

## GULF COUNTY RESTORE ACT PROJECT PRE-PROPOSAL FORM

Project Name: Early Child Education an Economic Engine

Submitting Entity: North Florida Child Development, Inc.

**I. Please select one or more eligible activity that the project is classified under:**

Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region.

Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources.

Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring.

**X Workforce development and job creation.**

Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure.

Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure.

Planning assistance.

Promotion of tourism and seafood in the Gulf Coast region.

**II. Please provide an executive summary of the project. Describe/quantify the economic (jobs, infrastructure, tourism, etc.) and environmental benefits (habitat, quality, knowledge, long-term sustainability, etc.).**

NFCD recognizes employees' need for a stable workforce. We recognize that loss of work time in rural areas is due mainly to quality early childhood development and care being unavailable. More importantly, NFCD recognizes the need for jobs providing livable wages to will enable families to reach the quality of life to be self-sufficient and contributing citizens.

NFCD will coordinate in conjunction with the business owners for clients of low-income and TANF recipients' services offered by:

- Workforce
- Haney
- Gulf Coast State College
- Florida State University

NFCD has tailored their approach based on the lack of business and manufacturing willing to locate in Gulf County.

●Action Plan

NFCD will enter into third party agreements with businesses locating in Gulf County to provide early childhood development and care to the workers.

●Upon approval of this grant NFCD will open and co-locate child service center in North Gulf County on the site of new industries. We will be going forward with:

- early child development and care facility planning
- using grant awards funds to begin timeline
- leverage state and local funding for bricks and mortar
- partnerships with local school districts for a vocational opportunity for their students
- recruiting for personnel oversight of this expansion of NFCD service delivery
- Developing joint ventures with new/current business and higher education partners

**III. Please provide a cost summary/budget. Detail any matching/cooperative funds available for use, and any cooperative support from governmental or other agencies.**

Budget and Budget Justification

The following information is based on the proposed budget for North Florida Child Development, Inc. for the creation of new classrooms to serve the participants in workforce development and job creation projects. Budget numbers have been derived based on the estimated time on project and a local cost comparison of existing center budgets. Budgets are reviewed on an annual basis.

Salaries:

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| Ten (10) Teachers will earn \$12.33 per hour.          | \$256,464          |
| Fringe benefits based on 27%.                          | \$ 74,374          |
| Classroom Supplies based on current operating budgets. | \$ 4,800           |
| Health & Safety Supplies                               | \$ 1,240           |
| Audit Expenses   | \$ 2,080           |
| Staff Training Expense                                 | \$ 3,452           |
| Food Service   | \$25,404           |
| Utilities/Maintenance & Operations Expense             | \$24,000           |
| Administrative Expenses                                | <u>\$ 9,200</u>    |
| <b>Total Operating expenses</b>                        | <b>\$ 412,174</b>  |
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| Construction of a new Center based on actual cost      | \$3,036,715        |
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| <b>Total Grant</b>                                     | <b>\$3,458,089</b> |

**IV. Please provide a timeline for project completion. Explain the technical and environmental feasibility (including any permitting considerations) of the project.**

At the award of this grant, NFCD will begin finalizing architectural plans with the building to be constructed within twelve months. The second year, NFCD will hire new employees and providing services. The property location is currently zoned for a school in the City limits of Wewahitchka in the comprehensive plan.

**V. Please provide the qualifications of the Submitting Entity, the financial feasibility/sustainability and the economic feasibility and sustainability of the project (probability of success, etc.).**

North Florida Child Development, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit corporation whose expressed mission is to provide a culturally relevant high quality comprehensive child development program for children and families and to provide support that enables families to become self-sufficient. The Central Office for the Agency is located at 200 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, in Wewahitchka, Gulf County, Florida. The geographical area served by NFCD includes Calhoun, Gulf, Liberty, Wakulla, and Madison Counties of North Florida.

NFCD was incorporated for the purpose of obtaining the Head Start and Early Head Start grants that were being relinquished by North Florida Medical Centers, Inc. as a part of its re-engineering project in 1998. NFCD successfully competed for and was awarded the two grants in June 2000 and the students were able to continue to receive services without interruption.

