

**FOR 7.24.09 CEDS COMMITTEE MEETING
REGIONAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

Goals	Objectives
Improve education in Northeast Florida.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease drop out rates • Increase graduation rates • Ensure that education curriculum is preparing children for high-tech jobs • Increase school district rankings within the state
Improve and expand infrastructure throughout Northeast Florida.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of 9B • Completion of the "Outer Beltway" • Develop and fund a commuter rail line throughout the region • Increase availability of centralized water and sewer throughout the region • Increase availability of natural gas throughout the region
Create regional employment centers in Northeast Florida.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create regional "megasites" as regional employment centers • Entitle property within regional employment centers to create "shovel ready" properties • Have expedited permitting procedures for development within regional employment centers
Make Northeast Florida conducive for small business success.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the successful development of entrepreneurial companies and small businesses through development of a Northeast Florida <i>business incubator</i> • Increase access to capital for small business • Increase access to shared services • Further relationships with colleges and universities • Ensure that prioritization is given for small-businesses in government contracts
Create a regional land use plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None identified • None identified
Create a full-service community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None identified.
Increase regional awareness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory and market regional assets • Create a regional image • Create a regional marketing effort.