R-17-029 rescinds Resolution R-13-085, approves Project Pioneer for the Economic Development Incentive Grant, and provides for revising the payout schedule over seven years with remaining amount to be paid being \$96,000.

Manatee County staff will be responsible for monitoring EDI Grant requirements, as well as processing the invoice for payment upon confirmation of compliance with agreement to be executed.

Compliance with the EDI/TIFI program is managed through the adoption of Resolution R-17-029.

The County required budget appropriations beginning FY 2013-2014 continuing through FY 2019-2020, if job creation requirements are met. We have appropriated monies annually for the last few years to be set aside for economic development incentives for the local EDI/TIFI program where applicable, and will continue to ensure that reserves are set aside for this purpose and carried forward to fund the County's future obligations (\$96,000 with total payout of \$445,247.14 if all commitments are made) for this application.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records Emailed 3/8/17

Original Resolution for Board Records, copy of executed resolution and approved agenda to Karen Stewart, Redevelopment and Economic Opportunities Department ([karen.stewart@mymanatee.org](mailto:karen.stewart@mymanatee.org)).

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

EDI - 107.0015806 - \$375,000 TIFI - 101.0015806 - \$70,247.14

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

over a seven year period

Attachment: [Pioneer Rev R-17-029.pdf](#)