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**Gadsden County Development Council and Four Star Freightliner
Break Ground on Gadsden County Location**

Midway, FL (January 24, 2017) – The Gadsden County Development Council (GCDC) is proud to welcome Four Star Freightliner to the community as Gadsden County's newest business partner. Four Star Freightliner, a leading heavy and medium duty truck dealer of Freightliner, FUSO and Western Star brand trucks for both highway and vocational use, has chosen a greenfield build-to-suit solution for their 25,000-square-foot sales and service operations in Midway, FL. The \$2.5 million capital investment brings 18 employees to Gadsden County and allows for an additional 10 jobs at an average wage of \$50,000. Governor Rick Scott said, "It's great to see companies like Four Star Freightliner succeed in our state. This new facility will positively impact the Gadsden County community and create more jobs for families. We are doing everything we can to make Florida competitive for jobs, especially in rural communities. I look forward to many more years of success and growth for Four Star Freightliner in our state."

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners Chairperson Sherrie Taylor stated, "Economic growth and development is one of our major priorities. Our Economic Development Team, my fellow commissioners, the Gadsden County Development Council and the Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce are all doing a yeoman's job. Thanks to them, we now have a Four-Star Freightliner breaking ground in this County. This is the type of growth we need, attracting companies that offer well-paying jobs with great benefits. My hope is that this Groundbreaking is the start of many more to come for this county."

A key component to the successful expansion of Four Star Freightliner is the Florida Rural Infrastructure Fund. Gadsden County was awarded \$387,585 in competitive funds to extend water, wastewater and electric utilities provided by Talquin Electric Cooperative to the chosen site including a newly constructed public road. "We are grateful that we have found the perfect location along Interstate 10 in Gadsden County for our dealership," said Jerry Kocan, Dealer Principal. "The Gadsden County Development Council has been a true partner every step of the way. The cooperation between the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Gadsden County and the Gadsden County Development Council made it possible for us to make this investment in the city of Midway."

This is the fourth major project announcement the GCDC has supported since 2014 and the first greenfield project site since the City of Gretna broke ground on Creek Entertainment Gretna in 2011. Jim McShane, GCDC Chairman stated, "Gadsden County is centered along the I-10 Manufacturing, Distribution and Logistics Corridor of Florida. Fourteen thousand vehicles a day traverse I-10 in our county. This will only increase with the establishment of a Freight Logistics Zone supported by a grant from the Department of Economic Opportunity. Four Star Freightliner will benefit from the transportation advantages of Gadsden County. We are looking forward to the development of the surrounding acreage to bring even more jobs and capital investment to Gadsden County."

About Gadsden County

A Competitive Florida Community, Gadsden County is home to global distributors and manufacturers who depend on our positive business climate and vast transportation network to serve their customers. Our quality of life and mild climate allows residents and visitors to do something original most every day. Our team is here to help you discover all the benefits of the region and find a location that best fits your business. www.GadsdenFLDev.com.