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Tampa Hillsborough EDC Welcomes New Talent to its Team

(Tampa, FL) – Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation is pleased to announce the addition of two new employees. Phyllis Fleming joins the staff as Business Outreach Coordinator and Sigrid Volko, Ph.D., CLP™, is the new Project Manager, Biosciences. EDC President and CEO Keith Norden says increased funding from private sector investors has given THEDC the ability to add two critical positions to the EDC team. “Sigrid Volko’s background as a scientist is complemented by the professional relationships she’s developed over the years and will go far in growing our bio/life sciences targeted sector. Additionally, Phyllis Fleming has a working relationship with a number of our strategic partners. Her familiarity with the area and its resources will be a focal point of the EDC’s business outreach program to help grow and appreciate our existing business base,” said Norden.

Phyllis Fleming brings more than 10 years experience in business and community development within the Tampa Bay area. “I have been honored to have worked with many of the Tampa Hillsborough EDC’s leadership and appreciate the opportunity the EDC is giving me to continue those working relationships to enhance our business climate,” said Fleming. She received her undergraduate degree in Legal Studies from The University of Central Florida and her Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Troy State at its satellite campus at MacDill Air Force Base.

Sigrid Volko’s accomplishments include a 12 year successful track record in technology commercialization, most recently with The John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. “I am excited about the opportunity to utilize my background and experience in the biosciences field to contribute to the transformation of the Tampa Bay area into a widely recognized life sciences hub,” said Volko. She received a B.A. in Biology from The University of Vienna, Austria and a PH.D. in Molecular Genetics from The University of Basel, Switzerland. Volko also completed coursework in Financial Accounting and Marketing Management from Harvard Extension School, Boston, Massachusetts.

About Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation

Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation is officially recognized by Enterprise Florida as Hillsborough County’s primary economic development team in partnership with Hillsborough County and the cities of Tampa, Plant City and Temple Terrace and private Investors. Its primary mission is to create jobs that pay above average wages and to broaden the tax base by generating new, sustainable capital investment.

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