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Liberty County Named County of the Quarter for Commitment to Cost Savings

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

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Liberty County was recently named County of the Quarter by the <u>Florida Association of Counties</u> (FAC) for its active engagement in the FAC <u>Business Solutions Program</u>. Liberty County leverages six out of eleven available business solutions designed to provide local governments with cost-effective services, ranging from liability and insurance coverage to employee benefits.

These solutions are especially advantageous to smaller rural counties like Liberty. By participating in the FAC Business Solutions Program, counties reduce the amount of upfront staff time required in the procurement process. This is because the business solutions have been vetted by FAC, used by other Florida counties, and, in some cases, created by the counties themselves.

County-created solutions include the Florida Association of Counties Trust (FACT), a pooled risk-sharing program used by Liberty and other Florida counties to protect against liability and its associated costs. FACT offers an unparalleled level of flexibility to track trends and quickly protect smaller counties.

In an increasingly competitive talent market, Liberty County takes advantage of business solutions to provide sought-after employee benefits at a reduced cost. Solutions like the National Association of Counties LiveHealthy Program and the Nationwide Deferred Compensation Program increase the competitive advantage of Liberty County as an employer without passing costs onto taxpayers.



Liberty County also benefits from significant cost savings through the Florida Sheriffs Association Cooperative Purchasing Program. For 30 years, this program has provided public agencies with exclusive access to a broad selection of service and emergency vehicles by leveraging the collective purchasing power of all 67 Florida counties.

"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 <u>fl-counties.com/fac-programs</u>.

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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.