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April 26, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Rick Scott
Honorable Pam Bondi
Honorable Jeff Atwater
Honorable Adam Putnam

FROM: Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs
Mike Prendergast, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Agenda – Cabinet Meeting of May 8, 2013

The next public meeting of the Governor and Cabinet to transact the business of the Department of Veterans' Affairs will be at 9:00 a.m. (EST), May 8, 2013 in Orlando, Florida.

The Agenda and all required back-up materials are attached for your review.

If you have any questions, please call my Cabinet Affairs Officer, Jim Brodie, at (850) 487-1533, ext. 7705.

cc: Michael Sevi, Director of Cabinet Affairs
Executive Office of the Governor

Jerry McDaniel, Director
Governor's Office of Policy and Budget

Attachments

AGENDA
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS
Meeting materials for the following items are available on the web at:
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MEMBERS

Governor Rick Scott
Attorney General Pam Bondi
Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater
Commissioner Adam Putnam

May 8, 2013
9:00 A.M. (EST)
Nemours Children's Hospital
Lake Nona, Medical City
Orlando, Florida

Contact: Jim Brodie, Director
Legislative and Cabinet Affairs
(850) 487-1533 x 7705

ITEM	SUBJECT	RECOMMENDATION
1.	Respectfully request approval of the minutes of March 19, 2013 (ATTACHEMENT 1)	RECOMMEND APPROVAL
2.	Respectfully request approval of the "Homeless Veterans North Florida Stand-Down" Report (ATTACHEMENT 2)	RECOMMEND APPROVAL
3.	Respectfully request approval of the Orlando VA Hospital Status Report	RECOMMEND APPROVAL
4.	Respectfully request approval of the "Paychecks for Patriots" Veterans Job Fair Report	RECOMMEND APPROVAL

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Representing:

DIVISION OF BOND FINANCE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND

CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

The above agencies came to be heard before
THE FLORIDA CABINET, Honorable Governor Scott
presiding, in the Cabinet Meeting Room, LL-03,
The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida, on Tuesday,
March 19, 2013, commencing at 10:22 a.m.

Reported by:
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ADAM H. PUTNAM
Commissioner of Agriculture

PAM BONDI
Attorney General

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Chief Financial Officer

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(Presented by DIRECTOR BEN WATKINS)

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(Presented by SECRETARY HERSCHEL VINYARD)

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CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION
(Presented by CEO BARRY GILWAY)

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
(Presented by MIKE PRENDERGAST)

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1 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Now, I would like to
2 recognize Executive Director Mike Prendergast
3 with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Good
4 morning.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRENDERGAST: Good
6 morning, Governor Scott; good morning
7 General Bondi; CFO Atwater; and
8 Commissioner Putnam. Before beginning my
9 formal remarks, I have two late-breaking
10 updates that I'd like to invite you all that I
11 didn't have a chance to incorporate in my
12 formal remarks.

13 First of all, I just received an email
14 message from Mr. Dan Davis who I introduced to
15 you several months ago at one of the Cabinet
16 presentations. Once again, the agency has
17 100 percent occupancy in all six of its skilled
18 state veterans nursing homes, all 120 beds in
19 each of the homes are filled today. And we're
20 real proud of that achievement and the hard
21 work by our team that's out there making sure
22 that our veterans get that world-class care.

23 Number two -- and it was an opportunity to
24 listen to Jesse Panuccio's presentation to you
25 all earlier. I did not get to hear the entire

1 presentation because I was upstairs in the
2 Senate floor for the Welcome Home Vietnam
3 Veterans Day celebration hosted by Senate
4 President Gaetz.

5 But one highlight that I would like to
6 point out as of this Monday, 7,291 veterans,
7 thanks to the hard work of our Department of
8 Economic Opportunity, our Regional Workforce
9 Boards, Workforce Florida have entered
10 Florida's employment in the private sector, and
11 we are real proud of our partners out there who
12 are helping take care of our veterans and get
13 them into the businesses all across the
14 Sunshine State.

