

**Victory List**  
**Economic Development Office**  
**FY2007Q3 (April-June, 2007)**

- Director participated in the European Business Council's second business development mission to Germany; and in the Southwest Florida Hispanic Chamber's conference on DR-CAFTA in the Dominican Republic. Both missions generated access to new, global investors.
- During the third quarter, 10 new commercial projects representing 116,136 gross square feet began the permitting process; 109,128 SF of new commercial space received certificates of occupancy; 255 businesses were granted certificates of use; and the Economic Development Office serviced more than 60 ombudsman requests.
- The FGCU Small Business Development Center funded by the Economic Development Office counseled over 120 current and potential business owners and hosted 6 business workshops and seminars.
- The Economic Development Office and the Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce collaborated in the design of a series of seminars on issues of significance to business, ranging from permitting to ADA requirements. The seminars will begin in the fourth fiscal quarter (July-September, 2007).
- The Economic Development Office engaged 5 firms through a global RFP process to conduct 7 research projects and to create the department's first web-based internet parcel/building search capability.
- The City launched the innovative Third-Party Permit Facilitator Program, in which, through agreement with the city, permit review is to be completed by a specific date. The Economic Development Office pays for the facilitator, and is reimbursed by the project developer only when the agreed deadline is met.