

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY FINDING THAT PROJECT GATEWAY BE APPROVED FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE (EDI) GRANT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2011-2012 THROUGH 2015-2016, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS,** Project GATEWAY is an new manufacturing and distribution company in Manatee County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS,** Project GATEWAY is an employer that pays 115% or more of the Manatee County 2009 average annual wage; and

**WHEREAS,** Project GATEWAY's facility will be located in Manatee County and will create 80 new jobs over the next five years; 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 is willing to participate financially in inducements required to convince Project GATEWAY to locate in Manatee County.

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

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County hereby recommends Project GATEWAY for the EDI Grant Program.
2. If the company meets the local EDI Grant program criteria for creation of a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of eighty (80) quality jobs, the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, agrees to participate financially by offering inducements to Project GATEWAY for locating in Manatee County in amounts projected to be:

**EDI**

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 2012 (FY 2011-2012) | \$ 40,000               |
| 2013 (FY 2012-2013) | \$ 10,000               |
| 2014 (FY 2013-2014) | \$ 10,000               |
| 2015 (FY 2014-2015) | \$ 10,000               |
| 2016 (FY 2015-2016) | <u>\$ 10,000</u>        |
|                     | <b><u>\$ 80,000</u></b> |

The annual participation shown above shall be subject to Project GATEWAY's annual employment requirements and may be revised pursuant to the funding agreement based on job creation performance and annual appropriations in the County Budget each fiscal year.

The total extent of Manatee County's participation shall not exceed \$80,000 for the EDI Grant.

3. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator or his designee to execute the EDI funding agreement for Project GATEWAY.

**ADOPTED** with a quorum present and voting this the 29th day of **March 2011**.

**ATTEST: R. B. Shore**  
**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

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

By: 

By:   
**Carol Whitmore**  
**Chairman**

