

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**Strategic Planning Committee**  
November 9, 2011

SUBJECT: University of South Florida Polytechnic Business Plan for Becoming an Independent Institution

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**UPROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Consideration of a recommendation to the Board regarding the USF Polytechnic Business Plan

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

At the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on September 15, 2011, the University of South Florida and USF Polytechnic presented the vision for the Polytechnic campus. In response to questions from Committee members and other members of the Board, USF and USF Polytechnic will present a business plan for the campus becoming an independent institution in the State University System.

In considering the business plan, the Committee would need to determine whether to also recommend rescission of a prior Board action taken at a Board meeting held September 27, 2007. At that time, the Board voted to “freeze the current number of ten state universities offering graduate degrees, and that prospectively, any new institutions would offer only the baccalaureate degree.” USF Polytechnic, as a branch of USF, has been offering graduate degree programs and intends to offer additional graduate degree programs in the future.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** USF Polytechnic Business Plan  
Minutes of September 27, 2007 Board Meeting

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