



PASCO EDC  
NORTH TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA.



ACCREDITED  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
ORGANIZATION  
International Economic Development Council



# ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

Welcome to the 2025 Annual Report,

Over the past year, the Pasco EDC team—alongside our dedicated partners—has successfully assisted 21 project expansions choosing to invest in Pasco County. This achievement represents over \$116.3 million in capital investment and 547 new jobs in our community.

At the same time, Pasco County continues to foster a strong environment for entrepreneurship, with an encouraging increase in business startups. Our local “economic soil” remains fertile for innovation and growth.

Our SMARTstart program continues to support entrepreneurs of all types, including those focused on social impact. This year, we proudly hosted our second “CO. STARTERS for Causes” cohort, graduating 10 individuals committed to strengthening the community’s human services safety net.

We’re seeing a rise in projects where industries adopt more efficient technologies, including AI and automation which is increasing our active project count and helping to diversify our economy and reduce risk. And it’s not just new businesses that are thriving here. Last year, we supported 15 of our existing companies in expanding their operations right here in Pasco County. This speaks volumes about the value we place on long-term relationships and our commitment to helping local businesses grow.

One of the year’s standout moments came during the groundbreaking of Bauducco Foods. We were thrilled to stand beside them as they announced their plan to expand their footprint to 900,000 square feet—more than double the original project size.

As President and CEO, I am proud to lead a passionate and high-performing team, supported by a dedicated board of directors that shares our mission and vision. This year, our team earned several accolades from both the Florida Economic Development Council (FEDC) and the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), our industry’s official accrediting body.

A major highlight was Pasco EDC receiving the prestigious Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO) designation, placing us among fewer than 100 such organizations worldwide. This recognition affirms our professional excellence, strategic approach, and commitment to best practices. AEDO status signals to our community and to the world that Pasco EDC is a leader in the field of economic development.

Our success is rooted in collaboration. We are deeply grateful for the continued support of Pasco County Government, our local Chambers of Commerce, academic institutions, workforce and training partners, and our investors. Through both prosperous times and challenging moments, we are stronger together...and we achieve more because of our shared commitment.

Thank you to everyone who helps us build a community where we can all “live the kind of life we want to live”.

We are #PascoProud. It has truly been an another extraordinary year for Pasco County!



A stylized, handwritten signature in orange ink, which appears to read "Bill Cronin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

**FROM OUR CEO, BILL CRONIN**

# INCOMING CHAIR, PAUL A. MANUEL, P.E.

I am honored to assume the role of Chair of the Pasco EDC's Board of Directors. Pasco County's robust economic expansion and dynamic business environment presents exceptional opportunities for strategic growth. I look forward to collaborating with the board, local government officials, business leaders, and community stakeholders to advance the initiatives that promote sustainable economic development. Together, we will leverage prior achievements and implement new strategies to ensure Pasco County continues to be recognized as one of Florida's premier destinations for business investment and economic advancement.

As Chair, I am committed to advancing the mission of the Pasco EDC by sustaining and building upon the strong foundation established by my predecessors. The upcoming year presents substantial opportunities for strategic growth, collaboration, and business partnerships. Our focus remains on balanced and diversified business growth and making Pasco County the most competitive climate for building a business.

This report highlights many milestones that Pasco EDC has achieved throughout the 2024-2025 fiscal year. From our task forces researching Innovation and Technology with a focus on artificial technology and the Business Connections Task Force working to create more opportunities for businesses to connect in our community, to the organization being recognized as an Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO) from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), Pasco EDC has had a very successful year.

I'm eager to continue working closely with the Board of Directors, Investors, and Pasco EDC's talented professional staff to advance initiatives like our incubators and task force development programs. Our Policy Council, businesses, and community partners will play a key role in bringing new capital investments, job creation, and the growth of Ready Sites to support future industrial development.

