

EsTEAM

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EsTEAM is a new initiative of TEAM Santa Rosa aimed at keeping our members and stakeholders informed about what we are doing to further economic development in our area. The piece will be sent via email every three weeks and we encourage you to forward it on to others who may be interested in receiving the information.

TEAM is working with GEO Group, Inc. on the construction of the Blackwater River Correctional Facility in East Milton. We are the project liaison between the City, County and Community Defense Block Grant. The facility is slated to be functional for employees in January and inmates are expected in summer of 2010. GEO will present a project update on July 20 to the County Commission.

Did you know TEAM Santa Rosa's PANHANDLE FRESH (PFMA) model is getting state-wide attention? TEAM Staff is presenting our model in July at the State Youth Farmer & Rancher Leadership Conference, and in August at the Florida Small Farms & Alternative Enterprises Conference.

With TEAM's help, the proposed WHITING AVIATION PARK received a Limited Use Agreement (LUA) from the Navy for use of their existing 6,000 lf runway to transport aircraft in need of maintenance to and from the park. This is a tremendous economic advantage here in the Cradle of Aviation as we continue negotiations with defense contractors and aviation-based prospects to locate to Santa Rosa County.

"TEAM Works" is TEAM's new program for increasing awareness for resources available to Santa Rosa County industries. Our goal is to achieve the maximum benefit for companies with regard to federal, state, and local considerations including connections to industry leadership and regulatory authorities, eligibility for incentives, employee recruitment and customized market research to name a few.