

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
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In a letter dated December 22, 2021, the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) provided clarification related to two sections of the report: (1) Space and Defense Industry Financial Incentives; (2) Military and Defense. DEO also responded to the finding on page fourteen directly involving the Department. This finding states:

"While some military base stakeholders perceived benefits to the grants, DEO and EFI do not have a consolidated needs identification process that would help ensure that the program meets statutory goals."

DEO responded as follows:

"DEO and EFI work closely to ensure that the needs of military communities are supported through their respective grant programs. Further, DEO and EFI are currently engaged in planning and discussions as to the best methods to increase communication and collaboration in the implementation of the respective grant programs."

This response reflects the current status, and DEO will be prepared to provide additional information if needed.