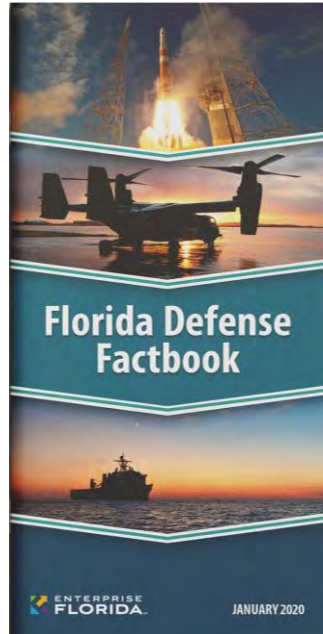


Defense Economic Project Work Update

**South Florida Regional Planning Council
&
South Florida Defense Alliance**

20 July 2026

Contract Awarded



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Core Team

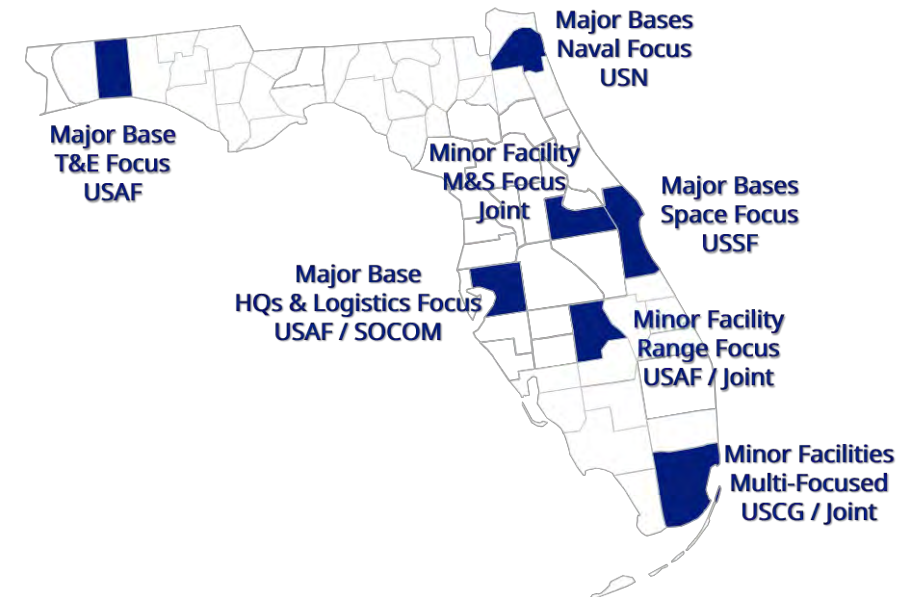


- Lead REMI PI+ Modeling Work
- Develop & Validate the Economic Inputs
- Produce the Impact Results
- Perform Continuity, Reconciliation, & QA/QC
- Support Technical Reporting & Review

FDSC Grant Application – Pending

Overall Intent

- **Develop a Next-generation, County-level Defense Economic Planning Pilot**
 - Move beyond traditional retrospective impact reporting
 - Identify future defense-growth opportunities, vulnerabilities, constraints, & potential intervention strategies
- **Test a Scalable Methodology Across Seven Diverse Florida Defense Ecosystems**
- **Maintain Compatibility with Statewide REMI PI+ Baseline**
- **Create a Practical Decision-support Framework**
 - Better protect missions/existing DIB
 - Grow the defense industrial base

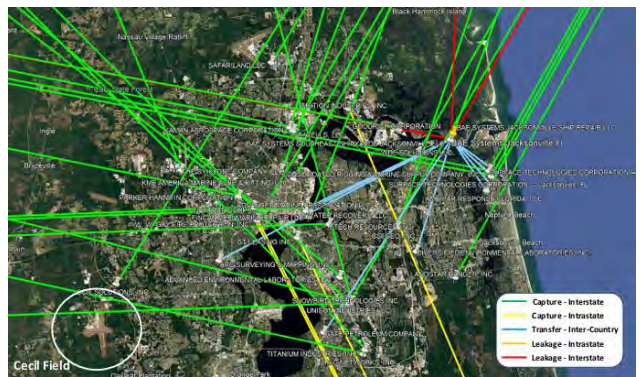


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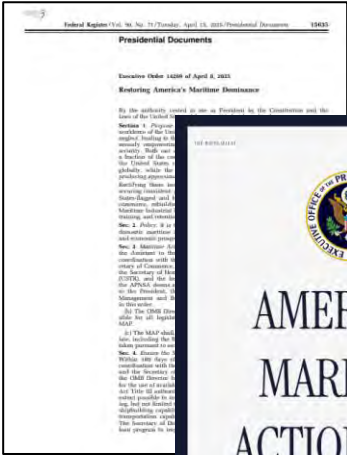
Expected Outcomes

- County-level Scorecards; Advanced Common Metrics & Defense Specialization
- Future Defense-demand & County Intervention Scenarios
- GIS & Dashboard Prototypes; More Comparative, Visual, & Planning-oriented
- Final Report & Statewide Integration Guide