NFCD has continued to improve the program with numerous quality initiatives and improvements. This agency provides Head Start, Early Head Start, School Readiness, VPK, and private-pay early childhood development and care services to eligible children, infants, toddlers, and expectant mothers and their families in Calhoun, Gulf, Liberty, Madison, and Wakulla Counties. These services are provided through four (4) classroom in Calhoun County, four (4) classroom in Liberty County, three (3) classrooms in Madison County, six (6) classrooms in Wakulla County, and sixteen (16) classrooms in Gulf County.

This plan provides a two-year history as well as a three-year projection. NFCD plans to find its position in the market place by offering dependable, affordable and high quality comprehensive child development services and by establishing a centralized location that will assist low-income individuals and families in finding opportunities to become self-sufficient.

**VI. Please provide the anticipated results of the project, and whether it is included in a City of Port St. Joe, City of Wewahitchka or Gulf County Comprehensive and Mitigation Plan?**

This project will provide ten (10) new jobs in Wewahitchka, Florida. It will also support the creation of additional jobs by providing stable dependable early child development and care for the employees of the new industries, being created by this project.

**Submitted By:**



**Signature**

**01/15/2013**

**Date**

**North Florida Child Development, Inc.**

**Company Name**

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**Wewahitchka FL 32465**

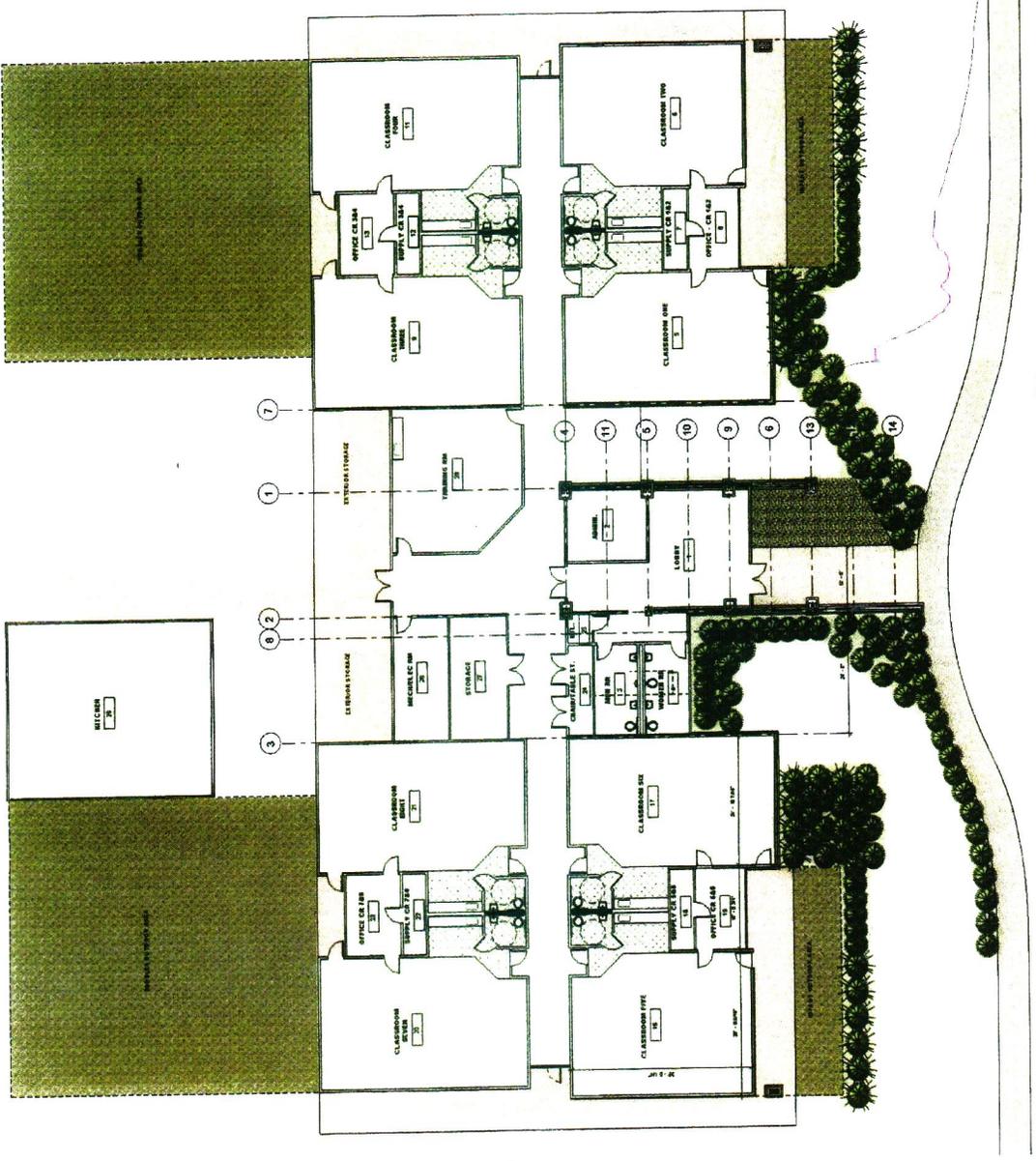
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- Classroom One w/ Restroom = 1,123 square feet
- Classroom Two w/ Restroom = 1,080 square feet
- Classroom Three w/ Restroom = 1,129 square feet
- Classroom Four w/ Restroom = 1,139 square feet
- Classroom Five w/ Restroom = 1,123 square feet
- Classroom Six w/ Restroom = 1,080 square feet
- Classroom Seven w/ Restroom = 1,129 square feet
- Classroom Eight w/ Restroom = 1,139 square feet
- Office – Classrooms One–Eight = 648 square feet
- Supply Closet – Classrooms One–Eight = 280 square feet
- Lobby = 681 square feet
- Administration = 210 square feet
- Training Room = 662 square feet
- Men & Women Restroom = 306 square feet
- Storage = 262 square feet
- Utility = 25 square feet
- Mechanical & Electrical Room = 252 square feet
- Kitchen = 1,331 square feet
- General Circulation = 2,054 square feet
- Total Square Feet = 18,070 square feet



