

RESOLUTION NO. 17-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, RECOMMENDING THAT PROJECT VISTA BE APPROVED AS A QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY BUSINESS APPLICANT PURSUANT TO SECTION 288.106, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND PROVIDING THAT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 PAID ANNUALLY OVER A PERIOD OF EIGHT YEARS ARE AVAILABLE AS LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN THE QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Project Vista is the expansion of a publicly traded European company, which now has more than 750 employees worldwide and has been experiencing growth in the United States, to the City of Fort Lauderdale in order to establish the company's new International Headquarters; and

WHEREAS, Project Vista will create/retain 300 high skill/high wage jobs with an average annual wage of \$52,938 (115% of the private sector average wage in Broward County); and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has determined that local governments may expend public funds to attract and retain business enterprises and the City of Fort Lauderdale has an economic incentive program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby acknowledges that local financial support in the amount of \$300,000 is required under the provisions of Section 288.106, Florida Statutes, governing the State's Qualified Industry Tax Refund Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale has committed to provide local financial support in the amount of \$300,000, which is 20% of the total QTI amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:


SECTION 1. That the City Commission hereby recommends Project Vista be approved as a Qualified Target Industry Business pursuant to Section 288.106, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission has determined the basis of the project's average private sector wage commitment calculation shall be 115% of the Broward County average annual wage (\$52,938).

SECTION 3. That the necessary commitment of local financial support for the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program exists in the amount of \$300,000 subject to annual appropriation; that this amount will be available consistent with the guidelines set forth by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Division of Strategic Business Development subject to annual appropriation and will be paid to the Florida Economic Development Trust Fund with the stipulation that these funds are intended to represent the "local financial support" required by Section 288.106, Florida Statutes.


SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of April, 2017.



Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:



City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI