

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (LAC) 2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The Orlando Economic Partnership is committed to supporting efforts to encourage legislation that bolsters the region's economic development efforts to build and diversify Florida's economy, creating a world-class business location. Before and during session, the Orlando EP Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC) works closely with education, local government, and industry trade association partners to drive home the importance of generating high-wage jobs throughout the region and the state. With input from local, regional, and state partners, the LAC reviews potential issues and sends a recommended Legislative Agenda to the Orlando EP Executive Committee and Board of Directors for final revisions and approval. For the Orlando EP to advance the agenda, issues must be regional in nature, have consensus within the Orlando EP's four-county region, and directly impact economic development.

Secure State Support for Advanced Manufacturing Technologies/ICAMR:

Support the local and state funding required to advance collaborative efforts of the Florida Advanced Manufacturing Research Center (FAMRC) and related industry-led consortium (ICAMR) to provide Orlando and Florida a global competitive advantage in advanced manufacturing technology and opportunities for alignment with existing industry strengths. Efforts are underway to secure continued state funding to support operations. The goal is to add an additional \$8M/year to recurring funds and \$10M in non-recurring funds to support equipment procurement.

Continue to Retain and Grow Modeling, Simulation and Training (MS&T) and Defense:

Support efforts to provide a permanent facility in the UCF/Central Florida Research Park area for locally-based military commands to mitigate the current 200,000 square foot market rate lease requirement. Maintaining the Team Orlando military presence is vital for the regions Modeling, Simulation & Training (MS&T) industry. To date, \$42M in total funds has been approved in the UCF Education Budget for BRAC mitigation to help relocate Team Orlando personnel/military commands from commercial office spaces to government-owned space, dramatically lowering overhead costs that put them at risk of BRAC and related impacts from defense budget cuts and sequestration.

Although a "Partnership IV" building was purchased in 2016 with the appropriated funds, it will only satisfy 80,000 square feet of the total space requirement. Efforts are underway to procure additional buildings with remaining appropriated funds to meet the delta and will require Governor and Cabinet approvals.

Support University of Central Florida Downtown Campus:

Support efforts to provide students with access to higher education, prepare future skilled workforce, and invest in the future of downtown Orlando and the Parramore community. There is no state funding requested for UCF Downtown Campus in 2017, however it will be important to support the funding requests of programs connected to the campus and its incubator programs

Support the Economic Development Efforts of our Statewide Partners:

Support the priorities and legislative efforts of state and regional partners that are consistent with and limited to the economic development priorities of the Orlando EP and align with the shared regional priorities of the Central Florida Partnership (CFP) to improve the region's overall competitiveness. This includes funding for the Florida Economic Development Toolkit, support of the Team Florida Marketing Campaign, funding for CareerSource workforce training grant programs, and Workers' Compensation.

Keep Florida Competitive in Film and Entertainment Industry:

Support initiatives to keep Florida's Film and Entertainment Industry competitive. Given the sunset of the Florida Film and Entertainment Financial Incentive Program, new ways to support this industry must be explored working with private industry and the film commissions across the state.