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Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce Announces Support for State Economic Development and Tourism Programs

Chamber supports key state agencies needed to help diversify and expand the economy in Northwest Florida

Pensacola, Fla.-February 21, 2017- Today, the Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce announced its support for the continued funding of Enterprise Florida, the Small Business Development Center Network and VISIT Florida.

"The Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce strongly believes the state must continue to fund initiatives that support diversifying our economy and attract businesses and jobs to Florida," stated Todd Thomson, Vice President of Public Affairs for the Chamber. "We have unique challenges in Northwest Florida and believe that the elimination of these programs would dramatically hinder future progress in our region."

The Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce is encouraged by the announcement that the House will now fund VISIT Florida with at least \$25 million this year. The Chamber hopes that there is similar movement on the economic development bill that is working its way through the House as well.

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About the Greater Pensacola Chamber

Founded in 1889, the Greater Pensacola Chamber is driven to create a climate of growth and success, to ensure economic prosperity and to enhance the quality of life in Greater Pensacola. The Pensacola Chamber Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, oversees Leadership Pensacola and completed Vision 2015, a five-year plan for job creation that brought more than 8,000 jobs to the area within three years. These initiatives take a strategic approach to regional growth and community building with the goal of building a healthier, better-educated workforce; continuing to advance the region's economic positioning; and improving community infrastructure. For additional information, please visit www.pensacolachamber.com, facebook.com/pensacolachamber, linkedin.com/company/greaterpensacolachamber or follow [@pcolachamber](https://twitter.com/pcolachamber).