



Dear Regional Business:

On behalf of the Greater Gainesville Chamber and the investors of COLLABORATE 2025, our region's next 5-year community and economic development strategy, thank you for your membership with the Greater Gainesville Chamber.

Our collaborations enable the Greater Gainesville Chamber to accomplish collectively what no business can accomplish alone. With the vision of the COLLABORATE 2025 strategy we will work over the next five years to promote Talent, Opportunity, and Place for the Greater Gainesville Region. COLLABORATE 2025 complements the strategic plans and initiatives already underway with our community partners to propel progress toward prosperity, success and upward mobility throughout our region.

Your business is only able to grow if you have access to a talented workforce who continues to develop their skills to remain competitive and profitable. For this reason, CareerSource North Central Florida partners with the Chamber to facilitate talent recruitment services for area businesses. Through this collaboration, our staff assists companies with recruitment efforts to find your best talent. Some services we offer include:

- Top-notch recruitment tools to enhance your team
- Posting job orders to the state job board ([www.EmployFlorida.com](http://www.EmployFlorida.com))
- Coordinating recruitment events and job fairs
- Access to a youth work experience program that provides 300 hours work experience for young adults (ages 16-24) with barriers to employment (paid for by CareerSource NCFL)
- 50% wage reimbursement for participating in on the job training programs
- Screen qualified applicants
- Provide information on local employment dynamics, labor market statistics, training assistance, and tax credit incentives

The business services representatives also act as intermediaries in helping the business community access information and other resources at the Gainesville Career Center. You will find more information about these offerings in the enclosed packet.

Inquire about services available and support our vision to build a strong region and a better life, together. For more information, call our Director of Workforce Services, Andrea Mender, at (352) 334-7133 or email her at [andrea@gainesvillechamber.com](mailto:andrea@gainesvillechamber.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. L. Godet', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Eric Godet, Sr., President & CEO  
Greater Gainesville Chamber