

ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION FOR BOARD APPOINTMENT

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Name: Linda Vee NicholSEN		Date: 9/24/09
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Occupation: Executive Director Innovation Park	Employer: Leon County Research and Development Authority	
<p>Please check box for preferred mailing address.</p> <p>Work Address: 1736 West Paul Dirac Drive</p> <p>City/State/Zip: Tallahassee, FL 32310</p>		
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home Address: 1899 Collins Landing Road</p> <p>City/State/Zip: Tallahassee, FL 32310</p>		
<p>Do you live in Leon County? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, do you live within the City limits? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Do you own property in Leon County? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, is it located within the City limits? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>		
<p>For how many years have you lived and/or owned property in Leon County? <u>20</u> + years</p>		
<p>Are you interested in serving on any specific Committee(s)? If yes, please indicate your preference</p> <p>1st Choice: Charter Committee 2nd Choice: _____</p>		
<p>If not interested in any specific Committee(s), are you interested in a specific subject matter? If yes, please check those areas in which you are interested, or describe other areas not listed:</p> <p>Human Services ___ Housing ___ Health Care ___ Science ___ Library Services ___ Growth Management ___ Tourist Development ___ Transportation ___ Bicycle/Pedestrian ___ Parks & Recreation ___ Code Enforcement ___ Other Areas _____</p>		
<p>Have you served on any previous Leon County committees? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>		
<p>If Yes, on what Committee(s) have you served? 1. Lake Bradford Task Force 2. Blueprint 2000 Community Representative for Capital Circle Southwest</p>		
<p>How many days per month would you be willing to commit for Committee work? 1 2 to 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 or more</p> <p>And for how many months would you be willing to commit that amount of time? 2 3 to 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 or more</p> <p>What time of day would be best for you to attend Committee meetings? Day Night - Flexible</p>		

IMPORTANT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

AS A MEMBER OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, YOU WILL BE OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW ANY APPLICABLE LAWS REGARDING GOVERNMENT-IN-THE-SUNSHINE, CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS, AND PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE. THE CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATING THESE APPLICABLE LAWS INCLUDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES, CIVIL FINES, AND THE VOIDING OF ANY COMMITTEE ACTION AND OF ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. IN ORDER TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THESE LAWS AND TO ASSIST YOU IN ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS BELOW, YOU MUST COMPLETE AN ORIENTATION BEFORE YOUR APPLICATION IS DEEMED COMPLETE.

Have you completed the Orientation? Yes No
Are you willing to complete a financial disclosure form, if applicable? X Yes No
Will you be receiving any compensation that is expected to influence your vote, action, or participation on a Committee? Yes No If yes, from whom? _____
Do you anticipate that you would be a stakeholder with regard to your participation on a Committee? Yes No
Do you know of any circumstances that would result in you having to abstain from voting on a Committee due to voting conflicts? Yes No If yes, please explain _____
Do you or your employer, or your wife or child or their employers, do business with Leon County? X Yes No
If yes, please explain The Leon County Research and Development Authority is a special district. The Authority has its own budget and the administrative functions are independent from the county. Some of the Authority members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.
Do you have any employment or contractual relationship with Leon County that would create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict with regard to your participation on a Committee? Yes No
If yes, please explain _____

All statements and information provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Linda Nicholas

Please return Application to Christine Coble, Agenda Coordinator
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Summary of Qualifications

Twenty years of experience with all aspects of development and management of a research and development park. Innovation Park/Tallahassee is affiliated with two state universities and is governed by a county authority established under state statute. I have experience working for both a private real estate developer and for a public research and development authority. The park has 238 acres, a portion is held fee simple and the remainder is state owned land. The park has 1,200,000 square feet of research and office facilities in seventeen buildings with 50 tenant groups and 2,100 employees. The park owns and manages seven of the facilities. The governing authority is comprised of representatives from the community college and universities, the business community and elected officials.