Pasco County represents more than a professional commitment for me. I have called it my home for the past 28 years during which time, I have started and grown my engineering company Coastal Design Consultants. My wife, Diane, and I have lived and raised our children here and I have witnessed firsthand the tremendous growth in Pasco County. Once thought of as a less developed rural cousin to Pinellas and Hillsborough communities, Pasco County has transitioned into having its own economic and residential hubs, supporting its own job growth, new large scale communities, industrial, and commercial developments. Pasco EDC has provided an important role in attracting investments, creating jobs, and expanding opportunities for our community. I'm honored as Chairman for this coming year and to play my role in shaping a future community that benefits us all.



**Paul A. Manuel, P.E.**  
President  
Coastal Design Consultants, Inc.



# BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Pasco EDC takes a proactive, hands-on approach to business growth. Our Business Development Program recruits new companies, supports expansions, strengthens local talent with WorkforceCONNECT, powers startups through SMARTstart, and advances international efforts to attract Foreign Direct Investment.

The Business Development Program sets a strong foundation to actively recruit companies in our six identified target industries, presenting Pasco County as the most competitive community to locate their businesses. There are currently **157 LEADS** and **113 ACTIVE PROJECTS** in the pipeline with **21 SUCCESSES** this fiscal year, with 6 of 21 successes being recruitment.

## TARGET INDUSTRIES

-  Advanced Manufacturing
-  Aerospace, Aviation & Defense
-  Business & Professional Services
-  High Technology
-  Life Sciences & Medical Technology
-  Logistics & Distribution

## PROJECT ACTIVITY

  
**547**  
NEW  
JOBS

  
**\$116.3M**  
CAPITAL  
INVESTMENT

  
**1.6M**  
SQUARE  
FOOTAGE

## READY SITES PROGRAM

The Pasco EDC Ready Sites Program partners with property owners to assess, evaluate and certify large tracts of industrial land to market and attract target industry projects. There are currently six (6) sites with over 2,500 acres, being marketed to site selectors, developers and end users. This year we launched brand new 3D property site videos for each site as well as an overall program overview. These videos show aerial drone shots of the site along with electric and utility capacities in a visually impactful manner. Program successes include:



**MiTek**

**MITEK**  
111 Acres  
\$78 Million  
150 Jobs  
2024



**BAUDUCCO FOODS**  
85 Acres  
\$233.9 Million  
700 Jobs  
2023

*Includes 2024 Expansion:  
12 Acres and 100 Jobs*

**amazon**

**AMAZON ROBOTIC  
SORTATION CENTER**  
68 Acres  
\$150 Million  
500 Jobs  
2022



## BUSINESS RECRUITMENT PROJECT SUCCESSES

COMPANY NAME	TARGET INDUSTRY	CAPITAL INVESTMENT	NEW JOBS	SQUARE FOOTAGE	LOCATION
CRYOGENE	Life Sciences & Medical Technology	\$10,000,000	10	30,000	Land O' Lakes
Hit Promotional Products	Logistics & Distribution	\$28,212,341	40	500,620	Shady Hills
ShineOn	Advanced Manufacturing	\$722,018	17	30,840	Lutz
The Fulfillment Lab	Logistics & Distribution	\$2,111,779	15	35,910	Lutz

## FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT PROJECT SUCCESSES

Bauducco Foods <sup>+</sup>	Advanced Manufacturing	\$949,700	100	523,099	Zephyrhills
<b>Fraga Industrial</b>	Logistics & Distribution	-	5	39,000	Dade City
Preferred Materials, Inc. <sup>+</sup>	Advanced Manufacturing	\$6,700,000	13	1500	Dade City
<b>Smytec Ltd*</b>	High Technology	-	1	-	Wesley Chapel

