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Dear Friends:

A group of 47 leaders from 22 countries began a week long tour of North-Central Florida today, which will end in Tallahassee this Friday. The Americas Competitiveness Exchange or ACE8 Tour is designed to showcase the wide range of innovative research, entrepreneurs and businesses in our area and to establish relationships for future research and economic development.



ACE 3 participants visiting the Mayo Clinic in Minneapolis, Minnesota

I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you a bit more about this exciting opportunity and how Leon County became involved in this important program.

If there is ever anything I can help you with, please feel free to call me (850) 606-5375 or just email me at dozierk@leoncountyfl.gov. You can also find me on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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**The Americas Competitiveness
Exchange on Innovation &**



Entrepreneurship

In 2015, I was honored to be among 48 participants from 28 countries chosen to participate in the [Third Americas Competitiveness Exchange \(ACE\)](#) on Innovation and Entrepreneurship, offered by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration and International

Trade Administration.

ACE tours are designed to showcase successful examples of entrepreneurship, innovation, strategic investments, and public-private partnerships from a specific region that contribute to the economic development at the local, regional and national level. Participants explore local and regional economic development models, share experiences and knowledge, and build networks among the local and visiting stakeholders to enhance trade and competitiveness of the Americas.

On our tour, we saw examples and visited sites ranging from the Mayo Clinic in Minneapolis, to a small cooperative creamery in rural Wisconsin, to Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago.

Following the trip, I started to realize that Leon County and other parts of our region offered many of the same examples that I saw on my ACE trip. I asked the Leon County Commission and the [Office of Economic Vitality](#) to explore the possibility of submitting a bid to host a future ACE tour. Working with partners from across North-Central Florida we submitted a successful bid and will host [ACE 8](#) this week.

Forty-seven (47) economic and political decision makers from 22 countries will tour our region's innovative hubs, leading firms, and educational and research institutions in six communities: Orlando/Orange County, Space Coast, Flagler County, St. Augustine, Gainesville, and Tallahassee-Leon County.

When the participants arrive in Tallahassee-Leon County later this week they will quickly discover how research & development, university commercialization, investments in public-private partnerships and a focus on the talent pipeline and inclusion, have all become a catalyst to the economic vitality in our community.

The sites they will visit in Tallahassee-Leon County include:

[National High Magnetic Field Laboratory \("Mag Lab"\)](#)

[Danfoss Turbocor](#)

[Florida Center for Advanced Aero-Propulsion](#)

[Cascades Park](#)

Read [the article](#) that appeared on the Florida Trend Magazine website about ACE 8.

[View the ACE 8 video that was a part of the winning bid](#)

Upcoming Commission Meetings, Workshops and Other Boards

December 5, 2017

3:00 pm: Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Board Meeting - Tallahassee City Hall

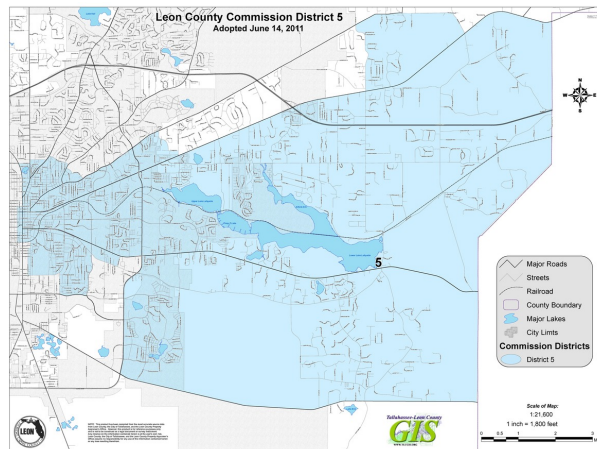
December 12, 2017

3:00 pm: Leon County Commission Meeting - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers (view the Commission agenda [here](#), when available)

The Leon County Commission generally meets every other Tuesday at 3pm on the 5th Floor of the County Courthouse (Commission schedules and agendas are listed [here](#)). Residents can view live coverage of Commission meetings on Comcast Channel 16 or stream it live through the [County's website](#). **All meetings are open to the public.**

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