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Karen Stewart is the County Economic Development Official for Manatee County Government. In this role, Karen provides leadership to facilitate economic development and redevelopment projects by linking all County departments and the business community. She manages the performance based incentive program, rapid response permitting, business retention and expansion in the Southwest District and promotes the business-friendly approach in county government.

Since 2009, Economic Development Incentives have been adopted for more than 90 companies with potential to create over 6,000 jobs over the next several years.

Karen has a Master's of Science in Leadership from Nova Southeastern University, is a graduate of Eckerd College and is a Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) through the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). She is a member of the IEDC, Bradenton Area EDC Board of Directors, Manatee Technical College Board of Governors, Urban Land Institute, the Florida Redevelopment Association, Florida Brownfields Association and various local business organizations.