## EXISTING INDUSTRY RETENTION/EXPANSION PROJECT SUCCESSES

Amazon	Logistics & Distribution	\$309,000	-	1,545	Land O' Lakes
Escape Brewing Company	Advanced Manufacturing	\$2,500,000	5	6,606	Trinity
FCM Smart Center Group	Advanced Manufacturing	\$3,300,000	20	26,200	Odessa
Florida Avenue Brewing Co.	Advanced Manufacturing	\$2,000,000	2	-	Wesley Chapel
Hit Promotional Products	Logistics & Distribution	-	43	-	Shady Hills
Isla Maritime	Advanced Manufacturing	\$565,000	-	3,000	Port Richey
Merrell Bros., Inc.	Advanced Manufacturing	\$6,000,000	30	-	Shady Hills
METechs	Logistics & Distribution	-	-	10,000	New Port Richey
Tampa Civil	Business & Professional Services	\$2,300,000	21	11,000	Lutz
The Soule Co. (Facility 3)	Life Sciences & Medical Technology	-	15	-	Wesley Chapel
The Soule Co. (Facility 4)	Life Sciences & Medical Technology	\$21,000,000	-	205,380	Wesley Chapel
Tibbetts Lumber Company, LLC	Advanced Manufacturing	\$25,000,000	150	134,500	Zephyrhills
Vantagepoint AI	High Technology	\$4,627,000	60	10,000	Wesley Chapel

\*Indicates SMARTLandings program used to establish a U.S. presence and a physical location at a SMARTstart Entrepreneur Center

**Bold** typeface indicates Business Recruitment Project

+ Indicates Existing Industry Retention/Expansion Project



# BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION

Through the Business Retention & Expansion (BR&E) program we partner year-round with Pasco companies to listen, learn, and help them grow. This year, our team met with 80 primary employers to spot trends, address needs, and connect them to support. Those efforts helped existing businesses expand across Pasco County, driving more than \$75 million in capital investment and over 450 new jobs.

## PASCO BIZ CONNECT CAMPAIGN

Our ongoing campaign shines a light on the available BR&E program resources through weekly social posts, monthly emails, and a resource library. The initiative earned recognition by the International Economic Development Council with an Excellence in Economic Development Bronze Award in the Email Newsletter category after doubling engagement in its second year and sustaining a 16 percent email click-through rate.



**459**  
NEW  
JOBS



**\$75.3M**  
CAPITAL  
INVESTMENT



**80**  
COMPANIES  
VISITED

5

\*See page 4 for full project success listing

## ANNUAL AWARDS WINNERS

### PASCO ESTABLISHMENT



**THIRSTY BUFFALO BREW FACTORY**

### SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION



**PASCO NEWS LLC**

### ECONOMIC EXCELLENCE SMALL CATEGORY



**ESCAPE BREWING COMPANY**

Left to right:  
Skip Miller, Truist  
Mike Bishop,  
Thirsty Buffalo  
Brew Factory  
Erin Bishop,  
Thirsty Buffalo  
Brew Factory  
Bill Cronin,  
Pasco EDC  
Staceyann Sinclair  
Jibbison,  
Rasmussen  
University

Left to right:  
Gene Snyder,  
SouthState Bank  
Bill Cronin,  
Pasco EDC  
Bryan Farrow,  
Pasco News  
Staceyann Sinclair  
Jibbison,  
Rasmussen  
University

Left to right:  
Andy Taylor,  
TECO/Emera  
Staceyann Sinclair  
Jibbison,  
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Escape Brewing  
Company  
Bill Cronin,  
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Matt Thompson,  
Escape Brewing  
Company

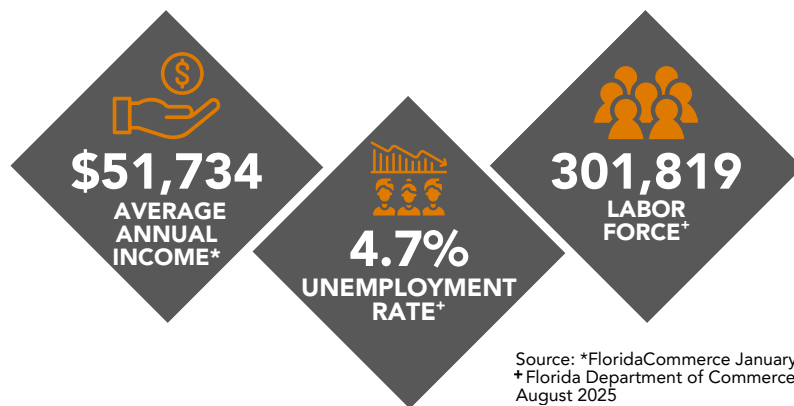


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We are thrilled to build for the future here in Pasco County and scale our business with the added capacity our new facility provides. The support from Pasco EDC has been instrumental in making our relocation a success. Filling 500 jobs in such a short time is a true testament to the strength and talent of the local community. We are incredibly grateful to have chosen Spring Hill as our new home for many years to come.