15 The Florida Department of Veterans Affairs
16 has two agenda items for your consideration
17 today. Item 1 consists of the minutes of the
18 December 11 Cabinet meeting. We respectfully
19 request approval of those minutes.

20 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion to
21 approve?

22 CFO ATWATER: So move.

23 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

24 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Second.

25 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any comments or

1 objections?

2 (No response.)

3 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none, the motion
4 carries.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRENDERGAST:

6 Thank you, Governor. Item 2 consists of the
7 agency's quarterly report for the period ending
8 December 31st, 2012. A printed copy of this
9 report was forwarded to your Cabinet offices
10 back in January.

11 In summary, the report details both our
12 statutory program areas, which are the
13 Veterans' Benefits and Assistance Division and
14 the Veterans' Homes Program Division that I
15 just mentioned previously.

16 In the Benefits and Assistance Division,
17 which is led by Alene Tarter, the lead veterans
18 claims examiners, which were authorized by the
19 Cabinet last year and in the last legislative
20 budget cycle and signed into law by the
21 Governor back in the spring of last year, we've
22 hired all those claims examiners and put them
23 into the field serving in Tampa, Miami,
24 West Palm Beach, The Villages, Broward County,
25 and Panama City. They're helping to extend our

1 outreach and services to Florida veterans who
2 are applying for federal benefits that they
3 have earned while wearing the uniform.

4 Another significant highlight to point out
5 to you is the superior achievements by this
6 Division's state agency that does approval of
7 all the colleges, universities, and technical
8 schools across the Sunshine State. This Bureau
9 is led by Ms. Betsy Whitcomb.

10 During the most recently completed federal
11 fiscal year, FDVA state-approved agency bureau
12 obtained the highest rating possible by the
13 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Joint Peer
14 Review Group. They're regarded as the best in
15 the nation and delivered outstanding results
16 throughout the implementation of the new
17 procedural model that the federal VA fielded in
18 the very latter part of the previous federal
19 fiscal year. They're doing outstanding work
20 each and every day to take care of our veterans
21 who leveraged the post 9/11 GI bill and the old
22 Montgomery GI bill for their educational
23 benefit following their separation from the
24 service.

25 In the Veterans' Homes Program, a

1 \$2 million HVAC renovation project is underway
2 in a Daytona Beach home. Completion for that
3 project is scheduled for June of this year.

4 Also a \$2.8 million recertification
5 project to harden the facility against natural
6 disasters such as hurricanes that we've just
7 talked about recently, is underway at the
8 Land O' Lakes home in Pasco County. The
9 expected completion date of that project is
10 August 1st.

11 In both instances, the federal VA paid
12 65 percent of the project's costs, and the
13 state's share is 35 percent. The state's share
14 is paid by our Operations and Maintenance Trust
15 Fund, which means that no general revenue
16 appropriation dollars are used to pay for these
17 projects.

18 As I mentioned earlier, the census at our
19 state's skilled nursing homes remains
20 historically high. We've averaged better than
21 99 percent in the previous 90 days, and once
22 again today we've hit a hundred percent
23 occupancy in all six of our homes.

24 As you may recall, the statewide average
25 for nursing homes across the state average is

1 about 85 percent on a daily basis, so we're
2 well eclipsing the private sector average for
3 provision of that type of care for our
4 veterans.

5 Of primary importance, the quality of care
6 in our homes remains exceptionally high, thanks
7 to Dan Davis leadership and the leadership of
8 all the team members in his Division who
9 expertly lead our agency through those
10 challenges of not only complying with our state
11 requirements through the Agency for Health Care
12 Administration, but also the U.S. Department of
13 Veterans Affairs requirements. And both of
14 those entities come out and inspect our homes
15 on an annual basis. So we get inspected at
16 least 12 times per year in each one of our
17 homes.

