

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
March 29, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Centers of Excellence Accountability Measures

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve Centers of Excellence Accountability Measures

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The 2006 Florida Legislature created the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology, Research, and Scholarship Enhancement Act, a portion of which contained the Centers of Excellence Program to provide Florida with a clear position of leadership in key emerging technology areas with the unique potential for economic and societal impact in the future. For the 2006-07 fiscal year, \$30 million was appropriated for this program. At its November 16, 2006 meeting, the Board of Governors recommended the establishment of six Centers of Excellence and the distribution of the appropriation as follows: USF Florida Center of Excellence in Biomolecular Identification and Targeted Therapeutics (\$8M), FAU Center of Excellence in Ocean Energy Technology (\$5M), UF Florida Institute for Sustainable Energy Technology Incubator (\$4.5M), UCF Florida Photonics Center of Excellence Laser Technology Initiative (\$4.5M), UF Center for Nano-Bio Sensors (\$4M), and the FSU Center of Excellence in Advanced Materials (\$4M). This brings to nine the total number of Centers of Excellence, three having been created by similar legislation in 2002.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century legislation has an expectation that the Centers of Excellence will undergo regular performance monitoring. The attached set of draft accountability measures was developed with input from the SUS Councils of Academic Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents for Research.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** None

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