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TO: Steve Auger, Executive Director

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RE: Comments to 2015 GEO RFA's

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the GEO RFA's. I am submitting the following questions and comments for your consideration

**1. Local Government Contribution Preference
On page 3 of the Agenda for the GEO workshops Item 4 (a)**

It is noted that "applicants demonstrating local government loans and/or grants equal to or greater than specific amounts based on location and building type will be eligible for this funding preference. If during the ranking process it is determined that an one jurisdiction providing a loan or grant contribution to more than one proposed development, all of the affected applications will be ineligible for the preference"

When defining jurisdiction, is it saying that if a county gives it to more than one project it will eliminate the preference? Will a city within a county or a smaller jurisdiction within a county be treated as a separate jurisdiction?

As an example: Palm Beach County provides a contribution and Riviera Beach provides a contribution but each to a different developer. Would they both count as separate jurisdictions and would both receive the preference points?

2. How will lottery numbers affect this preference process?

For instance if a community/jurisdiction ranks and provides only one contribution to be in compliance with the aforementioned preference, and the one project they

prioritize receives a lottery number which removes it from consideration, that communities prioritized project will be immediately out of the running. There is no opportunity to have a second project for consideration under the currently proposed preference as written.

Most communities/jurisdictions provide an opportunity for more than one shot at assisting prioritized community projects due to the lottery system.