

FY 2010 Financial Services and General Government

Accelerated Mobile Product Development: An Economic Engine for Science & Technology Superiority, \$500,000

Florida Atlantic University, Palm Beach County, Florida

Funds will be used to build an infrastructure that will facilitate undergraduates and high school students and teachers, with creative, scientific, and entrepreneurial background, to build their own high-tech mobile products and services quickly and efficiently. The project aims at enhancing awareness of technology and level of Science and Mathematics in high schools; training teachers and students to innovate advantageously by focusing on a field with high global demand; and by learning from this to help current high tech companies to compete better in the global market, via radically increased engineering design productivity.

Business Assistance Partnership Network, \$250,000

Pinellas County, Pinellas County, Florida

Funds will support expansion of an innovative partnership program designed to grow small businesses and entrepreneurs. The program provides free business planning, financial resources, technical assistance and help in securing loans; this assistance will continue to help business owners hurt by current economic conditions and will secure jobs.

Center for the Development of Information Technology Applications for Manufacturing and Distribution, \$600,000

University of South Florida, Polk County, Florida

Funds will be used for a research and professional development center to increase current workforce skills in IT applications, together with developing a pipeline of new employees who come from cutting edge programs in Information Technology. The center will engage with current and emerging regional manufacturing, warehousing and distribution industries.

Florida Advanced Combustion Center, \$1,000,000

Florida Institute of Technology, Brevard County, Florida

Funds will be used to develop a small business network in support of the Florida Advanced Combustion Center, which is being established to provide research in power generation that has reduced greenhouse gas emissions using alternative fuels. The FACC will be a center of excellence for discovery, development, and validation of domestic resource energy technology for power and propulsion.

Institute for Community and Economic Development, \$250,000

Barry University, Miami-Dade County, Florida

Funds will be used to expand the Entrepreneurial Institute, which delivers research-based education and training to minority- and woman-owned business enterprises. This expansion will offer entrepreneurial skills training to small businesses, family businesses and community-based/non-profit organizations so that they may meet the challenges related to the present economic downturn.

Judicial/Courthouse Upgrades, \$1,070,000

Escambia County, Florida

Funds will be used to upgrade the courthouse's heating and cooling infrastructure, which is in need of total replacement. The upgrades will result in energy savings and reduced maintenance costs, and will create jobs.

Small Business Energy Efficient Façade Program, \$1,500,000

City of Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida

Funds will be used to match initiatives by small businesses to upgrade their building exteriors in energy-efficient, cost-saving ways. The goal of the Energy Efficient Facade Program is to restore significant structures occupied by small businesses in a manner that is environmentally sensitive and helps address issues such as carbon emissions, building insulation and heat island effect.

Small Business Strategic Promotion Center, \$350,000

City of Jacksonville and University of North Florida, Duval County, Florida

The *Small Business Set-Aside Center* will establish an infrastructure to bring, under an umbrella, essential private and public sector efforts to advance the mission of procurement set-asides. This project redefines the purpose and maximizes the benefits of 'procurement set-asides' so more small businesses can participate in government procurement at all levels, and it will group and offer essential business services to small and disadvantaged businesses.

Turnaround Business Assistance Program, \$1,750,000

University of West Florida, Escambia County, Florida

Funds will be used to provide small business management assistance and intensive technical care via the Florida Small Business Development Center Network. The Small Business Administration's regional office in Jacksonville has identified over 1,100 businesses in some aspect of loan default, and without turnaround assistance these companies could be forced to shed thousands of workers.