#### Thomas A. Harmer, ICMA-CM

#### Background:

Over 26 years of public sector experience in Florida in executive level public administration, public safety, emergency management, community development and redevelopment. This is complemented with over 5 years of senior level private sector experience in real estate development, public- private partnerships, and public real estate and planning consulting.

Formal Education:  Masters of Public Administration, University of Central Florida	2001
Executive Fire Officer, National Fire Academy	1995
B.S. Fire and Safety Engineering Technology, University of Cincinnati Summa cum Laude	1993
Associate of Arts, Florida State University (4.0 GPA)	1983

# <u>Professional Experience:</u> The Pizzuti Companies

2006-Present

Senior Vice President

Responsibilities include overseeing all development and consulting opportunities throughout the Southeast U.S. and managing the day to day operations of the regional office for the company. Pizzuti is a 35+ year national full service private real estate development firm with offices in Columbus, Ohio, Chicago, Illinois, and Orlando, Florida. Previous to appointment as Senior Vice President also served as Senior Director of Public-Private Projects and Vice President of Pizzuti Solutions- the public consulting arm of the company. Currently serving as the project executive for a number of private and public-private development projects including the construction of a new office and research park at Kennedy Space Center, planning of a sustainable downtown mixed use project, owner's representative services for a new county facility, and the expansion of a civilian helicopter school at Space Coast Regional Airport. In 2007 completed the University of Florida's Rinker School of Construction course on "Taking Charge of the Construction Process."

# **University of Central Florida**

2002- Present

Adjunct Instructor

As a part time instructor, I have been teaching evening classes as part of the public administration and emergency management programs each spring and fall semester since 2002. Courses have included Public Governance, Local Government Operations, Homeland Security, and Disaster Response and Recovery.

#### City of Titusville

City Manager 1999-2006
Fire Chief/Emergency Manager 1994-1999

Almost 8 years' experience as the chief executive officer and executive director of the redevelopment agency managing the day to day operations of a full service city. Services were

provided by 535 employees with an annual budget of over \$100 million. Responsible for numerous utility and public works capital projects including the construction and/or renovation of 4 fire stations. Managed a public referendum approved riverfront acquisition program. In 2006 received recognition as Florida League of Cities City Manager of the Year finalist. Also recognized as the longest serving City Manager in the City's history receiving the "Key to the City" upon retirement. In addition, served in board positions with the Economic Development Commission, Civilian Military Association, YMCA, and the United Way.

Prior to appointment as City Manager, served as the Fire Chief and Emergency Manager. In 1999 recognized by the Governor and Cabinet as Florida's Fire Chief of the Year and the National Management Association as Brevard County Manager of the Year. 1998-1999 served as Chair of the Florida Fire Chief Associations Disaster Response Committee providing leadership in a number of State Emergency Operations Center activations. Appointed by the State of Florida to serve as the Deputy Incident Commander for the State's overall response to the impact of Hurricane George in the Florida Keys. In 1998 appointed by Governor Chiles to serve on the Governors Wildfire Response and Mitigation Commission.

### City of Tallahassee, Florida

1983-1994

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Deputy Fire Chief/City Emergency Manager

Responsible for the day to day operations of the Fire Department- a county-wide fire service for Leon County. The response system included 14 fire stations with approximately 250 full time professional firefighters and 5 separate volunteer fire departments. Appointed as City Emergency Manager- Responsible for writing and implementing the City's first Incident Command System based Emergency Management Plan. Involved in the planning and construction of 5 new fire stations in a single year as part of the consolidation of fire rescue response throughout the County. Previous positions held were Fire Fighter, Fire Lieutenant, Fire Captain, and Assistant Chief.

#### **Town of Davie**

1978 - 1981

Firefighter/EMT

Shift Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician. Prior to appointment to Fire Fighter served as a 911 Communications Operator.

## United States Marine Corp/Marine Corps Reserve

1975-1981

Sergeant-Interrogator/Military Intelligence

Parris Island Basic Training, Marine Corps Admin School, and graduate of the Army's Interrogation School. Assignments included Marine Corp Recruiting and activation during the Mariel Boat Lift to serve as an Interrogation Team Leader for the influx of Cuban Refugees into South Florida. Honorable Discharge in 1981.

### **Recent Representative Presentations:**

International Economic Development Council- (national speaker)

Real Estate Development and Reuse

Tampa, Florida (November 2010)

San Diego, California (January 2011)

Florida Redevelopment Association (October 2011)

Corridor Redevelopment

How to Write an RFP Scope of Service