



June 25, 2019

Dr. Cheryl Brown, Director/Council Secretary  
Jacksonville City Council  
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Re: 2019 Annual Report for the Duval County Research and Development Authority

For the reporting period July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019, the Duval County Research and Development Authority met one time. All members except Steven Merten, were present. President David Szymanski, President of the University of North Florida, met with the DCRDA to discuss his vision for UNF and the vacant land in the First Coast Technology Park. President Szymanski reaffirmed the commitment of the University to acquire funding to purchase all of the remaining land in the park. As the University continues to grow, it will need the land in the park to support and facilitate this growth. Dr. Szymanski indicated that he plans for the University to concentrate on developing in strategic areas of Finance, Logistics, Healthcare, and Advanced Manufacturing.

The DCRDA members were also updated on the status of the sale and transfer of Tract D in the Tech Park to TSI, a foundation owned by UNF. The sale was approved last year. Currently, TSI is awaiting confirmation from the Environmental Auditor for the indemnification provisions that the City General Counsel's Office has asked for in the insurance obligations. It is anticipated that the sale will be finalized soon after this is received.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Earle C. Traynham  
Executive Director

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