18 Our homes average less than 4.6
19 deficiencies for items of note per facility,
20 when the average across the state is greater
21 than 9.4. In the federal VA surveys of
22 inspections, our homes average just one-half of
23 one deficiency per inspection. When you
24 compare that to the nationwide average to the
25 50 states and territories, they normally would

1 see an average of 2.8 deficiencies for each
2 veterans home that they inspect. So we're
3 doing outstanding work out there in
4 implementing the proper training and the
5 accountability models that are needed to make
6 sure that our veterans receive world-class
7 care.

8 I've placed before all members of the
9 Cabinet and you, Governor, a copy of the
10 recently released video for a new women's
11 veterans' public service announcement. We just
12 aired that on the Senate floor today, and
13 that's been posted on the agency YouTube
14 Channel, and we look forward to the media out
15 there to give us an opportunity to play that as
16 a public service announcement all throughout
17 the state.

18 This is the second in our series of
19 outreach initiatives to ensure that our
20 veterans, including the Vietnam era veterans,
21 which number one out of every four you meet on
22 the streets; or more than 140,000 women
23 veterans; and the more than 230,000 veterans
24 who have already served in Iraqi Freedom,
25 Enduring Freedom understand that the Florida

1 Department of Veterans Affairs is their
2 world-class point of entry to get the earned
3 benefits that they so richly have paid for by
4 their service to this great nation.

5 Finally, before I close, on behalf of our
6 state, nearly 450,000 Vietnam veterans, we want
7 to thank you again for kicking off with this
8 Cabinet meeting for the Welcome Home Veterans
9 Day -- Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day
10 proclamation. It meant a lot to them to
11 receive that recognition. And this March 30th
12 marks a significant event for all of our
13 veterans across the state, and we really do
14 appreciate it.

15 Subject to your questions, we respectfully
16 request approval of our quarterly report for
17 the last quarter.

18 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion to
19 approve?

20 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So move.

21 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

22 CFO ATWATER: Second.

23 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any comments or
24 objections?

25 (No response.)

1 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none, the motion
2 carries. Thank you very much. Thank you for
3 your hard work.

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRENDERGAST: Thank
5 you.

6 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Thank you so
7 much.

8 (Cabinet meeting concluded at 11:28 a.m.)
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Honoring those who served U.S.

**Colonel Mike Prendergast, USA, Retired
Executive Director**

Agenda

- **Item 1 – Cabinet Meeting Minutes**
– *March 19, 2013*
- **Item 2 – Homeless Veterans' Stand Down**
– *April 5-7, 2013 at North Florida Fairgrounds*
- **Item 3 – Orlando VA Medical Center Update**
- **Item 4 – Paychecks for Patriots Hiring Initiative**
– *May 10, 2013 Veteran Job Fair in 10 Florida cities*



Agenda Item 1

Cabinet Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2013



Agenda Item 2

Homeless Veterans Stand Down

April 5-7, 2013, North Florida Fairgrounds

Sponsored by the Florida Veterans Foundation

- **282 Homeless Veterans & 21 Children served**
 - Haircuts, Housing, Employment Services provided
- **91 Veterans received medical/dental treatment**
- **2nd Circuit Judge adjudicated 44 cases for 14 veterans**
- **31 Disability Claims processed & sent to VA**

