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Project Abstract – **Sustainable Waterfront Study Center**

A recycled modular structure is placed at the development site as the construction field office. Additional equipment and features are included with the structure to accommodate meeting spaces. The structure may be upgraded to utilize energy and water saving technologies. Space is dedicated for the design and construction review process. Space is dedicated to promote property sales and community education, specific to energy and water conservation.

Space at the study center is available to project teams, community non-profit organizations and regulatory agencies for conservation workshops and design charettes. Workshops are guided by the property owner and TECHBlue Center professionals.

Funds to initiate the process are obtained from the property owner. Matching grants from the local community and environmental funding organizations are itemized and solicited. Business stakeholders, who qualify through product specification and design review, are invited to participate in workshop and public education displays. Participation in the Study Center requires a commitment to Environmental Management System (EMS) guidelines from the owner.

The overall construction budget for the development is not affected with the addition of the Study Center. Standard field office operating budgets are supplemented with non-profit contributions and stakeholder grants for the Study Center, and for environmental education workshops. Example workshop subjects:

- Sustainable Building Process (LEED credits, FLGBC credits)
- Kiosk and Software Applications for Sustainable Buildings
- Waterfront Monitoring and Facility Maintenance Applications
- Waterfront Conservation Technologies

Additional information (Executive Summary, Source and Use of Funds, Description of Current Sites) is available from The TECHBlue Center, P.O. Box 3594, Ponte Vedra, FL 32004, 904.292.9444