Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance
2015 Annual Broward County
Economic Development Activity Report

1. The name of the Economic Development Agency, Entity or Organization (EDO) and their contact information:

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   Phone: 954-524-3113

2. The name of the local government the EDO has a contract with.

   Broward County.

3. The amount of funds received from local government.

   $1,121,775 for Fiscal Year 2015 (October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015).

4. The amount of funds received from private investors.

   $1,931,302 for Fiscal Year 2015.

5. Administrative costs of the EDO.

   $656,336 for Fiscal Year 2015.
6. The number of businesses assisted by the EDO and the type of assistance provided.

In Fiscal Year 2015 (October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015), the Alliance assisted more than 300 companies. 177 local businesses were assisted in one or more of the following areas, which are provided as examples: Site Selection, Permitting/Licenses, Employee Relocation Services, Research & Market Analysis, Business Contacts & Referrals, General Community Information, Enterprise/Empowerment Zone Benefits, Procurement of Financing, State and Local Incentives (Qualified Target Industry (QTI) Tax Refund, Targeted Job Incentive Fund (TJIF), Brownfield Bonus and Manufacturing Sales Tax Exemption, Labor/Training Programs, such as the Quick Response Training (QRT) and Incumbent Worker Training (IWT). This resulted in 1,313 retained jobs.

In Fiscal Year 2015, the Alliance assisted 24 companies in establishing new and/or expanding existing operations in Broward County. Examples of assistance provided to these companies included the areas listed above.

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance (The Alliance) considers a company to be an active project if the company is in a targeted industry sector, is considering Broward County as a place to locate or expand its operations and will be creating new jobs and committing new capital into the area.

A project is considered completed once all Alliance services are provided and the company acknowledges receiving those services and certifies the expected level of new job creation and new capital investment being made in Broward County.

7. The capital investment of businesses who have been assisted by the EDO.

The total capital investment of the 24 companies assisted by the Alliance in Fiscal Year 2015 is $116,200,000.
8. The foreign investment of businesses who have been assisted by the EDO.

In Fiscal Year 2015, the Alliance assisted 6 international companies in establishing or expanding their operations in Broward County. The total foreign investment of those companies is $14,800,000.

9. The number of new direct jobs as a result of a business being moved into the area or expanding in the area due to the assistance of the EDO.

A total of 1,432 new direct jobs will be created over a period of three years by the 24 companies that are establishing new and/or expanding existing operations in Broward County in Fiscal Year 2015.

10. The number of jobs retained.

In Fiscal Year 2015, in addition to the 1,432 new direct jobs created, the Alliance assisted in retaining 1,313 jobs in Broward County.

11. The type of incentives that the EDO has successfully assisted businesses in receiving.

In Fiscal Year 2015, the Alliance assisted companies in obtaining one or more of the following State and Local Incentives; the Florida Qualified Target Industry (QTI) Tax Refund, Governor’s Quick Action Closing Fund (QACF), Capital Investment Tax Credit (CITC), Broward County job growth incentives and local municipal incentives.
12. Any additional information that would show an economic benefit to the local government as a result of the efforts of the EDO.

From 2007 to 2015, the Alliance, working with its members, Broward County and other partners helped create or retain more than 22,000 direct jobs that are estimated to generate through direct, indirect and induced effects total employment of more than 48,000 jobs in Broward County, $1.8 billion in annual personal income in Broward County, and $9.8 billion in annual economic impact in Broward County.