

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
January 17, 2013**

SUBJECT: University Awards for the Technology Performance Funding Pilot

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Award funds with consideration of the ranking of individual universities that applied for the Technology Performance Funding Pilot created by House Bill 7135

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Section 1011.905 (1)(c), Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 2012 Legislature passed and the Governor signed House Bill 7135 creating a pilot project to implement performance funding for a select category of degree programs associated with computer science and information technology. Section 1011.905, Florida Statutes states that "the Board of Governors shall award up to \$15 million to the highest-ranked state universities from funds appropriated for the purposes in this section and as specified in the General Appropriations Act. The award per state university shall be a minimum of 25 percent of the total amount appropriated pursuant to this section." This allows the Board to either divide the funds equally among the top four universities, or to award varying amounts to three or fewer universities.

Each applicant university was scored on two factors established in statute and two factors approved by the Board of Governors in June 2012, with each factor representing 25 percent of the total ranking score for an applicant university. University applications were reviewed by Board staff to eliminate duplicative entries in each category and entries that were incomplete or that did not appear to meet the definition of the category for which they were submitted. Board staff also requested additional clarification from each applicant university on a number of items.

Supporting Documentation Included: Information located in the Budget & Finance Committee materials