-Richard Hellinger, CEO/Owner, Garyline

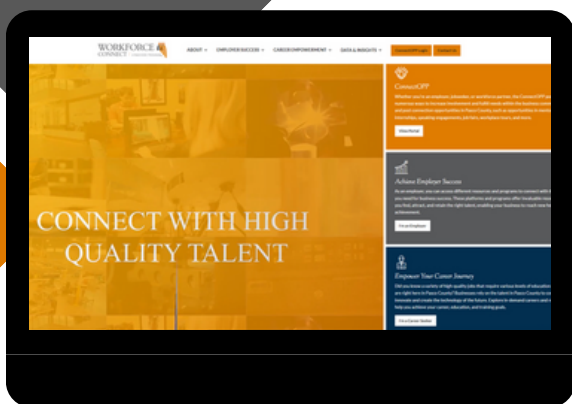
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## WORKFORCECONNECTPASCO.COM

WorkforceCONNECT makes it easier for employers and career seekers to connect through a user-friendly hub designed for the Pasco business community. Available tools include:

- **ConnectOPP:** Employers can share internships, apprenticeships, and facility tours that spark career discovery, reveal career pathways, and guide people toward the skills they need to succeed.
- **Resource Libraries:** A collection of available tools and sources, curated for both employers and job-seekers.
- **Find Your Place Tool:** An interactive map to find employers in Pasco County that offer employee training and/or professional development opportunities.



### ECONOMIC EXCELLENCE LARGE CATEGORY

Left to right:  
Blake Merrell,  
Merrell Bros, Inc.  
Staceyann Sinclair  
Jibbison,  
Rasmussen  
University  
Bill Cronin,  
Pasco EDC  
Ted Merrell,  
Merrell Bros, Inc.  
Heidi Tuttle-  
Beisner,  
Commercial Asset  
Partners Realty



**MERRELL BROS, INC.**

### INNOVATION IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Left to right:  
Lindsey Hack,  
Spherion  
Staceyann Sinclair  
Jibbison,  
Rasmussen  
University  
Daniel Bellingham,  
METTLER TOLEDO  
Dustin Everson,  
METTLER TOLEDO  
Bill Cronin,  
Pasco EDC



**METTLER TOLEDO**

## PASCO 50

Pasco 50 is a WorkforceCONNECT semiannual event for human resource professionals throughout Pasco County to discuss workforce trends in the community. Themes featured this year included:

### WOMEN IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, THE ARTS, AND MATHEMATICS (STEAM)

This session covered the importance of STEAM careers and the creative and critical thinking and cross-disciplinary problem-solving skills they provide our workforce. Speakers included representatives from Moffitt Cancer Center and Saint Leo University.

### CONNECTING INDUSTRY AND STUDENT INNOVATION

This event covered how education institutions, startups, and established companies can partner for hands-on projects in robotics or applied research to benefit students, businesses, and the broader community. Panelists included representatives from the University of South Florida, Pasco County Schools, and the Foundation for Community Driven Innovation.



Brazil Mission Trip

# INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS



The Pasco EDC international program works with local partners to share the Tampa Bay region as a place to start, move, or grow a business. Pasco EDC attended several international events in both the local and international communities which further promote Pasco County and strengthen relationships with international partners.



## 4 FDI PROJECT SUCCESSES

COMPANY NAME	TOTAL JOBS	CAPITAL INVESTMENT
Bauducco Foods	100	\$949,700
Fraga Industrial	5	-
Preferred Materials, Inc.	13	\$6,700,000
Smytec LTD	1	-

## MEXICO TRADE MISSION



Pasco EDC work with our regional partners in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties, known as Global Tampa Bay, to promote the Tampa Bay region. We participated in a Global Tampa Bay trade mission to Mexico City, Mexico, from February 24-27, 2025. The mission to assist local businesses in expanding to new markets and promote the region for foreign direct investment while also celebrating Tampa International

Airport and Aeromexico's newest nonstop service between Tampa Bay and Mexico City. Representatives from Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas counties, Tampa International Airport, Port Tampa Bay, Delta Airlines, and local business owners participated to expand their presence in the Latin American market.



