

TALENT SUPPLY & EDUCATION PILLAR					
Project	Lead/Partners	Type	Resources	Status	2015 Update
<b>Accelerated Education Programs</b>	Educators		TBD	On going	Brief discussion on the possibility of collecting data on the types of accelerated programs found in all 7 counties, to determine a baseline of information on these types of programs. No additional work completed to date.
	Comments: Example includes International Baccalaureate in all 7 counties				
<b>21st Century eLearning Platform Project</b>	Jacksonville Office of Economic Development & Duval County Schools Partners : STIC Computing, LLC & AceApplications, LLC	Vital	TBD	No Progress	
	Comments: Website: <a href="http://aceapplications.com/">http://aceapplications.com/</a>				
<b>Summit among the School Boards</b>	NEFRC, School Boards, Educators, Corporate Sponsors, others	Regionally Significant	\$7,500	Planning stages	
	Comments: Get all institutions together to talk about educational equity to meet the talent pool need. Provide tools so students are employable right after high school if they want: vocational training. Ask and assist educators with the best programs in the region to help replicate them in counties without them. Begin by convening a Summit among the School Boards to acknowledge the good work they do, and provide a regional forum and focus. Address: transferability of best practices, equity issues for domestic and foreign-born students, skills training, accelerated programs and technology. Output should be a specific action plan with support identified, and implementation.				Approach and timing are under discussion.
<b>Capitalize on Veterans</b>	JaxUSA Partnership, CareerSource	Vital	TBD	Planning stages	Researching current activity status of programs, processes, and projects related to this item.
	Comments: Veterans are a highly desirable source of employees for existing Jacksonville businesses and businesses considering Jacksonville for expansion or relocation. Veterans are a dedicated and loyal employee, have training and skillsets which can be of immediate use in the labor force, thrive in a diversified workforce, and have demonstrated the ability to lead and be led. Due to Personal Privacy laws, DoD will not allow government resources to be used to recruit active duty/veterans or have them post their qualifications and resumes. Most exiting military are aware of their exit date months ahead of their final day of service and should be able to be courted by potential employers and be prepared for the transition.				

	<p>The region could be the leader in creating a new web-based initiative which would allow active duty and veterans the ability to post their resumes, their availability dates, their unique skills and qualifications, their interests, etc. on a website which could be accessed by potential employers. Employers should also be able to post positions that that would be accessible only by active duty and veterans. There should also be a weblog where jobseekers can post questions, ask advice, etc. Although it sounds easy, there would need to be a way to limit access to only veterans and not be abused by companies trying to “sell” services to our active duty military or veterans.</p> <p>Currently if a company asks a question on availability such as “Can you tell me how many service members will be leaving the Navy in this area with Helicopter maintenance backgrounds in the next year and how we could get in touch with them to offer employment, the answer is “we do not have access to that data”. This web-based service could change the answer by producing a list and contact information.</p>				
<b>Bridge Training</b>	TBD		TBD	On going	Skills gap analysis and business needs is a study topic of the Region’s economic development directors.
	Comments: Do a study of the under-employed and business needs. Provide bridge training to address the gaps.				
<b>Advanced Manufacturing</b>	FSCJ, EDO’s and Regional Public Schools	Vital	First Coast Manufacturers Association, Regional Manufacturers	No progress	Next step: contact the First Coast Manufacturers Association to scope out needs for qualified talent.
	Comments: Create a pipeline of qualified talent to fill jobs in Advanced Manufacturing				
<b>Clinton Health Matters Bold Action Steps</b>	TBD	Regionally Significant	TBD		
	Support education and employment for young black men to accomplish economic self-sufficiency.				Food Access and Nutrition Comm. Looking at jobs. Also related to YMCA and new Town Success Zone.
	Implement a NEFL transportation plan to access education and employment opportunities.				JTA transit redo.
	Every school is and “A” school.				See School Board Summit project.
	Expand Guiding Stars throughout Northeast Florida.				The line item allocation for a pilot expansion was vetoed by the Governor in 2015. The Early Learning Coalition would still like to see the model expand so will try again next year.

