

he 2014 Budget Turkey Report is the result of an annual independent review by Florida TaxWatch of Florida's proposed budget before the Governor exercises his line-item veto power. The Report protects and enhances the integrity of the state's budgeting system, based on the principle that money appropriated by the Legislature belongs to the taxpayers of Florida, therefore the process must be transparent and accountable, and every appropriation should receive deliberation and debate.

The budget review identifies appropriations that circumvent transparency and accountability standards in public budgeting. Each appropriation is scrutinized against a set of standardized criteria established by Florida TaxWatch.

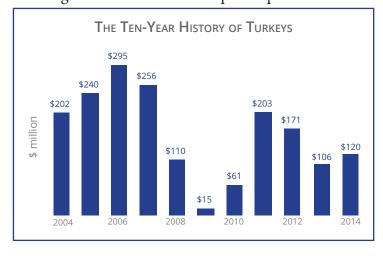
Each year, the Budget Turkey Report consists of only a very small percentage of the state budget, and this year represent less than one-quarter of one percent. The \$77.1 billion budget passed by the Florida House and Senate on May 2, 2014 contains approximately \$120 million in appropriations qualifying as Budget Turkeys.

## WHAT IS A TURKEY

Budget Turkeys are individual line-items that are appropriated without being subject to a thoughtful and thorough budget process. The "Budget Turkey" label does not signify judgment of a project's worthiness. Instead, the review focuses on the Florida budget process, and the purpose of the "Budget Turkey" label is to ensure that all appropriations using public funds are subject to scrutiny.

The 2014 Budget Turkey Report consists largely of appropriations to specific non-state recipients or local governments. Awarding contracted services to specific providers and

specifying narrow geographic locations bypasses competitive bidding and agency input into budget areas where limited funds are needed most.



#### **CRITERIA**

The Florida TaxWatch Budget Turkey criteria are clearly defined.

Appropriations must violate sound budgeting practices in at least one of these ways to be designated as a Budget Turkey.

The annual Budget Turkey Report spotlights legislative projects placed in the budget without proper opportunity for public review and debate...

- A project that circumvents established review and selection
   processes or has completed the established process but is
   funded ahead of higher priority projects (as determined by the selection process).
- Appropriations that are inserted in the budget during conference committee meetings, meaning they did not appear in either of the final Senate or House budgets.
- Appropriations from inappropriate trust funds; duplicative appropriations; and appropriations contingent on legislation that did not pass.

#### THE PURPOSE OF THE BUDGET TURKEY REPORT

Florida TaxWatch identifies Budget Turkeys to promote transparency in public budgeting, encourage meaningful legislative review of all appropriations, and facilitate the checks and balances within the budget process that are granted by the Constitution.

### 1. Promote transparency in public budgeting

Projects first appearing in the budget process during conference are identified by Florida TaxWatch to expose the lack of transparency that occurs during the conference process. Projects that are added during conference are added to the budget without public debate, scrutiny, or legislative vote—even by those Legislators who sit on the conference committees.

### 2. Encourage meaningful legislative review of all appropriations

All appropriations should be subject to adequate public review, debate, and scrutiny, which requires that all legislators review proposed appropriations. When projects are added during conference, they have bypassed the normal appropriations subcommittee and committee process. The only legislators that have the ability to publicly vet these expenditures to any degree are those who sit on conference committees, shielding those appropriations from scrutiny by every member.

<sup>1</sup> Examples of projects that have an established budget review process include: the transportation work program, education facilities construction (PECO), local parks (FRDAP), aquaculture, beach renourishment; and historical preservation, arts and cultural grants.

After the conference process, the full legislative body cannot adjust individual appropriations, they can only vote the entire budget up or down. Because the relative amount of total appropriations added in conference is such a small percentage of the Florida budget, few, if any, lawmakers will vote the budget down because of projects added in conference.

