

## **Public Meeting**

### **NORTH OKALOOSA PLANNING STUDY TOWN HALL for RFP REVIEW**

**DATE: AUGUST 29, 2023**  
**LOCATION: CRESTVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**1446 COMMERCE DR**  
**CRESTVIEW, FLORIDA 32539**  
**TIME: 5:01PM**

The Okaloosa County Growth Management Department will hold a public meeting to solicit public input and comment regarding the Scope of Work for a Request for Proposals for the North Okaloosa Planning Study.

The unincorporated area of Okaloosa County north of the Eglin Reservation is subject to intense growth pressure which, in addition to increasing the demands on existing infrastructure and public services, is accelerating the evolution of the area's character from predominantly rural to a more suburban and even urban environment. In order to ensure that future growth and development do not result in problems that are avoidable with sound planning, and to maintain the quality of life enjoyed by citizens who live, work, and recreate in the Study Area, the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners is preparing to seek proposals from qualified contractors to: 1) conduct a detailed and comprehensive analysis of growth in the unincorporated area north of the Eglin Reservation, and 2) develop a report that provides policy guidance and recommended strategies to ensure that future growth does not cause the failure of infrastructure or services, endanger the viability of military missions, result in the loss of valuable natural resources and assets, or encourage the intrusion of incompatible development in existing neighborhoods. It is the County's intention to use the final report resulting from the Study as the basis of substantially updating and revising the Okaloosa County Comprehensive Plan.