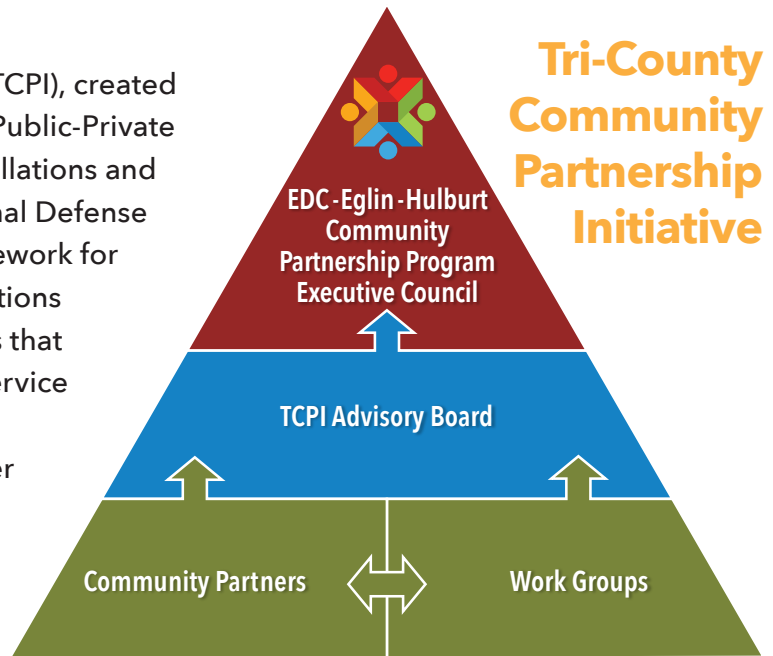




How TCPI Works

The Tri-County Community Partnership Initiative (TCPI), created by the One Okaloosa EDC, fosters Public-Public / Public-Private (P4) partnerships that directly benefit military installations and supporting defense communities. The 2013 National Defense Authorization Act (Section 331) provided the framework for military installations to connect with civic organizations and municipalities, specifically to identify solutions that reduce installation operating costs and increase service capabilities. To that end, the TCPI brings together collaborative community and military efforts, under a well-defined and sustainable banner, uniquely focused on the enhancement of its military installations, their missions, and the surrounding defense communities.



Stakeholder Involvement

How do we keep the public engaged?

Regularly recurring in-person meetings serve as the heartbeat that keep our efforts flourishing.



Military. Commitment from the highest levels of leadership ensure that opportunities are met with action.



Public Sector. Civic involvement bridges the gap between the installations and their defense communities.



Private Sector. Centers of thriving innovation fuel problem-solving, creative solutions, and swift responses.

Tools For Success



Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) - A partnership between the DOD and public entities or private developers to create mutually beneficial commercial projects on non-excess DOD real estate.



Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement (MOU/MOA) - A bilateral or multilateral agreement between two or more parties. It expresses a convergence of will between the parties, indicating an intended common line of action.



NDAA Section 331 - Legislative authority allowing the DOD to enter into an IGSA with state or local governments for the procurement of installation support services.



Outgrant - A grant of interest or right to use government real property by a lease, easement, license, or permit.



Utility Service Contracts - Tools to help federal facilities contract for a broad array of energy conservation, renewable energy, and metering services from local utilities.

Enhanced Work Groups

The success of TCPI is rooted in the organization's ability to refine Work Groups as needed to address emergent requirements. These tailored Work Groups, augmented by ad hoc Task Forces, are led by volunteer stakeholders and chartered to be results driven. Once an issue has been resolved (or no further advancements can be made), a Work Group can be retired. This dynamic management model ensures the TCPI stays focused on the most important issues facing our defense communities.

Our current Work Group focus areas include...

Quality of Life:

Programs and initiatives focused on housing, childcare, healthcare, recreation, social belonging

Infrastructure:

Programs and initiatives designed to enhance levels of service and address needs of installations and communities

Education Training:

Programs and initiatives intended to ease the challenges of military transition and enhance the local workforce

Program Support

Success Through Engagement

TCPI is supported by an all-volunteer Advisory Board with representatives from local government, utility companies, financial specialists, educational institutions, military liaisons, healthcare executives, real property experts, chambers of commerce, and a host of others. This unique yet comprehensive blend of committed and passionate advocates, influencers, and leaders provide the vital framework necessary to maximize partnership opportunities. The resulting collaboration is far greater than the sum of its parts, yielding tangible and innovative solutions to an assortment of complex challenges and opportunities.



Nathan Sparks (left), One Okaloosa EDC; Brig. Gen. Scott Cain (middle), 96th Test Wing commander; Col. Jocelyn Schermerhorn (right), 1st Special Operations Wing commander pen their signatures to a community partnership charter at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville, FL (U.S. Air Force photo/Ilka Cole)

Why Our Program Works

Florida and the Tri-County region are blessed to be home to Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field, Duke Field, and exceptional defense communities that provide benchmark support to military missions. Recognizing installations often have challenges advancing community partnership initiatives due to manpower, funding, or regulatory obstacles, the TCPI program exists to assist in finding innovative solutions for their pressing challenges. The TCPI conducts numerous community engagement events instrumental in facilitating, educating, and connecting local governments and community leaders. This focused engagement drives the high-level involvement necessary to keep P4 successes moving forward. The TCPI's goal is simple – build a strong foundation upon which partnerships can be institutionalized and thrive.



We're Always Looking for New Ideas

One Okaloosa EDC actively seeks new ideas and best practices that will help create win-win scenarios for our military installations and communities. We consider everyone a stakeholder in this process, whether they represent the DOD, local governments, public organizations, or private entities. This partnership program is an opportunity for creative solutions, asset optimization, and new relationships all working towards enhancing our military community.

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