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Putnam County Recognized for Costs Savings as the Statewide County of the Quarter

*The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) honors Putnam for
outstanding participation in the FAC Business Solutions Program*

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Putnam County was recently named County of the Quarter by the [Florida Association of Counties](#) (FAC) for its active engagement in the [FAC Business Solutions Program](#). Putnam County leverages seven out of eleven available programs to meet its need for services ranging from liability to employee benefits.

“For rural counties like Putnam County, FAC is the backbone of our organization,” said District 4 Commissioner Larry Harvey. “When we throw more on staff each day, they have to drop something to pick that up. FAC is bringing those business solutions to Putnam County in a way that we can use them without having to spend all of our time in the procurement process. We can go and use services that have been vetted or used by another county.”

Commissioner Harvey cites buying power and cost savings as driving forces for their participation in the FAC Business Solutions Program. Programs like the Florida Sheriffs Association Cooperative Purchasing Program are able to offer deep discounts to public agencies by leveraging the buying power of all 67 Florida counties. This gives Putnam County the ability to purchase from a wide range of service vehicles at a significantly reduced price.

Commissioner Harvey also serves as the vice chair for the Florida Association of Counties Trust (FACT), a pooled risk-sharing program. Made up of a limited number of members, “[FACT] gives us the flexibility to look at trends and move quickly to protect small counties,” says Commissioner Harvey. “To me, that is one of the biggest things our county benefits from as a member of the Florida Association of Counties.”

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“Our Business Solutions Program is designed to be accessible to all counties, big or small,” explains FAC Executive Director Virginia DeLegal. “We continually evaluate the effectiveness of programs and survey members about their needs. What makes these solutions valuable for local government is that our partners understand the operations and constraints of Florida counties.”

For more information about the Florida Association of Counties and FAC Business Solutions Program, visit fl-counties.com/fac-programs.

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About the Florida Association of Counties

For more than 85 years, the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) has represented the diverse interests of Florida’s counties. FAC is the only association representing all 67 Florida counties – bringing together the collective experience and knowledge of 377 county commissioners and the support of thousands of county professional staff. Through FAC, counties are better able to serve not only their communities but the entire state of Florida.