	Identify and provide resources necessary to move all homeless children into appropriate housing.				Ability Housing, Homeless Coalition, other advocacy group support but needs catalyst/champion to “Go to Zero.”
	Develop a Right to Thrive framework to be socialized community-wide.				DCPS pilot slated in Duval in 2015/16.
	Launch a community-wide training effort to adopt, integrate and translate the Right to Thrive framework.				“
	Adopt and begin implementation of a framework of “health equity” that delineates optimal requirements for support.				“
	Create a funded, staffed “coalition central” organizing body to connect community-wide family and social service support efforts.				Integrated Health Working Group needs tech. support.
	Promote comprehensive health education for incarcerated youth.				Happening, but time of incarceration impacts amount of information.
<b>INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PILLAR</b>					
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<b>Work with JaxUSA Partnership</b>	JaxUSA			On Going	Regional economic development directors, planners and elected officials participate in quarterly education forums
<b>Jacksonville Space Initiative</b>	City of Jacksonville & Cecil Field Partners: Florida Space Tourism Society		TBD	On Going	One educational seminar/luncheon event hosted to promote Cecil Field as a horizontal launch space port.
	Comments: Website: <a href="http://spacetourismsociety.org/sts-florida/">http://spacetourismsociety.org/sts-florida/</a>				
<b>Regional Marketing Tool</b>	TBD		TBD	On Going	NEFRC will convene two meetings, north and south of Jacksonville, to determine what marketing strategies will be of most help to businesses and communities.
	Comments: Create a tool kit that helps businesses thrive, not just one that markets the regional lifestyle and amenities.				
<b>Universities downtown</b>	TBD	Regionally Significant	TBD	No progress	
	Comments: Put a university, or cluster/collaboration of universities, downtown. Get UF to do research in our region. They could be one of the universities downtown. Let UF know the opportunities we have to collaborate on research.				
<b>Energy Efficiency of</b>	TBD		TBD	On Going	USGBC NF has this as an ongoing goal.

<b>Buildings</b>					
	Comments: Increase energy efficiency of buildings, with emphasis on retrofit.				
<b>Alternative fuels</b>	North Florida TPO, RTC; EDO's; transportation providers	Vital	TBD	On Going	Through the North Florida TPO, the North Florida Clean Fuels Coalition is investing in CNG (for fleets),LNG (for rail), EV charging stations and the clean truck program to bring fuel efficiency to trucks serving JAXPort.
	Comments: Position Northeast Florida as an innovative center for production, distribution and use of alternative fuels (natural gas, LNG, CNG)				
<b>Clinton Health Matters Bold Action Steps</b>	TBD	Regionally Significant	TBD		
	Grow telehealth systems to increase access to care in rural areas				Policy barriers at state level.
	Expand telemedicine for substance abuse and mental health				“
	Construct an integrated system of care in which money moves with client to best serve patients.				Integrated Health Working Group draft approach.
	Create a coordinated and sustainable mental health system.				Kennedy Forum working with local folks on policy, action plan.
	Use creative strategies including social media and smart phone technology to address family diet.				Duval Medical Society, Million pound challenge, draft logic model, could use support: financial and vocal champions.
<b><u>Fishing Industry</u></b>	<a href="#">Commercial fishing historically had been a measurable component of Northeast Florida's economy. During the past 30 years there has been a steady decline in this industry. Indicators suggest that there may now be an opportunity for a resurgence in commercial fishing.</a>	<a href="#">Regionally Significant</a>	<a href="#">TBD</a>	<a href="#">New</a>	<a href="#">Added in 2015</a>
<b><u>Brevi Bus</u></b>	<a href="#">The Brevi Bus was designed and created in Northeast Florida as a mid-sized transit bus, specifically designed for rural use. Recently certified by the FTA, the bus is poised for production</a>	<a href="#">Regionally Significant</a>	<a href="#">TBD</a>	<a href="#">New</a>	<a href="#">Added in 2015</a>
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROWTH LEADERSHIP PILLAR</b>					
<b>Project</b>	<b>Lead/Partners</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>2015 Update</b>
<b>Regionalize</b>	TBD		TBD	On Going	NEFRC to contact Cecil

<b>Food Policy Group</b>					Williams, Duval County Food Policy Council Chair and suggest that regional reps be invited to meetings. Solicit reps from the other six counties. Joint meetings in 2016, then decide if group should be regional.
	Comments: Make current Jacksonville food policy group regional				
<b>Raise the Shands Bridge</b>	FDOT, North Florida TPO, Chambers, County and Municipal Governments	Vital	TBD	No progress.	Likely this issue can only be resolved/addressed in conjunction with funding and construction of the First Coast Expressway river crossing.
<b>Google Fiber Project</b>	Jacksonville Office of Economic Development & Jacksonville Mayors Office & JEA Partners : STIC Computing, LLC & AceApplications, LLC & Google	Vital	TBD	On hold	Next step: The google fiber expansion project is on hold at this time because the company is working in the 34 cities approved for fiber expansion. Registered for updates on the google fiber expansion project.
	Comments: Website : <a href="http://aceapplications.com/">http://aceapplications.com/</a> <a href="https://static.googleusercontent.com/media/fiber.google.com/en/us/about/files/googlefibercitychecklist2-24-14.pdf">https://static.googleusercontent.com/media/fiber.google.com/en/us/about/files/googlefibercitychecklist2-24-14.pdf</a>				
<b>Jacksonville Port Expansion</b>	JaxUSA/Jacksonville Chamber/Jacksonville Port Authority	Vital	TBD	Planning stages	The Port continues to move forward with the implementation of its Port Master Plan and expansion projects. The ICTF (Intermodal Container Transfer Facility) is on schedule for completion by the end of the year, or by the end of January. The Port is continuing to improve and replace the berth infrastructure at both Blount Island and Talleyrand. At Blount Island the wharfs are being deepened to accommodate 50 feet of water depth and the new 100' gauge electrified