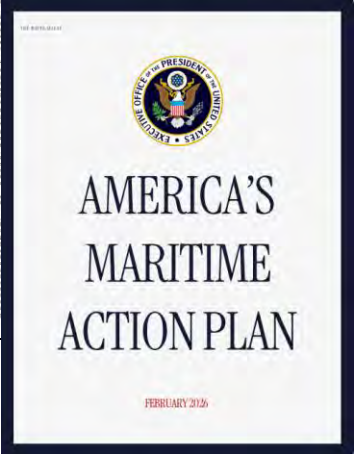
Prototype Samples Only



Federal Impetus



Executive Order 14269, "Restoring America's Maritime Dominance"



America's Maritime Action Plan / Restoring America's Maritime Dominance



Executive Order 14265, "Modernizing Defense Acquisitions and Spurring Innovation in the Defense Industrial Base"



Executive Order 14307, "Unleashing American Drone Dominance"



FY 2027 Budget Increases Shipbuilding

- Navy
- Coast Guard
- Army
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- National Science Foundation
- National Park Service

State Activity Examples



1. Designated maritime as a Florida target industry

2. Framed maritime as part of a broader industrial ecosystem

3. Secured a major federal apprenticeship award tied to shipbuilding and maritime manufacturing

4. Connected maritime to workforce credentials and emerging-demand occupations

5. Positioned maritime w/in Florida's logistics & export advantages

6. Continued defense-economic analysis and planning work

7. Opened DRG and FDSC grant cycles; can support maritime-defense work

Target Industries and Clarifications ("incl." = but not limited to)

4 Cross-Cutting Target Industries:

- Corporate Headquarters
- Logistics – incl. Shipping, Distribution, Packaging, Processing
- Manufacturing
- Research and Development

8 Sector-Specific Target Industries:

- Aerospace and Aviation – incl. MRO, Pilot Training, Air Traffic Control, AAM, UAS/UAV
- AgTech – incl. Emerging Technologies, Timber, Aquaculture, etc.
- Energy Security – incl. Semiconductors, Superconducting, Nuclear, Hydrogen, Energy Storage, etc.
- Financial Services – incl. Insurance, FinTech
- Information Technology – incl. Emerging Technologies, Cybersecurity
- Life Sciences – incl. Pharmaceuticals, Medical Device Technology, Digital Health
- Maritime – incl. Commercial and Industrial Base Shipbuilding, MRO
- Military and Defense – incl. Dual Use Tech, Law Enforcement Tech, Modeling, Simulation and Training

U.S. Department of Labor Awards \$40 Million to Expand Registered Apprenticeships Nationally

Jul 8, 2026

~ FloridaCommerce was awarded \$40 million to support a nationwide incentive program through a consortium led by the State Workforce Board and CareerSource Florida for the defense industrial base, shipbuilding and maritime manufacturing sectors. ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.— Today, FloridaCommerce announced that Florida has been awarded \$40 million by the U.S. Department of Labor to support nationwide efforts to expand apprenticeships in the defense industrial base, shipbuilding and maritime manufacturing sectors—with nearly 80 partners across the state offering Letters of Support for this new program.

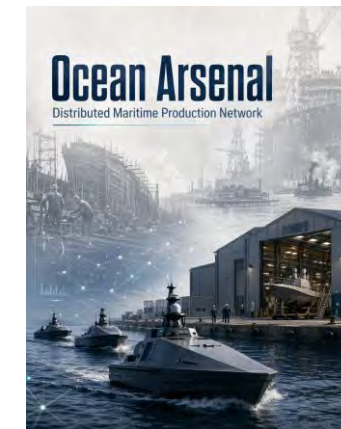
"Thank you to Acting Secretary Keith Sonderling and the U.S. Department of Labor for supporting Florida's efforts to expand our maritime industrial base by driving talent development across our maritime and defense sectors," said **Secretary of Commerce J. Alex Kelly**. "Home to 16 deepwater seaports and 21 major military installations, and ranked the #1 state in the nation for workforce development, maritime industrial base jobs, and ship- and boat-building establishments, Florida is uniquely positioned to support our nation's efforts to develop the high-skill talent across these critical industries—bolstering job growth while supporting our national defense."



Defense Reinvestment Grant Application – Pending

Overall Intent

- Convert Broward's Commercial Maritime Strengths Into a Defense-ready & Dual-use Industrial Ecosystem
- Advance Project Ocean Arsenal Concept
 - Modeling maritime readiness
 - Preparing vendors for defense work & dual-use demand
- Identify Where Broward's Strongest Maritime-defense Capabilities Exist Today & Where Additional Capacity can Realistically be Scaled
 - Including: waterfront hubs, inland suppliers, workforce assets, advanced-manufacturing clusters, & logistics nodes
- Staged, Evidence-based Methodology
- Strengthen Broward's Ability to Support SFOMF & Emerging Unmanned Surface/Undersea Vessel Opportunities



Defense Reinvestment Grant Application – Pending

Expected Outcomes

- **Validated Broward Maritime-industrial-base Inventory & Map**
 - Tier-1, Tier-2, Tier-3, & Tier-adjacent firms, facilities, institutions, clusters & capability gaps
- **Refined Five-layer Assessment Model**
 - Evaluate current capability, scale-up potential, cross-sector constraints, geographic readiness, demand signals & modeled benefits
- **Company-level Readiness Pathways & Referrals**
 - Including: build-to-print, licensed production, repair, sustainment, payload integration, testing, or range-support opportunities
- **Priority Geographies, Investment Needs & Economic-impact Scenarios**
- **Final Report & Replication Guide**

Modeling: Existing Maritime Industrial Capacity Score (EMICS)

EMICS answers:



What maritime industrial capability exists and operates today?

