

# SMART START PALM BEACH

*Digging into Economic Development*



## EXPEDITED PERMITTING

The newest incentive for companies expanding in  
or moving to Palm Beach County, Florida

### WHAT IS IT?

Expedited permitting encourages new businesses to relocate in Palm Beach County and existing companies to expand their operations by assisting qualified building projects with a coordinated and fast-tracked permitting process.

### WHERE IS IT AVAILABLE?

Palm Beach County Planning Zoning and Building Department makes expedited permitting available to qualified businesses. In addition, these cities have adopted expedited permitting initiatives: Jupiter, Palm Beach Gardens, West Palm Beach, Boynton Beach, Greenacres, Delray Beach, Boca Raton, Royal Palm Beach, Wellington, Mangonia Park and Lake Worth.

### WHO QUALIFIES?

Expedited permitting language varies from city to city within Palm Beach County. Generally, expedited permitting guidelines are aimed at businesses that fall into certain targeted industry clusters; the business must demonstrate the capability to create a certain number of full-time positions within a timeframe and new employment positions shall be value-added employment based on the average salary paid by the employer; the business shall submit financial information to the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County to establish solvency and status as an ongoing business prior to acceptance into the program. Once the criteria are met, and a recommendation to expedite is made by the BDB, the County or municipality will designate a staff member to serve as the liaison to work with the applicant through the development application and permitting process.

### WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Contact: Business Development Board of Palm Beach County  
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