

Resolution authorizing a Workforce Innovation Training Grant agreement with Exel, Inc. and Exel Freight Connect, Inc. to provide employee training as part of the company's commitment to expand its operations in Franklin County. (Economic Development & Planning) (\$30,000)

WHEREAS, the County desires to develop and promote plans, programs, and financing strategies to assure that economic growth is properly balanced and coordinated with that of the State of Ohio, the federal government and other local governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, Exel Freight Connect will create new operations at 226 N. 5th St., Suite 400, Columbus, OH 43215 leading to the hiring of 117 new employees; the creation of approximately \$7,220,000 million in payroll; and an initial investment of approximately \$524,000 in real property; and

WHEREAS, due to Exel Freight Connects' commitment to expand its operations in Franklin County, pursue new and innovative training, research and products within their industry, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 307.07 B (5) of the Ohio Revised Code, the County desires to provide employment and training opportunities benefitting the citizens of Franklin County and to support Exel Freight Connect by offering a Workforce Innovation Training Grant (WITG) pursuant to the terms outlined in the attached Grant Agreement;

WHEREAS, the WITG is a reimbursable grant for training provided by Exel Freight to its employees over a (3) three year period beginning April 1st, 2014 through December 31st, 2016; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

1. That a WITG Agreement between Exel, Inc. and Exel Freight Connect, Inc. and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the period of April 1st, 2014 through December 31st, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 is hereby approved.

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