Modeling: Potential Maritime Industrial Capacity Score (PMICS)

PMICS answers:



How much additional maritime defense capacity could realistically be created, converted, or scaled?

Modeling: Cross-Sector Growth Interaction Module (CSGIM)

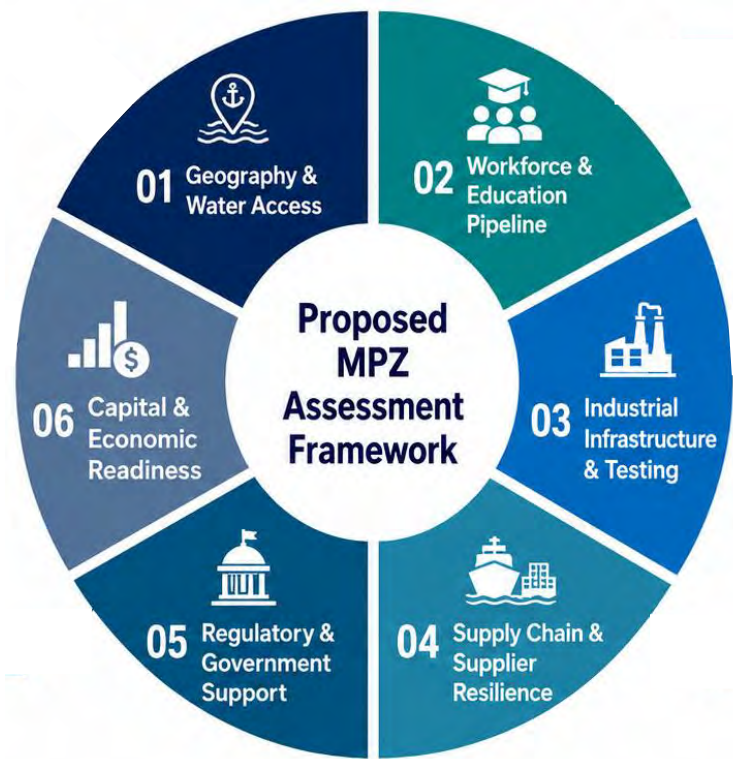
CSGIM answers:



Will other Florida growth sectors amplify maritime defense scale-up, or will they significantly compete for the same resources?

Modeling: Maritime Prosperity Zone Assessment Layers (MPZ)

MPZ Layer 1 answers:



Whether the tract, cluster, or corridor is a credible maritime defense growth zone

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MPZ Layer 2 answers:

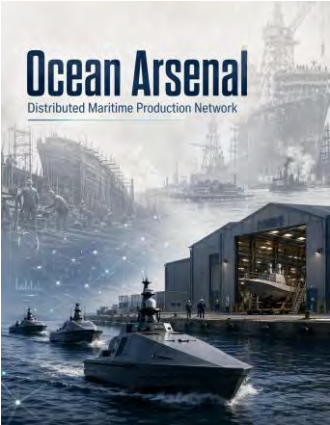


What happens if the MPZ is activated: jobs, wages, supplier leakage reduction, vendor conversion, resilience value, fiscal/economic impacts

Simple Model Flow

- **EMICS: What exists now?**
- **PMICS: What could scale?**
- **CSGIM: What cross-sector pressures help or constrain that scale?**
- **MPZ Layer 1: Is the place ready for designation and investment?**
- **MPZ Category 7 Demand Signal: Is there enough demand to activate the zone?**
- **MPZ Layer 2: What benefits would result under modeled scenario(s)?**

Bottleneck not Demand – Qualified Capacity Builder / Vendor Pathway



Baseline &
In-Take

**Tier
1**

~ 2 weeks

Contract-Ready
Foundation

**Tier
2**

~ 30 – 90+ days

Secure Technical
Exchange

**Tier
3**

~ 60 – 120+ days

LRIP
Readiness

**Tier
4**

~ 90 – 180+ days

Scaling &
Sustainment

**Tier
5**

Work Funnel Highlights

Rate Ramp, Supplier
Controls, Warranty, PMO

PRR, FAI, FAT, Test Readiness

Clean Team & TDP,
Configuration Controls

SAM/UEI/CAGE Registrations, Cyber Plan,
QMS Plan

Capability Proof, Sanitized Profile & Fit Decision

Timeframe Estimates are Illustrative Averages – Vendor-dependent

Questions?