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Mr. Martin P. Black
Chairman
West Villages Improvement District
19503 South Villages Parkway #14
Venice, FL 34293

Re: Contingent Certification of the West Villages Improvement District's Spring Training Facility

Dear Mr. Black:

The West Villages Improvement District (WVID) submitted an application for certification under section 288.11631, Florida Statutes (F.S.), to the Florida Sports Foundation (FSF) for initial review and evaluation. On June 16, 2017, Scott Fennell, Chief Operating Officer of Enterprise Florida, Inc. delivered the application to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and stated that the WVID's application included the required documents and met statutory requirements for funding as specified under section 212.20(6)(d)6.e., F.S.

Based on DEO's review of the documentation submitted, DEO has determined that the WVID is eligible to receive funding in the amount of \$83,333.00 monthly, for a period not to exceed 20 years, contingent on the full and proper execution of the Addendum to the agreements referenced and described in the recitals of that Addendum (namely, the Non-Relocation Agreement, Facility Operating Agreement, Interlocal Agreement Regarding Spring Training Stadium Financing Obligations, and the Interlocal Agreement by ad between Sarasota County and WVID) by all parties thereto. A copy of the Addendum is attached hereto for ease of reference. Once a certified copy of the executed document is provided to DEO, DEO will notify the WVID and the Department of Revenue of the County's final certification.

Receipt of funds is also contingent on the WVID entering into an agreement with DEO, as required by subsection 288.11631(2)(c), F.S. We look forward to working with you on the agreement.

If you have any questions concerning this letter please contact Katherine Morrison, Deputy Director of Partnership Engagement, Division of Strategic Business Development at (850) 717-8973.

Sincerely,

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Director, Strategic Business Development

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cc: Leon M. Biegalski, Florida Department of Revenue
Angela Suggs, Florida Sports Foundation

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