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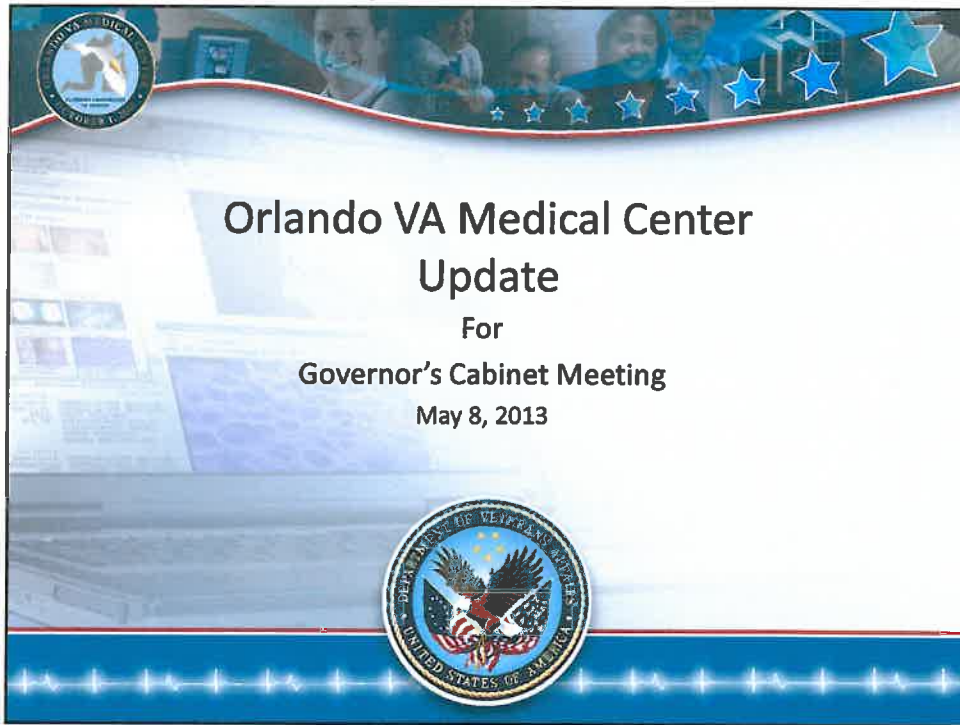
Agenda Item 3

Orlando VA Medical Center Update

Timothy W. Liezert

Orlando VA Medical Center Director





Orlando VA Medical Center
Update
For
Governor's Cabinet Meeting
May 8, 2013

The slide features a blue and white color scheme with a wavy top border containing stars and a photograph of people. A circular logo in the top left corner reads 'ORLANDO VA MEDICAL CENTER'. A larger circular seal at the bottom center features an eagle and the text 'DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'. A white ECG line runs along the bottom edge.



Major Activation Site


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Lake Nona Bio-Cluster
\$616 Million
65 Acres
1.2 Million Sq. ft.
134 Inpatient Beds
3,100 Parking Spaces
2,100 Staff
113,603 Projected Enrollees

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The slide has a blue header with stars and a circular logo. The main content area is white with a photograph of a modern white building on the left and a list of statistics on the right. The footer contains the ICARE logo and a list of locations.




Project Contracts and Status

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Phase	Status	Start	Contractual Completion
1A: Site grading, drainage, utility extensions and connections	Construction Completed	8/20/2009	4/30/2012
1B: Central Energy Plant	Construction Completed	3/31/2010	11/15/2011
1C: Hospital/Clinic foundations and superstructure	Construction Complete (pending construction deficiency corrections)	12/3/2009	11/27/2010
2: Community Living Center, Domiciliary and Chapel	Construction Complete	12/2/2009	5/24/2011
3: Warehouse and Parking Structure	Construction Complete	12/3/2009	5/26/2011
4: Main Hospital & Clinic Build Out	Construction approximately 75% complete	10/13/2010	8/8/2013*




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Commissioning and Activation

Clinical Activation Phase	Estimated Date
1: Relocation of existing clinical inventory from existing care sites.	Building turnover + 90 days
2: Expand existing clinical inventory	Building turnover + 120 days to 270 days
3: New clinical inventory	Building turnover + 180 days to 360 days



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Economic Impact

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FY (Oct-Sep)	FTEE (Total Orlando System)	Construction Appropriation
2009	1728	\$220M
2010	1901	\$371M
2011	1902	
2012	2163	
2013	2600 Projected	
2014	3100 Projected	
2015	3500 Projected	

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Agenda Item 4

“Paychecks for Patriots” Friday, May 10, 2013

- **Same-day veteran job fairs in 10 Florida cities**
 - Fort Walton Beach, Lake City, Gainesville, Orange City, Leesburg, Orlando, New Port Richey, Sebring, Fort Lauderdale & Miami
- **State partnership with *Dollar General*, others**
 - Department of Veterans’ Affairs
 - Department of Economic Opportunity
 - Florida National Guard
 - Workforce Florida & Regional Workforce Boards
 - Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve



WHAT IS A STAND DOWN?