**53**  
EXPORT  
COUNSELING  
MEETINGS



**41**  
ACTIVE FDI  
PROJECTS



**8**  
TRADE RELATED  
EVENTS

**7**





## UK DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY COMPANY EXPANDS INTO U.S.

“ We are incredibly proud to have located in Pasco County and been the beneficiaries of the SMARTLandings Program. This innovative project for attracting international talent to the region demonstrates exactly why it was a natural choice for Smytec’s expansion. With various military and defense agencies on the doorstep, and SOF Week now a staple on Smytec’s annual calendar, Pasco County offers a strategic location for us to grow. We are genuinely excited about our partnership with Pasco EDC and look forward to engaging with local stakeholders, and customers, not just in the Tampa Bay area, but across the U.S.

-Dr. Alexander Smyth, CEO, Smytec LTD



*Smytec specializes in advanced forensic imaging technologies that empower crime scene investigators with innovative, non-contact solutions. Their product, BlindSite Scene, utilizes cutting edge technology and was developed to assist in capturing and analyzing crime scene evidence.*

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

### MEXICO

- Global Tampa Bay Trade Mission
- SelectUSA Conference

### WASHINGTON D.C. (U.S.A.)

- SelectUSA Annual Conference

### ENGLAND

- Global Tampa Bay
- Foreign Direct Investment Mission

### NORTH CAROLINA (U.S.A.)

- SEUS Meeting

### ITALY

- Foreign Direct Investment Mission

### FLORIDA (U.S.A.)

- Growing Global
- TPA Regional Breakfast
- USF World Central Florida British American Business Launch
- Avianca New Route Launch
- Canada Day Event
- Japan-Tampa Life Science and Healthcare Innovation Forum
- USF World International Summit
- Moffitt Business of Biotech
- SOF Week

### SWITZERLAND

- Foreign Direct Investment Mission

### BRAZIL

- SelectUSA Roadshow Brazil

## GROWING GLOBAL

In February, Pasco EDC hosted Growing Global to celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pasco County International Business and Tourism Day. The event featured international activity updates from:

- Kathryn Starkey, *Commissioner, District 3, Pasco Board of County Commissioners*
- Bill Cronin, *President/CEO, Pasco EDC*
- Adam Thomas, *Director, Florida's Sports Coast*





CO.STARTERS for Causes Kickoff Day



**SMARTstart**  
A PASCO EDC PROGRAM®



SMARTstart includes a comprehensive assortment of programs and resources available to Pasco County-based companies. SMARTstart focuses on the entrepreneurs. Whether they are in need of workspace, funding, guidance, collaboration or education, SMARTstart is there for them.

## CO.STARTERS FOR CAUSES

The CO.STARTERS for Causes initiative was recognized at the Florida Economic Development Council annual conference this year with the Innovative Partnership Award. This year we launched the second annual CO.STARTERS for Causes cohort to work with Pasco County non-profit organizations and help them expand with the county's continued growth. Graduates included: Pasco Kids First, I Rise FL, Warrior Wellness Program, The Hope Shot, HOPE Services, Good Samaritan Health Clinic of Pasco, Inc., and Global Pathway Studies.



