

APPROVED

BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION

of the

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

regarding

**SIEMENS SHARED SERVICES, LLC
QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND**

Resolution No. 2001-M-52

PREMISES

WHEREAS, in 1994, the Florida legislature passed legislation establishing a “Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program” (“QTI Program”) to encourage economic development for companies creating new high-wage employment opportunities in Florida by providing “tax refunds” to qualified target industries; and

WHEREAS, Siemens Shared Services, LLC, a business registered with the Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security (hereafter referred to as “Siemens”) seeks to establish its national headquarters in unincorporated Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Siemens has applied to the Executive Office of the Governor, Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for approval as a qualified applicant under the QTI Program; and

WHEREAS, Siemens anticipates creating 613 new jobs in Orange County at an average salary of approximately \$43,475, which is 47% above the prevailing Orange County wage; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that these jobs will be created according to the following schedule: 244 jobs by December 31, 2003, 206 jobs by December 31, 2004, and 163 jobs by December 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Siemens has applied for \$1,839,000 in tax refunds from the State of Florida under the QTI Program, representing \$3,000 per job; and

WHEREAS, in order for Siemens to be approved as a “qualified applicant” under the QTI Program, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners must adopt a resolution recommending approval of Siemens as a “target industry business” and committing “local financial support” in an amount equal to 20% of the annual tax refund; and

WHEREAS, Siemens' application will require a commitment of local financial support of \$367,800 over a six year period; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that Siemens will generate approximately \$913,000 in additional property taxes from this Project to Orange County government during the course of local financial support for this project, and also approximately \$885,000 in additional property taxes during this period to other jurisdictions such as Orange County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, other Siemens corporate entities employ almost 5,000 persons locally, and the location of Siemens Shared Services in Orange County would contribute to the strength and viability of these other Siemens entities; and

WHEREAS, competition for this Project exists outside of Florida; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida, hereby recommends that the State of Florida Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development approve Siemens as a "qualified applicant" under the QTI Program.

Section 2. Subject to the terms of this Resolution, the Board hereby agrees to pay up to but not exceeding \$367,800 as the "local financial support" required under the QTI Program. Such amount shall be payable to the Economic Development Incentives Account within the Economic Development Trust Fund as specified herein.

Section 3. The County's promise to pay the amounts specified in this Resolution is contingent upon (i) appropriation by the Board in each applicable year authorizing payment of the revenues hereunder, (ii) Siemens receiving the designation as a "qualified applicant" in connection with the QTI program, (iii) on an annual basis, award by the State of Florida of tax refunds under the QTI program, and (iv) receipt by Orange County from Siemens of property taxes which equal or exceed the amount of "local financial support" payment for each relevant fiscal year as outlined in Section 4 below.

Section 4. Unless provided otherwise in this Resolution, the County shall pay the "local financial support" in the following amounts:

FY 2004-2005	\$ 36,600
FY 2005-2006	\$ 67,500
FY 2006-2007	\$ 91,950
FY 2007-2008	\$ 91,950
FY 2008-2009	\$ 55,350
FY 2009-2010	\$ 24,450
Total	<u>\$ 367,800</u>

Such sums shall be paid from any legally available source or sources of revenue other than those specified in the QTI Program (or rules promulgated thereunder) as being ineligible for such purpose.

Section 5. In the event Siemens is approved by the State of Florida for tax refunds in an amount less than the \$1,839,000 requested, the local financial support to be paid by the County shall be proportionately reduced so that at no time will the County contribution exceed twenty percent (20%) of the annual tax refund awarded to Siemens under the QTI Program.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect upon receipt by the County of evidence that Siemens has been approved as a "qualified applicant" and has become eligible for tax refunds under the QTI program, as described herein.

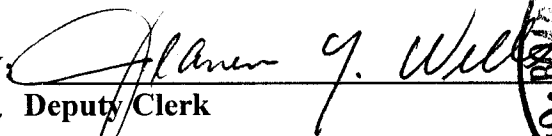
ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2001.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: 

Richard T. Crotty
County Chairman

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, County Comptroller
As Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

BY: 
ant. Deputy Clerk

