

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-15

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: January 10, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: January 12, 2023

Type of Action: Authorizing execution of amended economic development agreement; authorizing amended REV grant; designation of oversight agency; affirming compliance with Public Investment Policy; request for one-cycle fast track approval

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes execution of an amended economic development agreement between the City and Flexcold, LLD and 11180 Blasius Road, LLC to support the creation of a new refrigerated processing, warehouse and storage facility in Jacksonville. The amendment reflects an increase in the physical size, capital investment and job creation of the project and increases the REV grant amount correspondingly to a maximum of \$2.5 million. The Office of Economic Development is designated as the City's oversight agency for the project. The bill states that the incentive conforms to the City's Public Investment Policy and requests fast-track approval on two readings.

Background Information: The City Council via Resolution 2021-187-A approved a REV grant of up to \$1 million for the project that had an anticipated capital investment of \$47 million and would produce 20 new full-time jobs. Since that time the company has expanded the project scope and intends to add 196,000 square feet of new space to the existing facility, add additional machinery and equipment, increase the capital investment in the project from \$47 million to \$115 million, increase the number of new jobs from 20 to 40, and increase the average wage from \$51,192 to \$55,422 annually. The REV grant is correspondingly increased from \$1 million to \$2.5 million, the construction completion date is extended by one year to December 31, 2024 and the new job creation deadline is extended by two years to December 31, 2025.

Policy Impact Area: Economic development

Fiscal Impact: The bill increases the REV grant amount from \$1 million to \$2.5 million

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