

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-449

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

Date of Introduction: June 14, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: F, R

Date of Analysis: June 16, 2022

Type of Action: Authorizing economic development agreement; authorizing targeted industry grant; designation of oversight agency; Public Investment Policy waiver; request for one cycle fast-track approval

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes execution of an economic development agreement between the City and Allegis Group, Inc. to expand its operations in Jacksonville and authorizes a targeted industry grant of up to \$750,000. The Office of Economic Development is designated as the City's oversight agency for the project. The City's Public Investment Policy is waived to permit the targeted industry grant, which is not authorized by the PIP. One cycle fast-track approval of the bill is requested.

Background Information: Allegis Group is a global talent solutions company headquartered in Maryland. It operates a network of specialized companies that provide staffing solutions to a variety of industries. The company is considering expanding its existing Jacksonville office by up to 500 new jobs and is requesting a Targeted Industry Employment Grant of \$1,500 per job, up to a maximum of \$750,000. The incentive would be paid in 25% increments (\$375 per new job per year) over 4 years after the job creation and average wage are verified by the City. Funding for the incentive would be appropriated by later legislation. The waiver is requested because the City's PIP does not include a specific targeted industry employment grant, but the OED believes that the large job creation element meets the spirit of several PIP programs. The City's return on investment is calculated at 0.83:1 over a 10 year period and anticipated to exceed 1:1 over a 12 year period.

Policy Impact Area: Economic development

Fiscal Impact: Authorizes a maximum grant of \$750,000 to be appropriated via subsequent legislation

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