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STATEMENT OF STRATEGIC ALLIANCE Okefenokee Swamp Park, Inc. and Coastal Pines Technical College Education & Training Alliance

The Okefenokee Swamp Park, Inc., a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization located in Waycross, Georgia, seeks to establish a strategic alliance with Coastal Pines Technical College, a public higher education institution with instructional sites in Alma, Baxley, Brunswick, Hazlehurst, Jesup, Kingsland and Waycross. Each shares an educational mission:

“Coastal Pines Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, is a multi-campus, two-year college in Southeast Georgia that supports the workforce development and lifelong learning needs of communities, businesses, and industries. Through traditional and distance delivery formats, the learner-centered College offers associate degree, diploma, and technical certificate programs; continuing education opportunities; adult education services; and customized training for economic advancement.”

“The mission of the Okefenokee Swamp Park is to promote ecological tourism and education by providing a convenient point of entry into the Okefenokee offering an authentic opportunity for learning about the wildlife, culture and natural beauty of the “Land of the Trembling Earth”

This statement of strategic alliance identifies the roles and responsibilities of the parties in development of an education and training alliance that will define a more formal business relationship between the parties. Nothing in this agreement is intended to create rights and/or obligations to third parties or persons.

Vision

The Okefenokee Swamp Park, Inc. and Coastal Pines Technical College Education & Training Alliance is poised to contribute to the City of Waycross and surrounding communities, the Technical College System of Georgia, Coastal Pines Technical College students, and Okefenokee Swamp Park visitors.

The Okefenokee Swamp Park, Inc. and Coastal Pines Technical College Education & Training Alliance will offer training necessary to respond to the needs of the community as well as state, national, and international markets.

This vision is understood by both parties to be a potential driving force to successfully accomplish its mission.

Mission

The mission of the Okefenokee Swamp Park, Inc. and Coastal Pines Technical College Education & Training Alliance is to bring together available local intellectual, financial, and educational resources capable of achieving the outcomes set forth in its vision statement.

The mission's overview consists of:

- Partnering with educational institutions, business entities, and state agencies for educational development;
- Providing networking and other social opportunities for local workforce development concerns;
- Pursuing funding opportunities from business, industry, and government that will help to further the Okefenokee Swamp Park and Coastal Pines Technical College Education & Training Alliance mission.

Purpose & Scope

It is the parties' intent that the training alliance efforts will foster multiple uses for professional skills enhancement development, educational purposes, and workforce development. The alliance activities include, but are not limited to, the following programs and activities:

Faculty & Staff – The alliance will be a concerted effort to utilize both parties' faculty and staff in a productive manner in alignment with the alliance mission and purpose.

Training & Facilities – The alliance will create partnership arrangements with Coastal Pines Technical College and the Okefenokee Swamp Park in order to provide relevant work-based learning opportunities for the College's students and community workers. Customer support, entrepreneurial training, small business development, and other areas will be explored for possible projects.

Responsibilities

Each party is responsible for providing input into development of the alliance based on its respective areas of expertise.

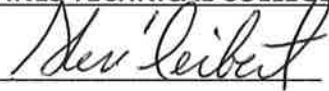
Termination

This agreement shall remain in effect until terminated by either or both parties. Both parties agree that neither party has nor will have any financial or other support obligations to the business entity other than as set forth above or later agreed to in writing. Should either party choose to terminate its involvement in the alliance or future business partnership endeavors after fulfilling its commitments set forth in the Agreement, it shall do so in a manner to avoid disruption of existing activities and in such event shall have no further liability to the alliance or the other party.

August 12, 2014

Agreed to and executed the 12 day of August, 2014 in the city of Waycross, Georgia.

COASTAL PINES TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Signature 

Glenn Deibert, EdD, President

OKEFENOKEE SWAMP PARK, Inc.

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William Clark, MD, Chairman, Board of Trustees