

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**

**Research and Economic Development Committee
November 16, 2006**

SUBJECT: Centers of Excellence Program

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve awards associated with the 2006 Centers of Excellence Program.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution
House Bill 1237, 2006 Florida Legislature

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

House Bill 1237 created the 21st Century Technology, Research, and Scholarship Enhancement Act, of which the Centers of Excellence Program is one of several embedded programs. The Program provides for the allocation of \$30M for the creation of world class research centers.

The House Bill created the Florida Technology, Research, and Scholarship Board which was charged with making recommendations for Centers of Excellence to the Florida Board of Governors (BOG) via the BOG's Research and Economic Development Committee. The Technology Board received a total of 32 proposals of which 19 gave presentations on November 12th and 13th, 2006. The BOG Committee will receive the Technology Board's recommendations for funding and creating centers from a representative of the Florida Technology, Research, and Scholarship Board.

Supporting Documentation Included: List of 19 Finalists

Facilitators / Presenters: Vice Chancellor LeMon
Representative of the Florida Technology, Research, and
Scholarship Board