

Rapid Web Services

Ready to Grow in Pinellas



When it came time to for [Rapid Web Services, Inc.](#) to choose a location in which to begin operations, Pinellas County, Florida emerged as the company's top choice. Locating in the city of [St. Petersburg](#), Rapid Web Services will create 54 new high-wage jobs over the next three and a half years as it grows. A local capital investment of \$700,000 makes the start-up even more important to the Pinellas economy. "We're excited about the opportunity to be a part of Pinellas County's growing Internet-related technology business cluster. That and the support we received from the city, county and state partnership influenced our decision to position Rapid Web Services here," says John Tuncer, Chief Executive Officer. "Our hope is that additional spin-off companies will result from our expansion efforts, furthering future job creation in the area."

Rapid Web Services has three core business operations: proprietary RapidVector® software used by website designers and developers; retail sales of content driven, custom websites with e-commerce and search engine optimization, and its VeriSign security certificate business. Operating worldwide, Rapid Web Services is the world's leading provider of [Rapid SSL](#) certificates (a VeriSign company), conducting business in 62 countries. Jim Shumate, Chief Operating Officer, shares "We're growing with the Internet; we will be needing software developers, web designers, project managers, marketers and synergistic combinations of Internet skills. We have

plans for exciting new proprietary products which we think will produce even more growth. We definitely need talented people.”

Working with **Pinellas County Economic Development** (PCED), Rapid Web Services took advantage of Florida’s **Qualified Targeted Industry** (QTI) program. Available to new and expanding Florida businesses in targeted, high-growth industries that create new high-paying jobs, the QTI program allows employers to receive tax refunds for every new job created. “Beginning with an initial meeting in 2007, PCED has worked with us, providing the tools and information we need to succeed here in Florida. The QTI is one of a few tools we’ve discussed. It fit our needs well, and we look forward to exploring additional programs down the road,” explains Shumate.

Visit www.rapidvector.com to learn more about Rapid Web Services.

Are you ready to expand your growing business in Pinellas? Call **Pinellas County Economic Development** at (727) 464-7332 to learn about tools and programs designed to help you succeed.