The term *Stand Down* was used in the military, during times of war, to remove exhausted combat units requiring time to rest and recover from the battlefields to a place of relative security and safety. Today, Stand Down refers to a grassroots, community-based intervention program designed to help the nation's estimated 67,000 homeless veterans "combat" life on the streets.

WELCOME TO STAND DOWN

During the three-day event, the North Florida Fairgrounds will take on a military atmosphere as tents and cots are set up for homeless veterans, who will live and sleep on the property through the weekend.

HELP IS HERE

Veterans and their families who are living on the streets or who do not have permanent housing will get free access to:

- Hot meals for three days
- Showers, clothes and haircuts
- Court Services and Legal Counseling
- Medical and Mental Health Services
- Dental cleaning and examinations
- Housing vouchers
- State Photo Identification Cards
- Job and Employment Counseling
- Comfort & First Aid Kits
- AA and NA Meetings
- Women & Children Services
- And much more

DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Yes. Stand Down has been successful in matching the right services to those Veterans who are struggling to get their life back together.

Even for those veterans who return to life on the streets, Stand Down is an opportunity for them to take safe harbor from "combat on the streets" for one weekend a year. Certainly, our Veterans deserve at least that.

THE ROOTS OF STAND DOWN

"Stand Down" began in San Diego in 1988. Twenty-five years later, that organization has celebrated many successes and now there are more than 200 Stand Downs throughout the country. The San Diego Stand Down was featured in 2010 on "60 Minutes."



STAND UP FOR STAND DOWN

Stand Down is a time for the community to connect with our homeless veterans and to begin to break down the barriers that are keeping these heroes on the streets.

The "hand up, not a handout" philosophy of Stand Down requires the work of countless volunteers, businesses and local, state and national organizations.

You can help by going to our website at <http://NorthFloridaStandDown.org> and sign up to:

- Sponsor one of the many military tents
- Volunteer your services: barbers and stylists, set-up and tear-down assistance, food servers, veteran escort and tent leaders are just a few of the needs at Stand Down
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- Make Tax Exempt Donations

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April 26, 2013

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NORTH FLORIDA HOMELESS VETERANS STAND DOWN APRIL 5-7, 2013, NORTH FLORIDA FAIRGROUNDS

- **Attendance Veterans (Total 282)**
 - 26 Females
 - 256 Males
 - Additional attendance were 21 Children
- **Services**
 - 110 veterans received haircuts
 - 3 veterans received housing – Tallahassee Veterans Village
 - 13 companion dogs received veterinarian care
 - 2 obtained employment
 - 1 veteran admitted to the local hospital
 - 1 veteran required emergency prescriptions
 - 6 registered to vote
 - Star Metro transported 108 veterans and 5 dogs
 - ECHO processed 25 birth certificates
- **Court**
 - Judge Ron Flury heard 14 Veterans resolving 44 cases in the Saturday morning Stand Down Court, April 6, 2013
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- **Legal**
 - 100 Veterans received legal advice (mostly child support)
 - 16 lawyers worked with 20 FSU law students and 7 paralegals
 - 90 Cases from 32 Veterans were prepared to be heard by the Court
 - 10 Veterans' drivers licenses cleared for local charges
 - Attorneys and Agencies continue to assist dozens of additional cases identified during the Stand Down, including Clemency proceedings.
- **VA Claims (Total 31 Cases)**
 - 31 (compensation, disability, etc.)
- **VA Medical (Total Cases 91)**
 - 60 Veterans received dental care
 - 22 Medical
 - 9 HIV Tests

850 Volunteers with over 100 Federal/State/County/City Agencies, businesses, and organizations providing services.



DATE

Example Address: Bob Ravener
Chief People Officer
Dollar General Corporation
100 Mission Ridge
Goodlettsville, TN 37027

Dear Mr. Ravener,

On behalf of the Florida's military and veteran community, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and the network of Regional Workforce Boards, and with support from Governor Rick Scott, we cordially invite you to participate in a unique hiring effort for our state's military community on May 10, 2013.