**88**  
TOTAL  
INCUBATOR  
MEMBERS



**1,473**  
TOTAL EVENT  
PARTICIPANTS

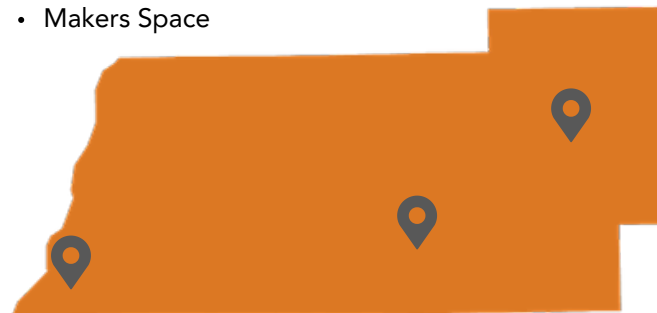


**454**  
COUNSELING  
SESSIONS

## BUSINESS INCUBATORS

Our entrepreneur centers located in Dade City, Holiday, and Wesley Chapel offer a wide variety of support for growing entrepreneurs:

- Workspace
- Incubator Kitchen
- Conference & Meeting Rooms
- Classes and Workshops
- Member Coaching
- Digital Media Studios
- Makers Space



## SMARTstart ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

Left to right:  
Dr. Stephen  
Kubasek,  
Saint Leo University  
Bill Cronin,  
Pasco EDC  
Andria Roscart,  
Athenaeum Brew  
Lounge  
Staceyann Sinclair  
Jibbison,  
Rasmussen  
University



**ATHENAEUM BREW LOUNGE**



“ SMARTstart was able to help me find a community. Through that, I was able to see that I was not the only person that was struggling through some of the things I was struggling through. The biggest thing holding me back in the beginning was fear, fearful of “will this work?” “am I doing this right?” and through the SMARTstart training I realized that I was doing a lot of things right and hone in on a few things I needed to tweak a little.

— Vivian Bell, Founder, Minding What Matters

129

DREAMS BECOMING  
A REALITY\*



\*This number includes incubator members, CO.STARTERS graduates, and microloan recipients, not all participants are listed.



## CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS



PARTICIPANTS

1,473



TOTAL CLASSES  
AND WORKSHOPS

211

## CO.STARTERS

9-WEEK BUSINESS MODEL TRAINING



PARTICIPANTS

37



SESSIONS

5

## MICROLOAN PROGRAM



RECIPIENTS

4



AMOUNT  
DISTRIBUTED

\$101K

## ENTREPRENEUR ROUNDTABLES



PARTICIPANTS

177



ROUNDTABLES

46

## INCUBATOR PROGRAM



MEMBERS

88



INDIVIDUAL  
COUNSELING SESSIONS

454

**Santander**  
Consumer USA Foundation

**SCHOLARSHIP**

Santander Consumer USA Foundation, Inc. granted Pasco EDC \$65,000. Through this donation, SMARTstart created a scholarship fund with emphasis on woman, veteran, and minority-owned businesses to support their needs for education, workspace, and funding.



## VIDEO TESTIMONIAL SERIES

We partnered with four program participants to tell their stories and show how SMARTstart programs powered their business growth. The videos were then promoted on SMARTstart social media channels.



Florida Economic Development Council Annual Conference


# MARKETING PASCO

The Pasco EDC continues to promote opportunities for growth in Pasco County. We promote the county as a place to live, work, and play. Depending on the target audience, subject matter, or program, marketing initiatives are tailored to meet specific needs. The goal of all messaging and efforts is to showcase Pasco County as a place to START, MOVE, OR GROW a business while enjoying an excellent quality of life.


## PASCO EDC WINS FOUR MARKETING AWARDS

Florida Economic Development Council recognized Pasco EDC with two awards for the inaugural CO.STARTERS for Causes cohort and the brand-new Ready Sites 3D property videos. Also, the International Economic Development Council recognized two projects, including the Pasco Biz Connect organic marketing campaign and emergency communication efforts during the 2024 hurricane season.


