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Board of Governors Subcommittee to Meet with Florida Technology, Research, and Scholarship Board

Tallahassee – The Research and Economic Development Subcommittee of the Board of Governors will hold a joint conference-call meeting January 20, 2009, with the Florida Technology, Research, and Scholarship Board.

The subcommittee, part of the Board of Governor’s Strategic Planning and Academic and System Oversight Committee, and the technology board will hear an update on the special session of the Florida Legislature and will review and discuss the annual report of the 21st Century Enhancement Act programs:

- Centers of Excellence.
- 21st Century Scholars.
- State University Research Commercialization Assistance Grants.

The January 20 conference call will begin at 10 a.m. EST. The dial-in number is (888) 808-6959, and the conference code is 245-0467.

Callers are asked to refrain from putting their phones on hold, so that others on the conference do not hear on-hold music or messages.

The 21st Century Technology, Research, and Scholarship Enhancement Act established the Florida Technology, Research, and Scholarship Board to develop and approve the criteria for Centers of Excellence and to make recommendations regarding Centers of Excellence to the Board of Governors.

The Legislature provided for the establishment of university-based Centers of Excellence to give Florida a clear position of leadership in key emerging technologies with unique potential for economic and societal impact in the years to come.

The Legislature established the 21st Century World Class Scholars Program to provide matching funds to state universities in order to attract nationally recognized faculty in the areas of the sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics.
The State University Research Commercialization Assistance Grant Program was created to foster the commercialization of cutting-edge research.

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