We, in state government, continue to be focused on addressing the employment needs of our service members and veterans across the state. Our May 10th event, called **Paychecks for Patriots**, is an effort to bring employers with current position openings in Florida to the table with great military and veteran candidates.

We are reaching out to companies with reputations of excellence that we believe have an interest in helping our military community find employment within their organizations. Our **Paychecks for Patriots** event seeks to partner with these employers in a one-day series of hiring fairs throughout the state. A list of the cities where we will have these 10 fairs is attached. There is no cost for your company to participate and we hope that you will consider any and all locations that make sense for your employment needs. If you are comfortable, we would also like to use participating companies' logos on our press materials.

Our hosts for these fairs are the tremendous network of Regional Workforce Boards that serve Florida so well. On the attached list, please find a contact person for each location who can partner with you on your registration for this event. This will be confirmed on a first come-first serve basis until we have reached capacity in each of the facilities.

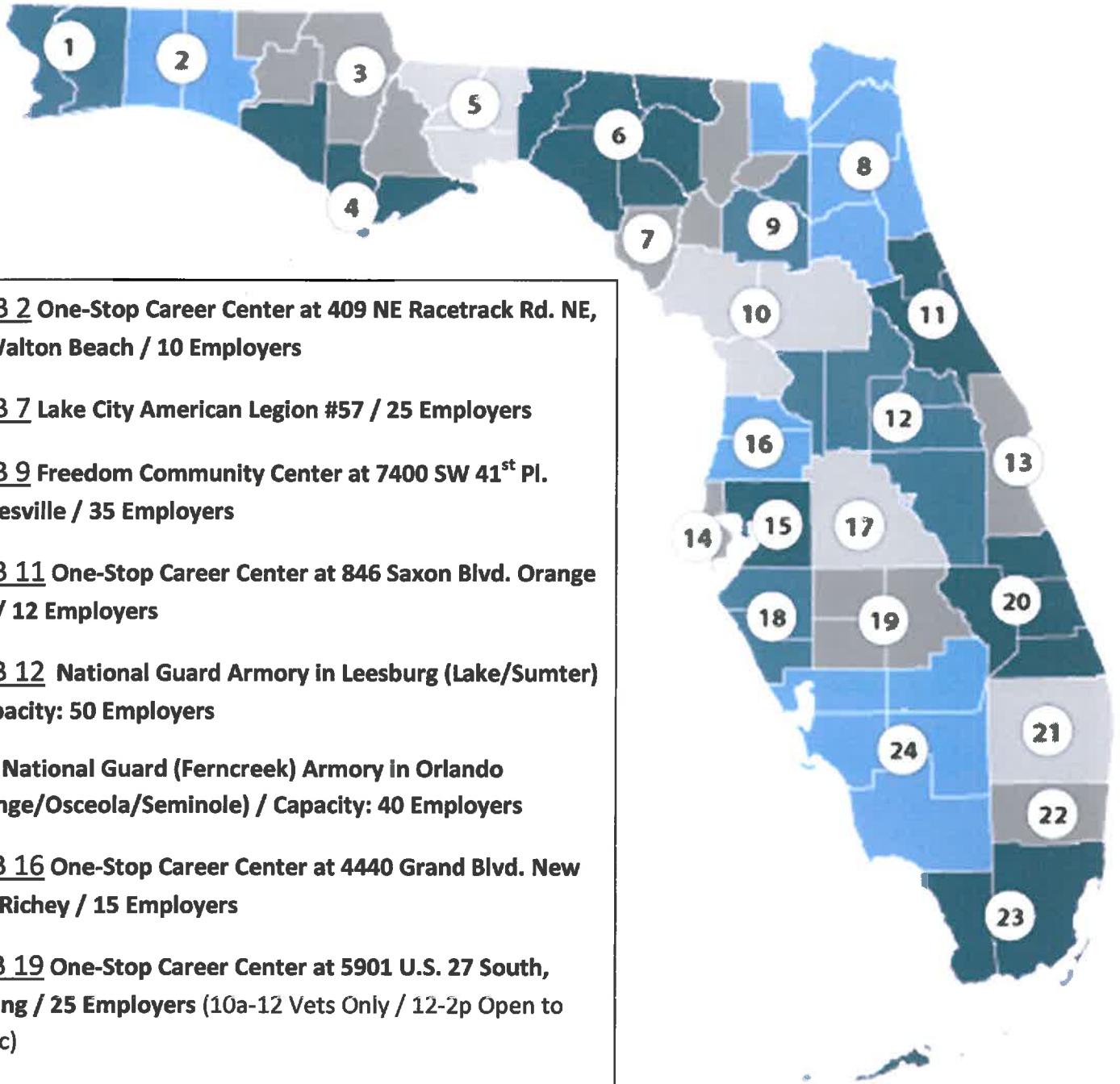
Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important effort. To participate, please contact your local Veteran's representative, **(insert name/email/phone here)**, to reserve your free table(s) for this unprecedented hiring partnership.

