

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
August 10, 2006**

SUBJECT: Criteria for the Centers of Excellence Program and the 21st Century World Class Scholars Program

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the Florida Technology, Research, and Scholarship Board's recommendations for criteria for the Centers of Excellence Program and the 21st Century World Class Scholars Program.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Subsection (d) of Section 7 of Article IX of the Constitution of Florida as amended and Section 1004.226 Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 2006 Legislature passed the 21st Century Technology, Research, and Scholarship Enhancement Act. Programs included in the Act include the Centers of Excellence Program and the 21st Century World Class Scholars Program. The Act also creates the Florida Technology, Research, and Scholarship Board which, working within the Board of Governors, is responsible for recommending criteria for both of these programs. The Florida Technology, Research, and Scholarship Board met on August 9, 2006, and approved the recommendations provided with this agenda item. The Florida Technology, Research, and Scholarship Board's recommendations were received and considered by the Board of Governors Economic Development Committee.

Supporting Documentation Included: Recommended Criteria

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