

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
August 9, 2007**

SUBJECT: Criteria and Recommendations Regarding the Centers of Excellence Program

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the criteria and recommendations for improving the Centers of Excellence Program as received from the Florida Technology, Research and Scholarship Board

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 2007 Legislature appropriated \$100 million for what will be the third round of funding for Centers of Excellence. Staff has consulted with various State University System councils, the Florida Research Consortium, and others to produce more refined and explicit criteria for making awards, and to provide recommendations for improving the processes associated with the Centers of Excellence Program.

Per statutory requirement, these recommendations were presented to the Florida Technology, Research, and Scholarship Board on August 8, 2007. The FTRSB, in turn, is required to submit the recommendations to the Board of Governors for approval. Any changes in the requirements as a result of FTRSB's discussion and approval will be shared with the Board of Governors prior to its vote to approve.

The attached document provides revised criteria as well as recommendations with respect to budget parameters, initial institutional review of proposals, numbers of institutional submissions, external review of submissions, institutional contact with boards, board final deliberation, accountability, and timeline.

Supporting Documentation Included: "Recommendations to the Florida Technology, Research, and Scholarship Board And To The Florida Board of Governors Regarding the Centers of Excellence Program"

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