ORGANIZATION	CATEGORY	PROJECT
	Innovative Partnership Award	<b>CO.STARTERS for Causes</b>
	Organic Marketing Campaign	<b>Ready Sites 3D Property Videos</b>
	Email Newsletter Population 500,000+	<b>Pasco Biz Connect Campaign</b>
	Recovery, Resiliency & Mitigation Population 500,000+	<b>Emergency Communications</b>



**153**  
TOTAL  
CLASSES &  
WORKSHOPS



**27**  
BUSINESS DEV  
PRESENTATIONS



**464**  
UNIQUE  
ENGAGEMENTS





## MEDIA COVERAGE

GROW Pasco to return for fifth year to support local entrepreneurs

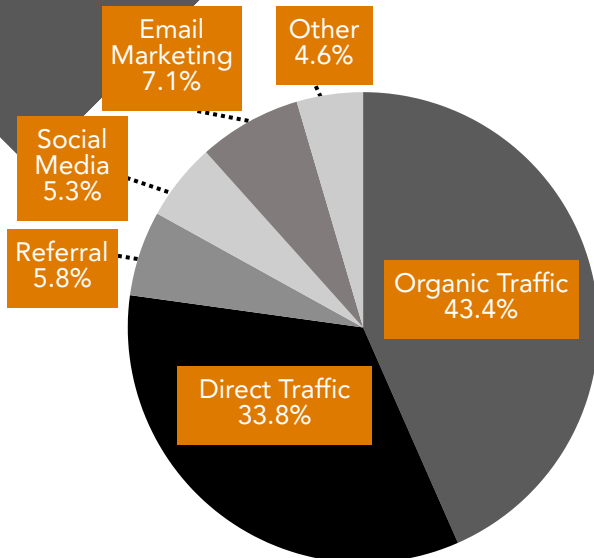


OVER **\$6.1** MILLION  
EARNED MEDIA VALUE



OVER **435** MENTIONS  
MEDIA EXPOSURE

## WEBSITE TRAFFIC SOURCE



## WEBSITE ANALYTICS



SESSIONS

**59.9K**



PAGE VIEWS

**93.2K**

## SOCIAL MEDIA



FOLLOWERS

**14.4K**



ENGAGEMENTS

**44.9K**

### PASCO BIZ CONNECT & WORKFORCE WEDNESDAY

These weekly campaigns share business spotlights and resources available for existing businesses. This year the campaign reached over **75,000 people** with over **6,000 engagements**.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK #ECONDEVWEEK25

Every year we celebrate #EconDevWeek with IEDC. This year during the 5-day campaign, we reached over **10,000 people** with over **800 engagements**, averaging a total of 150 engagements per day.



Economic Development Week Board Resolution

# PASCO EDC PARTNERS IN SUCCESS

Pasco EDC relies on the generous support of private sector partners as well as the generous contributions from the Pasco Board of County Commissioners and local community partners to ensure that we have the resources available to deliver the high-quality services Pasco EDC has become known for.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS YEAR'S FUNDRAISING EFFORTS INCLUDE:

- Private investor contributions totaled \$536,250 from 92 investors.
- Economic Forecast Luncheon sponsorships reached \$6,000 from CareerSource Pasco Hernando, Construction Services Inc. of Tampa, BayCare Wesley Chapel, and Morton Plant North Bay Hospital.
- Microloan program received donations to continue to seed from Wells Fargo at \$15,000, Bank of Tampa at \$2,500, and Fifth Third Bank at \$5,000.
- Microloan interest earned from the existing 25 loans totaling \$56,140 has been rolled back into the capitalization of the Microloan program.
- CareerSource Pasco Hernando awarded a \$10,000 grant to continue to enhance the WorkforceCONNECT website.
- Duno Family and the Greater Pasco Chamber of Commerce both donated \$345 each towards the CO.STARTERS for Causes class.
- Santander Consumer USA awarded a \$60,000 grant to provide scholarships to entrepreneurs for incubation memberships and to attend CO.STARTERS classes. An additional \$5,000 was granted to market all the SMARTstart programs.
- Duke Energy provided a \$10,000 grant to fund a Life Science Corridor branding initiative.
- Pasco County maintained its base funding of \$626,130 which includes a \$35,000 contribution towards Global Tampa Bay.
- Pasco County continues to fund all of the Penny For Pasco programs: Ready Sites, WorkforceCONNECT, SMARTstart Business Incubators, Microloan, and CO.STARTERS. The Pasco Board of County Commissioners approved cooperative funding agreements totaling \$9,393,030 which started in 2015 and continues these services through 2025.



