

RESOLUTION
of the
**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**
regarding
DME CORPORATION
QUALIFIED DEFENSE CONTRACTOR TAX REFUND

Resolution No. 2007-M-14

PREMISES

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature enacted Florida Statutes Section 288.1045, creating the Qualified Defense Contractor Tax Refund Program (“QDC Program”); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the QDC Program is to preserve and grow Florida’s high technology employment base, and give Florida a competitive edge as defense contractors consolidate contracts, acquire new contracts, and convert to commercial production; and

WHEREAS, DME Corporation (“DME”), headquartered in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, is a defense contractor and provides the aviation and defense industries with safety, simulation, and test solutions; and

WHEREAS, DME established an Orlando Division in Orange County in 1990, which is now located at 12889 Ingenuity Drive in the Central Florida Research Park in unincorporated Orange County; and

WHEREAS, DME’s Orlando Division, both as a primary contractor and a subcontractor, designs and supports complex electronic systems integrating high-tech equipment and sophisticated software, and is a leader in the development of synthetic instrumentation, which represents the next generation of electronics and communications testing; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of DME to maintain and expand its operations in Orange County rather than elsewhere, which would represent the retention of one hundred sixty-eight (168) high-wage jobs and the creation of fifty-one (51) new high-wage jobs; and

WHEREAS, the new jobs to be created will pay an average salary of at least \$74,758 per year, which is twice the prevailing average annual salary of \$37,379 in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, DME anticipates that the new jobs to be created will include approximately seven (7) management and administrative positions, twenty-two (22) engineering positions, eight (8) production positions, two (2) sales and marketing positions, and twelve (12) engineering

support and program management positions, and also anticipates that the average salary within each of these categories will be above the prevailing average salary in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, DME anticipates that new jobs will be created according to the following schedule: eleven (11) jobs by December 31, 2007; twenty-one (21) jobs by December 31, 2008; and nineteen (19) jobs by December 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, DME has applied to the Executive Office of the Governor, Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for approval as a qualified QDC Program applicant, and has applied for \$1,095,000 in tax refunds from the State of Florida under the QDC Program, representing \$5,000 per job retained and created; and

WHEREAS, in order for DME to be approved as a “qualified applicant” under the QDC Program, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners must adopt a resolution recommending the approval of DME as a “qualified applicant,” and committing “local financial support” in an amount equal to 20% of the total tax refund up to but not exceeding a total of \$219,000 over the course of DME’s eligibility as a “qualified applicant”; and

WHEREAS, DME’s presence and growth in Orange County is important to maintaining Florida’s as well as Central Florida’s competitive position in the modeling, simulation, and training industry; and

WHEREAS, competition for DME exists outside of Florida, and financial incentives are necessary to ensure that DME stays and grows in Orange County.

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 DME as a “qualified applicant” under the QDC Program.

Section 2. Subject to the terms of this Resolution, the Board hereby approves payments up to, but not exceeding, two hundred nineteen thousand dollars (\$219,000) as the “local financial support” required under the QDC Program. Such amount shall be payable to the Economic Development Incentives Account within the Economic Development Trust Fund as specified herein.

Section 3. The Board’s promise to pay the amount specified in this Resolution is contingent upon (i) appropriation by the Board in each applicable year authorizing payment of the revenues hereunder, (ii) DME receiving the designation as a “qualified applicant” in connection with the QDC program, and (iii) on an annual basis, award by the State of Florida of tax refunds under the QDC program.

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

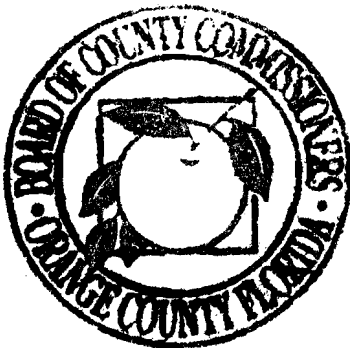
FY 2008-2009	\$ 44,750
FY 2009-2010	\$ 50,000
FY 2010-2011	\$ 54,750
FY 2011-2012	\$ 54,750
FY 2012-2013	\$ 10,000
FY 2013-2014	\$ 4,750
Total	<u>\$219,000</u>

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

Section 5. In the event DME is approved by the State of Florida for tax refunds in an amount less than the \$1,095,000 requested, the “local financial support” to be paid by the County to the Economic Development Incentives Account shall be proportionately reduced so that at no time will the County contribution exceed twenty percent (20%) of the annual tax refund awarded to DME under the QDC Program.

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


ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF MAY 2007.



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

BY: Richard T. Crotty
Richard T. Crotty
County Mayor

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

BY: for 
Deputy Clerk