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**PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY AND PUBLIC ACCESS ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR  
GULF COUNTY RESTORE ACT APPLICANTS**

I, Sharon Gaskin the undersigned authority and/or representative of the entity North Florida Child Development Center and/or the individual who has submitted the Gulf County RESTORE Act Proposal/Pre-Proposal titled \_\_\_\_\_ hereby acknowledge, consent and accept the following representations that coincide with my/our submission for consideration, evaluation and possible recommendation and approval by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners for funding from the RESTORE Act distribution that strictly complies with the guidelines and regulations set forth under the Restoration and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012:

1. I/We am the authorized representative of the application/pre-proposal referenced above.
2. I/We have thoroughly reviewed and familiarized myself and/or my entity on which I have submitted the application/pre-proposal on behalf of with the entirety of the Gulf County Public Records policy.
3. I/We have thoroughly reviewed and familiarized myself and/or my entity on which I have submitted the application/pre-proposal on behalf of with the entirety of the Florida Statute Chapter 119 which controls and permits public access to information.
4. I/We hereby acknowledge, consent and agree to the controlling policies and statutes above as well as the free and open exchange of any and all submissions provided hereunder this application/pre-proposal and all information exchanged hereafter including but not limited to further amendments to these proposals as well as surveys, studies, research, data production, books, drawings, property records, work papers, county owner lists, files, forms, reports, accounts, documents, manuals, handbooks, instructions, printouts relating in any manner for the production of the application. In addition, all papers, notes, data, reference material, documentation, programs, printouts, and all other media and forms of expression that in any way include, incorporate or reflect any confidential information of what ultimately shall become the Gulf County plans for use and application of the RESTORE Act funding.
5. I/We acknowledge, agree and fully consent to cooperate with the appointed Gulf County RESTORE ACT committee, county officials and staff as a continuing obligation and condition of final review for this RESTORE Act application/pre-proposal.
6. I/We have submitted this acknowledgment to Gulf County RESTORE Act Committee and the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners for the purpose and intent of receiving an evaluation, review and possible recommendations for anticipated funding from the Restoration and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012.

  
Signature of RESTORE Act Applicant

Sharon Gaskin  
Printed Name

Date: 1-17-2013