# RETURN ON INVESTMENT

FOR EVERY \$1 OF PUBLIC MONEY INVESTED IN PASCO EDC, \$60 IS RETURNED

THIS ROI REPORT REPRESENTS AN INCREASE TO THE PASCO COUNTY GROSS COUNTY PRODUCT



SOURCE: TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

## ROI 60:1

## PASCO EDC BECOMES AN



The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) announced that Pasco EDC has been recognized as one of 86 economic development organizations accredited by IEDC as an Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO).

The AEDO program is a comprehensive peer review process that measures economic development organizations against commonly held standards in the profession. The program consists of two phases: a documentation review and an onsite visit. Each phase is designed to evaluate information about the structure, organization, funding, programs, and staff of the candidate economic development organization.

“ Pasco EDC displays the professionalism, commitment, and technical expertise that is deserving of this honor.

-Nathan Ohle, President and CEO, International Economic Development Council ”



# BUSINESS EVENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT SPONSORS

## ECONOMIC FORECAST LUNCHEON | JANUARY 2025

Attendees joined us to learn more about the key economic drivers of both Pasco County and the United State's economy featuring Michael Skordeles, Senior Vice President, Head of U.S. Economics, Truist. He spoke about the 2024 economic and market overview with a 2025 Outlook.

### SPONSORS

CareerSource Pasco Hernando, Construction Services Inc. of Tampa, BayCare Wesley Chapel and Morton Plant North Bay Hospital



## GROW PASCO | MARCH 2025

GROW Pasco gave entrepreneurs the opportunity to attend 15 breakout sessions led by some of the best business minds in the area and hear from keynote speaker Johnny Crowder, CEO of Cope Notes, as he discussed wellness and community.

### SPONSORS

Amerikey Locksmith  
CareerSource Pasco Hernando  
Clearview Business Solutions  
Commercial Asset Partners Realty  
E-Assessments Inc.  
Economic Impact Catalyst

Florida Blue  
Florida SBDC at USF  
Habitat for Humanity East & Central Pasco County  
Nonprofit Leadership Center of Tampa  
Ostara Floral  
Pasco-Hernando State College

RP&G Printing  
Saddlebrook Resort  
Santander Consumer Foundation USA  
Speak With People  
USF R&I Florida High Tech Corridor  
Usman Law Firm





## NETFEST | APRIL 2025

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual NetFest was held at the Angeline Welcome Center. Sponsors had the opportunity to participate in a chili cook-off and there was an evening full of networking with hundreds of business professionals present.

### SPONSORS

AdventHealth Dade City & Zephyrhills  
Angeline by Metro Development Group  
Ardurra Group Inc.  
CareerSource Pasco Hernando  
Columnar/Double Branch  
Commercial Asset Partners Realty

Florida Design Consultants Inc  
Floridacentral Credit Union  
Florida's Sports Coast  
Friedrich Watkins of Tampa, LLC  
Goodwyn Mills Cawood  
Hyatt Place Tampa Wesley Chapel

JE Dunn Construction  
Moffitt Cancer Center/ Speros  
Pasco-Hernando State College  
Saddlebrook Resort  
Spectrum (Charter)  
Suncoast Credit Union



## 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS | SEPTEMBER 2025

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards was hosted at Saddlebrook Resort in Wesley Chapel. Pasco EDC recognized six businesses for their economic impact and innovation in the community. Mr. Dewey Mitchell of Berkshire Hathaway Properties Group Florida was recognized with the Leadership Award for his outstanding achievements in the local community.

### SPONSORS

AdventHealth  
Aquagenix A Tigris Company  
BayCare Health System  
BHHS Florida Properties Group  
CareerSource Pasco Hernando  
Coastal Design Consultants, Inc.  
Dunamis Premium Spirits  
Florida Avenue Brewing Co.  
Florida Design Consultants, Inc.  
Florida Sports Coast

Greater Tampa Realtors  
Habitat for Humanity Tampa Bay Gulfside  
HCA Florida Bayonet Point  
HCA Florida Trinity Hospital  
JE Dunn Construction  
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