

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Task Force on Academic and Workforce Alignment
September 16, 2020**

SUBJECT: National Security Innovation Network Agreement

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The National Security Innovation Network (NSIN), is a program office within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering with a mission to create new communities of innovators to solve national security problems. NSIN develops programs and services that are designed to help other Department of Defense entities. The NSIN works to create new opportunities for national security service by building collaborations between the military, academic, and venture communities and providing flexible pathways to official service within the Department of Defense. NSIN also works academic partners to engage new problem-solvers in collision events with Department of Defense customers that generate novel concepts and solutions and building a national network of problem-solving ecosystems that leverage the competitive advantages of regions and commercial innovation hubs.

NSIN has proposed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State University System of Florida and the Florida Defense Alliance, a division of Enterprise Florida. The MOU outlines the intention of the parties to work collaboratively towards supporting economic development, including talent and research, in the state of Florida's defense ecosystem.

Ms. Beverly Seay, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of Central Florida, will provide an overview of the initiative.

Supporting Documentation Included: System Initiative Overview, SUS MOU, FAMU MOA

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