Career Background

1997- Current, Executive Director, Leon County Research and Development Authority, Tallahassee, Florida. Responsible for operation, management and development of a university research park. Including master planning, infrastructure development, marketing, public relations, tenant recruitment, lease negotiations, bond financing, budgeting, grant applications, monitoring of construction, architectural standards, park covenants, property management, purchasing and bidding of services, contract administration, tenant retention, and coordinating professional services. Also conducts monthly public meetings, organizes golf tournaments and other social, educational, and economic development events for tenants and entrepreneurs, and fosters research and economic development interactions between universities, local and state government, economic development agencies, and private industry.

1985-1997, Director of Marketing and Operations, Southern Technology and Development Corporation, Tallahassee, Florida. Under contract with the county development authority for all aspects of development of the university research and development park. This includes public relations, marketing, promotion, proposal writing, and financial planning, staff supervision, real estate development, leasing and management of research facilities. Have extensive knowledge of university administration and research capabilities at Florida State University and Florida A and M University. Work closely with universities, city, county and state agencies to promote the area resources to industry.

1983-1985, Computer Software Specialist, Business Services, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. Designed, developed, programmed and tested learning management computer software for use by State University System students preparing for standardized testing. Made policy recommendations on the purchase of software products based on analysis of user needs and product benchmarks. Software liaison between users and technical staff. Organized and taught computer based educational software training seminars and demonstrations. Coordinated activities of government, university and private industry users.

1982-1983, Educational Computing Consultant, Florida State University Computing Center, Tallahassee, Florida. Designed and programmed educational software for a mainframe computer system. Consulted with users on programming problems. Client service in the form of computer based educational training seminars, consulting, and account management. Product promotion through demonstrations, workshops, conferences, trade shows, and sales trips.

1981 Participant, Florida State University, London Study Program

1980, Program Administrator, Jefferson Academy, Falls Church, Virginia. Administration of a learning management software evaluation program, grant and budget development, proposal writing, community presentations on computer based education design and development, staff and student training for a pilot study which investigated the ability of handicapped students to successfully utilize computer based education.

1977-1979, Master Teacher, Cincinnati Public Schools, Cincinnati, Ohio. Teacher of handicapped high schools students. Main teaching areas were vocational education and reading. Proposed, established and administrated a federally funded job training program for disadvantaged and handicapped students.

1976, Program Developer, Upward Foundation, Phoenix, Arizona. Sheltered workshop administration including contract procurement, marketing, development of work training stations, staff supervision, client assessment, programming and job placement.

1975, Adult Supervisor, MARC Center, Mesa Arizona. Sheltered workshop administration including contract procurement, budgeting, marketing, development of work training stations, staff supervision, client assessment, programming, job placement, and academic teaching.

1974-1975, Youth Supervisor and Substitute Teacher, Maricopa County Juvenile Court Center, Phoenix, Arizona. Supervision and counseling of delinquents being held in detention and substitute teaching in the educational unit of the detention center.

1972-1974, Teacher, Sunland Training Center, Outward Bound Program,
Gainesville, Fl. Developed training and educational programs to prepare retarded teens and adults for community placement. This included supervision and training of staff, grants development, vocational training, teaching, client assessment, job and community placement, and follow-up services.

Education

Masters of Arts in Education, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona
Bachelor of Arts in Education with Honors, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Certificates and Affiliations

State of Florida Real Estate Broker License
State of Florida Notary License

Active Memberships

Association of Research Parks
Blueprint 2000 – Capital Circle SW – Community Representative
Building Owners and Managers Association – Board of Directors
Capital City Chamber – Board of Directors
Florida Association of Business Incubators
Florida Trail Association
Fort Braden Garden Club
National Association of Business Incubators
Tallahassee Board of Realtors and Commercial Council
Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce
Tallahassee Economic Development Council
Tallahassee Glass and Antique Club
TalTech Alliance

Past Memberships

City of Tallahassee Providence Neighborhood Renaissance Project
FSU/FAMU Community Outreach Partnership Center - Advisory Committee
Lake Bradford Area Task Force