



500 jobs to Milton?

Tech plant eyes Santa Rosa

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An information-technology company that could bring 500 jobs is eyeing a location in the Santa Rosa County Industrial Park in East Milton.

A business referred to only as "Project Snake Eyes" is seeking a resolution from the Santa Rosa County Commission designating it as a "qualified target industry" to receive special state tax incentives. The commission is set to discuss the proposal at a Monday meeting.

Information companies — along with manufacturers, financial, wholesale firms and others — are highly sought by the state and are offered special incentives to locate or expand within Florida.

"Project Snake Eyes is an information technology program providing services globally," Cindy Anderson, executive director of the TEAM Santa Rosa Economic Development Council, wrote in a memo to the commission.

"TEAM Santa Rosa has been working with Project Snake Eyes for the last year in an effort to provide them a site capable of serving 500 employees, an adequate workforce that has the specific skill sets they require and a community providing the financial incentives comparable to the other sites in the running for this company," she wrote.

TEAM doesn't disclose the names of companies considering coming to Santa Rosa before the deal is certain.

According to the resolution, the commission will consider, "the company will provide substantial employment opportunities to residents of Santa Rosa County and will be one of the largest private companies in Santa Rosa."

However, the company is seeking a waiver from the qualified target industry requirements that companies pay more than the average local wage, which is currently \$14.62 per hour, according to Ildi Hosman, spokeswoman for TEAM Santa Rosa. The company is seeking a waiver because the company will not offer wages that meet the required level.

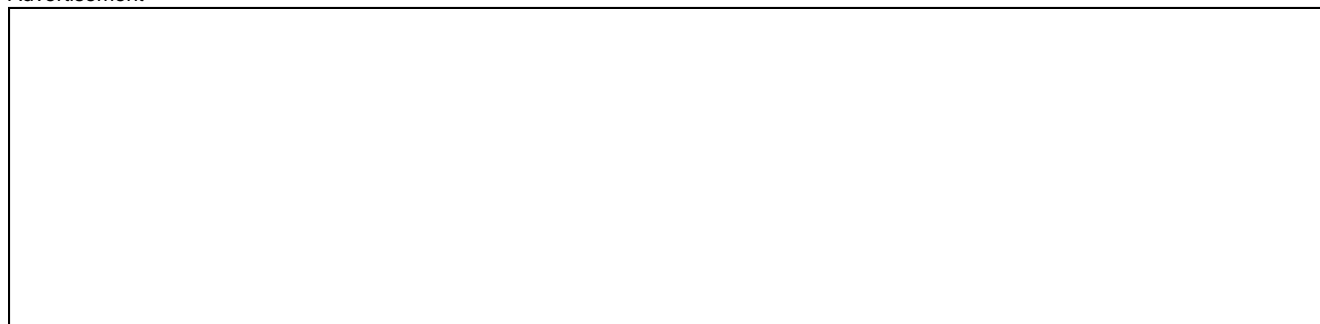
Three other locations are in the running for the project, Hosman said, but she doesn't know the locations.

The commission's Monday workshop is 9 a.m. at the Santa Rosa County Administrative Office Complex, 6495 U.S. 90 (behind McDonald's).

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The resolution could be voted on at Thursday's regular meeting.

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