					cranes which are currently being manufactured in Korea. The deepening project continues to move through the State Permitting process and is proceeding with engineering. The Mile Point project has been awarded to Manson Construction and that project should begin shortly.
<b>Desalinization Plant</b>	TBD		TBD	On hold	The Flagler County led Coquina Coast desal initiative is on hold. Meaningful alternative water supply initiatives should await completion of numerous water resource planning projects currently underway.
	Comments: This should be considered as utilities plan for growth, and conservation should be used to delay its construction.				
<b>Replace failing septic tanks</b>	TBD		TBD	On going	COJ has a program to provide hookups in areas in close proximity to surface waters.
	Comments: Replace failing septic tanks with sewer hookups or functioning systems within 5 years				
<b>Clinton Health Matters Bold Action Steps</b>	TBD	Regionally Significant	TBD		
	Increase pedestrian and bicyclist safety.				Visit Jacksonville, COJ, NEFRC and partners.
	Provide bike lanes to connect neighborhoods and commercial centers.				“
	All parks accommodate all abilities for physical activities				Interest from JU, needs catalyst.
	Identify or establish comprehensive teen health clinics in Northeast Florida.				Clay has one, Duval considering school-based model.
	Design and begin implementation of a regional trail and connectivity system that embraces the unique character of the region and provides trail access to the beach, river, tributaries and ICW to realize the tremendous economic and health impacts to the Region.				See first two projects in this section.
	Preserve, renovate and/or develop 500 units of affordable housing.				Homeless Coalition looking at Nashville model.
<b>BUSINESS CLIMATE AND COMPETITIVENESS PILLAR</b>					
<b>Project</b>	<b>Lead/Partners</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>2015 Update</b>

<b>Food Innovation and Business Incubator</b>	Educational and Research Institutions (UF, UNF, Flagler College, First Coast Technical College, etc.), Florida High Tech Corridor Council, Food Industry (Distributors such as , U. S. Food, Beaver St. Fisheries, Retailers, etc.) and End users (Mayo Clinic and hospitals, military, schools, etc.)	Vital	\$8,000,000. Could be two phases. Hub and Product Development	On going	UF is considering a multi-location approach to food innovation, distribution and processing. First Coast Fresh is now actively engaged with at least 3 farms to diversify crops, aggregate products from the farms and distribute those products. We anticipate a major announcement on October 1st regarding a Regional Food Hub.
	Comments: to allow local food to be processed and distributed in the region. Two major components: Food hub to allow for shared use processing, and product development research kitchen/labs/facilities. Maximizes opportunity for nutraceuticals, already identified as having potential in NE Florida. Model: Rutgers Food Innovation Center				
<b>Build wealth in rural areas</b>	Use Enterprise Florida Study to determine techniques that will help us build wealth in rural areas		TBD		
<b><u>Medical Tourism</u></b>	<u>Visit Florida funded a Destination Marketing and Medical Meetings Marketing grant for Jacksonville under their Medical Tourism Program that ended in June 2015. They will not fund such grants next year. Medical, service and tourism development partners must determine if efforts continue.</u>		<u>TBD</u>	<u>Planning Stages</u>	<u>Added in 2015</u>
<b><u>Coastal and waterfront modelling</u></b>	<u>The Public/Private Regional Resiliency Committee of the NEFRC is a business focused group that is working on actions to help the region thrive in a changing climate. While general tools are available, no analysis that is specific to helping the public or private owners of potentially vulnerable areas determine which adaptation approach will work for them yet exists.</u>		<u>TBD</u>	<u>Planning Stages</u>	<u>Added in 2015</u>
<b>Food Security Study</b>	UF or Consultant, USDA Rural Development, NEFRC, local governments to implement.	Vital	\$50,000	On going	A Food Desert Survey/Study is underway in Jacksonville/Orlando/Gainesville being undertaken by the Common Thread Alliance with funding by the Florida Department of Children and Families. The purpose of the study is to identify ways to connect Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients with locally

