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Commissioner Brenda A. Holt, Chairman
Gadsden County Commission
P.O. Box 1799
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December 19, 2007

Dear Chairman Holt,

Florida A&M University College of Engineering Sciences, Technology and Agriculture land grant programs along with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services have undertaken an ambitious development plan at the Quincy Research and Extension Facility on Highway 267. For the past two years we have worked diligently with Johnson Peterson Architects to develop plans to construct an Animal Science complex on the farm to aid in the implementation of a Veterinary Technology/Veterinary Medicine program. We have completed the plans and renderings for these facilities and hope to begin construction by late spring – early summer 2008.

For the past six months Poole Engineering has worked to acquire the appropriate permits to support the construction project. We understand that obtaining permits for such a construction enterprise is a lengthy process and therefore need your collaborative efforts to move this project forward in Gadsden County.

It is our foresight that a collaborative partnership with the Gadsden County Commission and other units of government would allow us to receive permitting in a timely manner and not delay this project beyond the initial construction dates of late spring – early summer 2008.

Poole Engineering has indicated to us that they have been working with Mr. William McCord, Gadsden County Growth Management Director, to finalize the site plan approval which will allow us to move forward with the construction plan approval permitted by the North West Florida Water Management District and the Gadsden County Public Works.



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The acquisition of the site plan and construction plan approval will let us secure bids and construct the state of the art animal healthcare facility to train students and collaborate with other veterinary science programs in the state and ultimately through out the nation.

Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. James Ammons, President Florida A&M University, we are certainly poised to expand all of our university efforts in the Gadsden County area as we seek to provide more community development efforts to benefit the citizens of the county. You might be aware that as you have uplifted the St. John's community by improving the recreation facilities we have continued our efforts to develop our 262 acre farm adjacent to the recreation area where we hope to also include many of our research projects that will expand our knowledge base in the Gadsden County community.

We need your immediate assistance in helping us through the permitting process (site and construction plan approval) which is currently in the Gadsden County Growth Management office. This approval will allow us to begin construction and decrease the added costs that will occur if the construction project is further delayed. I will be in contact with you by phone to answer any questions that you may have regarding this project and my staff and I would like to share the architectural drawings and renderings that we have developed thus far. I may be reached at (850) 561-2967. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Sincerely,

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