



First Coast  
**Technology Park**  
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Dr. Cheryl L. Brown, Director/Council Secretary  
Jacksonville City Council  
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Re: Annual Report for the Duval County Research and Development Authority

The Duval County Research and Development Authority (DCRA) has been inactive this past year. In 2015, the DCRDA voted to accept an offer by the University of North Florida to purchase the remaining undeveloped land in the First Coast Technology Park, and is waiting on the university to get a legislative appropriation to finalize the purchase. Typically, the DCRDA meets as needed and at least once each year. A meeting is planned for the fall 2017.

Current members of the DCRDA include Henry Luke, Steven R. Merten, and Julie A. Dion. The DCRDA has two vacancies created by the expiration on October 17, 2016 of the terms of James E. Cobb and Marcia Parker Tjoflat.

Despite the inactivity of the DCRDA during the past year, the authority has always functioned effectively. When called upon, the members attend meetings, participate actively in discussions of new business, and take very seriously their responsibility to manage the property in the First Coast Technology Park. I am confident that this high level of commitment will continue in the future. Maintenance of the property and required environmental inspections are managed by the University of North Florida, at no cost to the DCRDA.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Earle C. Traynham  
Executive Director

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