					grown foodstuffs, perhaps through a mobile market. Currently seeking funding for a wider food security study.
	Comments: Food security study to include carrying capacity of the region. Determine per capita consumption of meat, fruits and vegetables in region. Also determine the potential for sales of agricultural products grown in-region to markets outside of the region. Determine how much land is currently producing these agricultural products, and what locations and amount are necessary for the continued viability of agriculture in NE Florida. Once the study is complete, local governments should consider before any proposal to convert agriculture to other uses is approved. NEFRC should consider policies for inclusion in the regional plan.				
<b>North Florida Small Business Help</b>	SBDC at UNF/SBDC at UCF/NEFRC/Technical Assistance Providers	Regionally Significant	\$3,000	No progress	Next step: contact SBDC director and identify potential members for the 7 county partnership.
	Comments: Make North Florida Small Business Help a more robust site that is continuously updated. It should include a calendar of events for all seven counties, and include resources available in all seven counties. It's Road Map feature should be enhanced to provide the user with more assistance, regardless of the development stage of their business. It should have a dedicated source of funding so that SBDC at UNF can maintain the enhanced site and can coordinate with Flagler County and the SBDC at UCF on events and resources. It should be governed by a partnership of organizations from the seven counties that can continuously improve its usefulness.				
<b>Clinton Health Matters Bold Action Steps</b>	TBD	Regionally significant	TBD		
	Develop and begin implementation of a youth-centric strategic plan with youth for youth to address obesity and healthy eating.				I'm a Star Foundation Strategic Plan: done.
	Design and implement a mobile food distribution system.				Pie in the Sky efforts based in Hastings- underway.
	Engage corner stores and other retailers to offer fresh fruits and vegetables at affordable prices.				Food Access and Nutrition Comm.
	Engage government, sports, schools and faith-based organizations to create a single message campaign for healthy eating and food quality.				Above plus Duval Medical Society, Million Pound Challenge
	Launch a regional study of factors influencing domestic violence and launch a region-wide campaign to prevent domestic violence.				One Love Foundation campaign.
	Increase prevention programs to reduce youth crime and youth violence.				Girls Count, Barr-Weaver Foundation.
	Expand community access for mental health services.				Integrated Health Working Group.



CIVIC AND GOVERNANCE SYSTEMS PILLAR					
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<b>Regional Clearinghouse</b>	NEFRC			Complete	Visit <a href="http://www.nefrc.org">www.nefrc.org</a> to use the clearinghouse
	Comments: Create an <b>online clearinghouse for studies</b> on all issues of interest to the region				
<b>Collaborate on Six Pillars Caucus</b>	NEFRC/Jacksonville Chamber/JaxUSA Partnership/Local Governments	Regionally Significant	TBD	No progress	Next step: compare the 20 Year Strategic Plan of the Six Pillars Caucus System to engage their issue experts with the Region’s vital projects.
	Comments: Northeast Florida is a Six Pillars Community. Collaborate on Six Pillars Caucus Leadership Website: <a href="http://www.flchamber.com/six-pillars/six-pillars-caucus-system/">http://www.flchamber.com/six-pillars/six-pillars-caucus-system/</a>				
<b>“Farm to Flag”</b>	JaxUSA Partnership, Institutions, FL Dept. Ag. Marketing Council	Vital	\$1,000	On going	Due to insurmountable obstacles, direct distribution to the US Military is not currently feasible. However the goal of “Farm to Flag” – increase production, diversification into higher value crops, product aggregation, and value added processing appear to be happening under “Food Innovation and Incubation. Recommendation – rename to relate to a broader array of institutional users beyond the Military.
	Comments: Convene an event to implement the principles of “Farm to Flag”: get local produce into government and corporate institutions. Convene the institutions to discuss their needs and how this could be done. Facilitate institutions in local purchasing.				
<b>Replicate success of JaxUSA</b>	Clinton Health Matters, Providers in the Region	Regionally Significant	TBD	On Going	Additional investigation reveals that there are on-going viable and valuable regional collaborations in Northeast Florida regarding a broad array of issues from the elderly to workforce education. Focus should be on finding substantive areas where a regional approach

