

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
September 24, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Academic Infrastructure Support Organization Status for the Florida Institute of Oceanography

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider Academic Infrastructure Support Organization Status for the Florida Institute of Oceanography.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution; BOG Regulation 10.014.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Academic Infrastructure and Support Organizations (AISOs) provide shared technology, equipment, facilities, services, and resources for academic programs and research in the State University System (SUS). An AISO proposal must be formally approved by the board of trustees of the host university and then submitted via the Office of the Chancellor for consideration by the Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP). If the CAVP recommends the AISO's establishment, the Chancellor will transmit an AISO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to all participating institutions for ratification by the presidents and the chairs of the boards of trustees. After the MOU is ratified, the proposal will be considered by the Board of Governors.

Hosted by the University of South Florida, the Florida Institute of Oceanography (FIO) is seeking formal status as an AISO. Its request has been approved by the USF Board of Trustees, recommended by the SUS CAVP, and ratified by the SUS presidents and chairs of all boards of trustees. In addition, the majority of non-SUS FIO member organizations have also signified their support by ratifying the proposal and MOU.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** FIO Background Information (with Committee Materials)  
[FIO Proposal Available with Committee Materials on the BOG Web Site at [http://www.flbog.edu/pressroom/meeting\\_items.php?id=55&agenda=223](http://www.flbog.edu/pressroom/meeting_items.php?id=55&agenda=223).]