



2010 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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Space Florida

TALENT AND EDUCATION

Increase funding for workforce training programs: We recommend an increase in the funding level for the Quick Response Training and Incumbent Worker Training programs. Businesses need to prepare a workforce for advanced manufacturing in the new economy. Concurrently, Florida needs to put the unemployed back to work with the new skills required.

INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Incentivize capital investment: Significant capital investment is required by Florida manufacturers to compete globally. Manufacturers may not be able to show they are more productive in these tough times, but they still need to make investments to compete. We recommend elimination of the 10% productivity requirement for receiving an exemption from the sales tax on manufacturing machinery and equipment.

Commercial Launch Zone Tax Incentives: We must keep our space workforce talent in Florida, look to our next generation of space businesses, and promote businesses that will fuel the manufacturing sector. Commercial launch zone tax incentives will support these goals.

Research & Development Tax Credit: Research and development leads to jobs, sales and leadership. It is the underpinning of manufactured products. We support R&D tax credits.

Venture Capital – Florida lags behind many other leading states in the amount of venture capital it attracts. Florida should pass legislation that helps attract and utilize venture capital.

Cost Benefit Analysis of Legislation: We recommend passing legislation to evaluate long term costs and benefits of economic legislative proposals in order to better evaluate Florida's business growth and development.

BUSINESS CLIMATE AND COMPETITIVENESS

Preserve manufacturing sales tax exemptions: Manufacturers have been granted a few sales tax exemptions on inputs over the years. We need to preserve these exemptions to avoid tax pyramiding.

Working Waterfronts: The Legislature and the public chose to protect Florida's working waterfronts from unreasonable taxation. The Legislature should pass legislation to implement the working waterfront constitutional amendment.

Numeric Nutrient Criteria: Florida cannot be competitive if it becomes the only state under a federal consent order on federal numeric nutrient criteria for water bodies. We recommend a resolution to Congress calling for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to allow the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to set standards for water quality in Florida.