

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
Research and Economic Development Committee
December 6, 2007**

SUBJECT: Energy Update

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Information / Discussion

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution, Section 1001.705

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Governor Duncan wishes to make known to her committee a number of recent actions taken with regard to energy. First, the Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change, created by Executive Order 07-128 to provide a comprehensive plan to address Florida's energy needs, has submitted its first report which consists of findings and recommendations. The Action Team's next step will be to develop a comprehensive plan. On October 29, 2007, Board of Governors staff made a presentation to the Action Team on university capabilities.

Second, the Florida Chamber of Commerce, following extensive discussions with Governor Crist regarding the provision of affordable, reliable, and environmentally responsible energy, is recommending investing \$1 billion over the next 20 years into research and development in alternative and renewable energy technologies.

Third, President Bill Clinton recently announced that the William J. Clinton Foundation has negotiated partnerships between financial institutions, energy-services companies, and manufacturers of energy-efficient appliances to provide \$5-billion in energy-efficiency projects with hopes of reducing colleges' carbon emissions.

Supporting Documentation Included: Action Team Recommendations
November 08, 2007 Florida Chamber Letter
Abridged *Chronicle of Higher Education* Article

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