

**PROPOSAL TO REQUEST DESIGNATION OF A ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE FIRE TRAINING SPECIAL PURPOSE CENTER IN CLEARWATER, FLORIDA**

In accordance with Section 1001.02(7)(e) Florida Statutes, and State Board of Education Rule 6A-14.0061, Florida Administrative Code, Campus, Center, Special Purpose Center and Instructional Site Designations, the St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees desires to establish a new special purpose center for its Fire Training Facility.

The Fire Training Facility is located at the northwest corner of 126<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and 49<sup>th</sup> Street North in Clearwater, Florida. The College has leased the property from Pinellas County (who built the facility), for one dollar (\$1) per year, with the obligation to provide specialized fire training to meet local and state requirements, and to maintain the property.

The College has a perpetual 40-year lease with Pinellas County and the special purpose center designation will allow the use of Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) funds to provide sufficient maintenance.

The nature of the services to be provided, and the corresponding safety implications, makes this site a perfect fit for a separate special purpose center designation.