					would be helpful.
	Replicate the success of Jax USA Partnership in all issue areas. Include human services, education, wealth-building, food, etc.				
<b>Clinton Health Matters Bold Action Steps</b>	TBD	Regionally Significant	TBD		
	Every K-12 public school has a joint use agreement that allows for safe public access to encourage physical activity.				Policy barriers.
	All K-12 public schools offer 30 minutes of PE or other physical activity daily.				Already required by statute, needs tracking of implementation.
	Work towards policy change that ensures all Northeast Floridians are eligible for affordable health insurance.				State level policy barriers.
	Support the acceptance of federal pass-through funds to support the expansion of Medicaid eligibility, making more insurance affordable.				“
	Develop an integrated regional care and information exchange to increase access points to care and care coordination.				Integrated Health Working Group.
	Implement health literacy programs in all K-12 public schools.				Needs champion.
	Expand the comprehensive medical home model to more primary care providers.				Integrated Health Working Group..
	Expand and share effective drug policies across Northeast Florida to ensure that there are consistent substance abuse policies across the counties.				Needs champion.
	Regionally source and distribute funds dedicated to substance abuse prevention and intervention.				“
<b>QUALITY OF LIFE AND QUALITY PLACES PILLAR</b>					
<b>Project</b>	<b>Lead/Partners</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>2015 Update</b>
<b>Energy, water efficiency, resiliency, and accessibility retrofit for low and very low income residents of the region</b>	NEFRC, All counties, Low income housing providers meeting grant criteria	Vital	Federal Home Loan Banks, USDA Housing Preservation Grants for Rural Areas, Office of Environmental Justice Small Grants Program 2015, HUD	On Going	
	Comments: Enhance all HOME funded, CDBG funded and SHIP funded programs in the region to include energy and water efficiency retrofit, resiliency retrofit, and accessibility retrofit for low and very low income residents of the region. This includes inspector education, program expansion and implementation. Funding would give the homeowner the information and ability to choose efficiency/resiliency/accessibility. Funds could only be used for these improvements, not to augment existing program.				Asked local counties if they participate in Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (Yes = Clay, Duval, Flagler), also participation in Residential Construction Mitigation Program

					(wind hardening) (Yes=Flagler). Non-participants were interested in these program opportunities. NOFA was just released for RCMP (due August 5 <sup>th</sup> ). Meetings are being established to determine if Baker and Putnam counties would like to participate in this year's application process.
<b>Regional Maritime Management Plan</b>	Duval, Nassau, St, Johns, Flagler Counties, FIND, NEFRC	Vital	TBD	On Going	FIND funding in place. Project to start summer 2015. Project team for COJ is NEFRC, UNF, JU.
	Comments: Capitalizing on the Duval County plans for a maritime management plan, review the assets of the St. Johns River, Intracoastal Waterway and Atlantic coast and identify sites for additional boat access, including mooring facilities. Encourage other Counties to do similar plans using a consistent methodology so the result is a regional maritime management plan.				
<b>Jacksonville Regional Health Collaborative</b>	Duval County Health Department, Health Planning Council, Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, etc..	Regionally Significant	TBD	On Going	The Jacksonville Regional Health Collaborative is initiating a formal membership drive, it is holding regular monthly meetings that are open to all those interested, and it is in the early planning stages for its first Forum Event.
	Comments: Jacksonville Regional Health Collaborative to facilitate collaboration/incubation/research.				
<b>Northeast Florida Global Supply Chain Institute</b>	UNF CCB & Engineering & UF Engineering JaxPort, Jax USA Partnership First Coast Manufacturers Association	Regionally Significant	TBD	No progress	Next Step: contact the UNF Supply Chain program director
	Website: <a href="http://fisher.osu.edu/centers/scm">http://fisher.osu.edu/centers/scm</a>				
<b>Clinton Health Matters Bold Action Steps</b>	TBD	Regionally Significant	TBD		
	Identify a dedicated funding stream for an ongoing physical activity strategy.				Needs champion.
	Medical community embraces fitness as a prescription for better health.				Food Access and Nutrition Comm., YMCA.

	Strengthen families and create the foundation for optimal health through integrated program and resource tracking.	Integrated Health Working Group.
	Increase utilization of existing care facilities to meet residents' needs and improve health disparities.	Integrated Health Working Group.
	Develop a program that provides certification to users and land uses that meet healthy criteria.	USGBC NF: LEED Well
	Update and revise zoning codes and comprehensive plans to evaluate health implications and incorporate health into all public policies.	NEFRC SRPP.
	Clean drinking water is available and sustainable in all areas throughout Northeast Florida.	Needs champion.
	Increase substance abuse prevention and mental illness identification training with school counselors, law enforcement and emergency responders.	Drug Free Duval grant for SBIRT.