Memorandum



DATE October 31, 2014

Members of the Economic Development Committee:
Tennell Atkins (Chair), Rick Callahan (Vice Chair), Adam Medrano, Scott Griggs, Lee Kleinman, Jerry R. Allen

SUBJECT WWF Operating Company (WhiteWave Foods) – Council Agenda November 12, 2014

BACKGROUND

On Wednesday, November 12, 2014, City Council will be asked to consider an economic development grant in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for WWF Operating Company (WhiteWave Foods). For the past several months, City staff has been in discussions with WhiteWave Foods regarding a potential expansion of its facility located at 3333 Dan Morton Drive in Dallas. The proposed expansion would result in approximately \$38,000,000 in real property improvements and the installation of approximately \$100,000,000 in new equipment and other business personal property over the next three years.

WhiteWave Foods opened its facility in the Spring/Summer of 2011, with the City providing a ten-year, 90 percent business personal property tax abatement. In consideration of the incentives offered in 2011, WhiteWave Foods invested a minimum of \$85,000,000 in real property and business personal property improvements at the facility. WhiteWave Foods exceeded all requirements of that incentive agreement with over \$200,000,000 invested.

In order to support this expansion in Dallas, WhiteWave Foods requests council consideration of an Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$300,000. The incentive will help offset necessary sanitary sewer improvements required to expand at the site.

In consideration of the proposed economic development grant, WhiteWave Foods will:

1) Invest a minimum of \$30,000,000 in real property improvements and other related project costs such as design, engineering, architects, etc. by December 31, 2016, 2) invest a minimum of \$90,000,000 in business personal property by December 31, 2016 and 3) create a minimum 85 additional jobs onsite (reaching a total of 310)

This project conforms to the Public Private Program Guidelines and Criteria in that it involves an investment of over \$1,000,000 and involves the creation of more than 25 jobs at this Southern Dallas location. The 10-year net fiscal impact of this project is \$2,170,339. The 20-year net fiscal impact of this project is \$12,308,386.

WWF Operating Company (WhiteWave Foods): Economic Development Grant

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Council District: 3

<u>Owner</u>

WWF Operating Company Joe Sklenar – Controller

Staff

J. Hammond Perot, Assistant Director Christopher O'Brien, Sr. Coordinator

Staff recommends approval of the subject item. Please contact me if you have any questions at 214-670-3296.

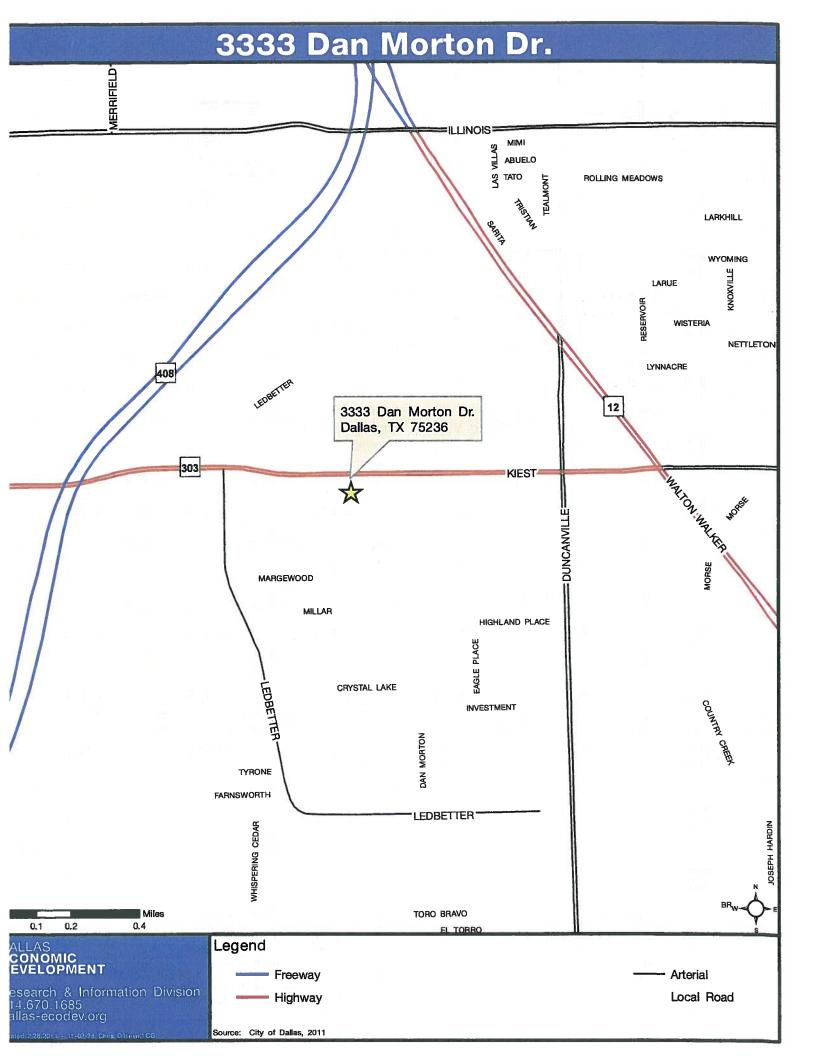
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UBLECT One year renewal to a service contract with United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, Inc. for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA)

Total amount:

\$100,000 Cost consideration to the City

Fundina:

Current Funds (subject to appropriations)

BACKGROUND

On Wednesday, November 12, 2014, City Council will be asked to consider a one year renewal to a service contract with United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, Inc. to allow for continued administration of a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

This will allow for the continued administration of the VITA program that assists low and moderate income families and individuals in Dallas with tax preparation and directs filers to providers of financial education. Qualifying individuals and families are provided free tax preparation assistance and information to determine qualifications to receive Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC). It is estimated that nationally, only 20% of eligible households file for the EITC which could result in up to \$4,000 of additional income for the filer.

Council previously authorized a one year contract with United Way for an amount of \$100,000 with a one year renewal option. Under this contract, United Way prepared 7,081 Tax Returns at six VITA sites in the city. Of the Returns filed, 1,766 received EITC for an average of \$2,040. Tax preparation season for 2015 begins January 1st and ends April 15th. One additional VITA site is planned.

United Way projects that they will provide assistance to 8,515 Dallas families and individuals during the 2015 tax season. The number of EITC returns prepared through VITA sites is expected to be 2,593. As additional resources are identified, the number of VITA sites will be increased with the expectation that the EITC numbers for filers at VITA sites will increase. Payment for services is contingent upon reaching the projections.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (214) 670-3314.

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