Respectfully,

MAJGEN Emmett R. Titshaw, Jr.
The Adjutant General
FL National Guard

COL (ret) Michael Prendergast
Executive Director
FL Department of Veterans Affairs

Mr. Jesse Panuccio
Executive Director
FL Department of Economic Opportunity



**RWB 2 One-Stop Career Center at 409 NE Racetrack Rd. NE,
Ft. Walton Beach / 10 Employers**

RWB 7 Lake City American Legion #57 / 25 Employers

**RWB 9 Freedom Community Center at 7400 SW 41st Pl.
Gainesville / 35 Employers**

**RWB 11 One-Stop Career Center at 846 Saxon Blvd. Orange
City / 12 Employers**

**RWB 12 National Guard Armory in Leesburg (Lake/Sumter)
/ Capacity: 50 Employers**

**AND National Guard (Ferncreek) Armory in Orlando
(Orange/Osceola/Seminole) / Capacity: 40 Employers**

**RWB 16 One-Stop Career Center at 4440 Grand Blvd. New
Port Richey / 15 Employers**

**RWB 19 One-Stop Career Center at 5901 U.S. 27 South,
Sebring / 25 Employers (10a-12 Vets Only / 12-2p Open to
Public)**

**RWB 22 Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel, 1825
Griffin Rd. Dania Beach / 50 Employers**

**RWB 23 Florida International University, 11200 SW 8th St.,
Miami /**



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

April 18, 2013

David Hickerson
VP of Government and Community Relations
US Foods
9399 West Higgins Road, Suite 500
Rosemont, Illinois 60018

Dear Mr. Hickerson:

On behalf of Florida's military and veteran communities, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), and the network of Regional Workforce Boards, we cordially invite you to participate in a unique hiring effort for our state's military community called Paychecks for Patriots on May 10, 2013.

Paychecks for Patriots is an effort to bring serious employers with current position openings in Florida to the table with great military and veteran candidates for a one-day series of hiring fairs throughout the state that will convene on May 10, 2013.

Our goal is to have companies with the reputations of excellence reach out to our Florida military community to find employment within their organizations. There is no cost for your company to participate and we hope that you will consider any and all locations that make sense for your employment needs.

Our hosts for these fairs are the tremendous network of Regional Workforce Boards that serve Florida so well, and I encourage you to reach out to your local Regional Workforce Board not just for this event, but for all of your workforce needs.

While I continue to be focused on addressing the employment needs of our service members and veterans across the state; it is also important to remember that veterans have served our country and selflessly provided us our freedom. Every Florida citizen owes them a debt of gratitude, and we owe every veteran an opportunity to pursue the American dream. I ask you to support this event and thank you for your commitment to maintaining a workforce in Florida that welcomes veterans, accommodates their needs, and provides veterans the opportunity to work in Florida.

Again, thank you for your consideration of this important effort, your support of our Florida military community, and continuing to be a strong part of Florida's economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor