



# **Alachua County**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

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May 15, 2020

Russell W. Blount III Chief, Technical Services Branch  
Real Estate Division  
USACE, Mobile District

Dear Mr. Blount,

I, Robert Hutchinson, as Chair of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, am empowered to issue this letter of intent to the United States Army on the conveyance of all of the County's rights, title and interest to 103.47± acres of the Fairgrounds Redevelopment Area (parcels 08192-009-000 and 08192-010-000), as more particularly described in the legal description of the parcels attached hereto as Exhibit 1, on the conditions set forth herein. A final decision on this matter will occur at the Board's first regular meeting in July 2020.

The property has an approximate total value of \$1,640,000.00. If approved by the Board in July, the County would convey its rights, title, and interests in the property to the Army for the sale price of \$0.00. The County believes that it is in the public interest to do so because the US Army Reserve's Equipment Concentration Site would bring employment opportunities for our citizens and would enhance our disaster preparedness.

The County's offer is made subject to the following conditions: (1) if the US Army Reserve does not build an Equipment Concentration Site on the property within three years from the date of this letter, Alachua County would have the right to terminate the United States' ownership of the property, at Alachua County's sole option, at which time the ownership of the property would revert to Alachua County; and (2) if the Equipment Concentration Site is built and the US Army Reserve ever ceases operational use of the property as an Equipment Concentration Site for a period of 365 consecutive calendar days, then Alachua County would have the right to terminate the United States' ownership of the property, at Alachua County's sole option, at which time the ownership of the property and all improvements thereon would revert to Alachua County.

I understand that the Army will make no public announcement of this letter of intent or in any other way endorse Alachua County. Furthermore, I understand that Alachua County will receive no special privileges, concessions, or consideration from the Army upon acceptance of the property.

My point of contact for this project is Sean McLendon, 352 548 3765, [smclendon@alachuacounty.us](mailto:smclendon@alachuacounty.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "Robert Hutchinson", with a stylized, cursive script.

Robert Hutchinson  
Chr20.052

CC: Board of County Commissioners  
Michele L. Lieberman, County Manager  
Sylvia Torres, County Attorney  
Sean McLendon, Strategic Initiatives Manager