

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
Research and Economic Development Committee Teleconference  
March 6, 2008**

**SUBJECT:** Board of Governors 2008 Legislative Economic Development Agenda

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Discussion

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution, Section 1001.705

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Given the interests of the Office of the Governor, the Florida Legislature, and others, Chair Duncan believes that it would be in the Board's interest to discuss whether and in what manner to make a case for the State University System as an engine of change for Florida's innovation economy.

The attached draft document merely serves to provide some examples of areas in which, if given the opportunity, the SUS could play a role in fostering research, commercialization, and economic development. It is anticipated that the document might be shared with the universities for input.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Draft: "The State University System:  
A Part of the Solution to Florida's  
Economic Future"

**Facilitators / Presenters:**

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