

**Florida Board of Governors
General Office
2008-2009 Budget**

The base funding for the Board General Office supports the activities of 65 positions to carry out duties associated with Academic Programs, Planning, Research, Information Resource Management, and Budgeting functions.

The following incremental issues are requested:

SREB Increase - Through a compact entered into in 1948 by Florida and other Southern States, the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) was created. The SREB was the nation's first interstate compact for education and assists state leaders by directing attention to key education issues; collecting, compiling and analyzing comparable data; and conducting broad studies and initiating discussions that help states and institutions form long-range plans, actions and policy proposals. Florida's annual membership dues are paid by the BOG office. For 2007-2008, the SREB's dues are \$187,900. SREB has indicated that the membership dues will increase to \$193,550 for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Thus, \$5,650 is requested to cover the increase of Florida's membership in this organization.

Auditor Position - One Senior Auditor to assist the Inspector General in reviewing operational and financial audits at a salary of \$84,500 is requested. Additional funds for expense, operating capital outlay, and human resource services will be requested.

Trust Fund Reduction - This is a technical adjustment that realigns budget authority to the available cash in the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund.