

Economic Development and Innovation Department

- Transitionally established in October 2012 with full time presence in October 2013
- 2014 General Government budget \$195,000
- Ombudsman role
- Foster Innovation Economy externally/internally
- Work on Economic Development projects throughout the city, not just in the core
- Collaborate with partners on various ED efforts: Private industry, UF, Santa Fe CIED, Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Airport Authority, Alachua County, Gainesville Regional Utilities



Economic Development Activities

- Project facilitation
- Business development resource
- Attendance at 1st Step Meetings
- Implementation of major projects
 - Butler Plaza, Plum Creek, Hatchet Creek, NW 13th Street Corridor, Innovation Square, Urban Village
- Innovation Economy
- Liaison to GACRAA Airport Industrial Park
- Liaison to Chamber of Commerce Small Bus. Growth
- Economic Development University Community Committee

