

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Research Excellence Committee
September 13, 2018**

SUBJECT: Programs of Excellence Report and Legislative Budget Request

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of the Programs of Excellence Report and Legislative Budget Request to support Programs of Excellence

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 1001.7065, *Florida Statutes*, requires the Board of Governors to submit a report on Programs of Excellence to the Legislature by September 1, 2018. A workgroup of State University System provosts and vice presidents for research developed the framework for this report throughout the spring and summer of 2018. The recommended framework for Programs of Excellence builds on both research and academic programs within the System. The report was submitted to the Legislature on September 1, 2018 pending Board of Governors approval.

The Legislative Budget Request for this initiative is \$60 million, with a year one (2019-2020) request of \$30 million. As recommended in the Programs of Excellence Report, the Board of Governors would oversee the funding of this initiative and allocate funds to institutions based on an application process. The institutions would identify programs, select metrics that reflect national excellence, and document how any state funding allocated for this initiative will be a return on investment to the state.

Ms. Emily Sikes, Director of Workforce Education and Economic Development, will provide an overview of the report and the 2019-2020 Legislative Budget Request for the Programs of Excellence.

Supporting Documentation Included: Programs of Excellence Report

Facilitators/Presenters: Ms. Emily Sikes