3. Facilitate the checks and balances within the budget process that are granted by the Florida Constitution

The Florida Governor's line-item veto power is a protection afforded by the Florida Constitution as one of the checks and balances that allow for proper distribution of power in state government. However, another crucial element is the right and responsibility of Florida taxpayers to hold their elected officials accountable for budgeting decisions. Though all budget documents are available to the public, the complicated budget process creates a barrier that prevents all taxpayers from understanding this information. The Budget Turkey Report is intended to show taxpayers the result of this complicated process, where not all decisions are made in the sunshine.

### **OBSERVATIONS ON THE 2014 BUDGET PROCESS**

As the eyes and ears of Florida's taxpayers, Florida TaxWatch staff attended every appropriations subcommittee meeting, every appropriations meeting, and each budget conference meeting of the 2014 Florida Legislature. While appropriations issues were generally questioned and debated in subcommittee and committee hearings, most conference committee meetings lasted less than 20 minutes (often much shorter) and included no questions or debate. More often than not, the only individuals speaking during these conference committee meetings were the subcommittee and committee chairs, who accepted budget offers after committee staff read them aloud—usually with no explanation.

The lack of transparency within these conference committee meetings should be a clarion call for increased accountability in Florida's budgeting process. For example, though conference committee meetings are required to have a one-hour meeting notice, materials were usually unavailable to the public until after the meeting already began, or in many cases, not until the meeting had concluded. The meetings offered no opportunity for public testimony and several were held after 11 p.m., even on weekend evenings.

During these brief and largely symbolic meetings, the state budget grew by \$1.8 billion over the total appropriated by the House budget and by \$2.2 billion over the Senate budget. New projects were added during the conference, and were often mentioned during the reading of an offer, but were not always noted as being new. Sometimes these projects were not even mentioned. Virtually no new issues were explained, discussed, questioned or debated.

As was the case last year, at the end of the conference, just before the budget was finalized, two supplemental funding lists totaling more than \$320 million were introduced. These lists, one from the House and one from the Senate, contained increased funding for existing items, many new items that were not part of any previous conference offers, and some which had been previously taken out in conference. Much of the funding was recurring, making it more likely the projects would continue to be funded in the future.

These lists were not read and no project was mentioned. It was only mentioned that each chamber had an available supplemental funding list, and the supplemental lists were then accepted by the corresponding chair without debate.

This is not meant to condemn the budget conference process. Every dollar and every word in the budget must be agreed upon by both chambers. Such a process is probably a necessity, for without some negotiation or discussion

#### BUDGETING WITHOUT DISCIPLINE

Just as the Rule of Law is critically essential in a civil society, so is the integrity, transparency and accountability of the budget process to ensure the highest and best use of the taxpayers' hard earned money.

behind closed doors, the budget would likely be very difficult to finish. Further, legislators and appropriations staff work very hard for incredibly long hours—including nights and weekends—to reach a budget compromise.

But decisions are still made behind closed doors. Due to this lack of open public debate, the conference should be used exclusively to compromise when the two chambers disagree on funding levels and to decide whether an item funded by only one chamber should be included in the final state budget. This should not be the time to fund new items, particularly funding that goes to a specified private entity or narrow geographic location.

#### WHAT COULD THE TURKEYS BUY?

To best contextualize the cost of the 2014 Budget Turkeys, their cost can be applied to critical needs projects and other budget priorities designed to help taxpayers during the 2014 Session. The following is what the \$120 million appropriated for this year's Budget Turkeys could have purchased if applied in other areas of the state budget:

- Increase the Tax Credit Scholarship: Fund an additional 24,590 students to receive the Tax Credit Scholarship, increasing the number of students receiving scholarships under the program to 84,590.
- Help Unclog the State Courts: Provide 1,560 new positions in the state court system to reduce backlog and ensue more swift justice.
- Reduce the Home and Community Based Services Waitlist: Provide Waiver services for 4,107 more individuals with developmental disabilities who are currently on a Waiver Waitlist through the Agency for Persons with Disabilities.
- State Employee Raises: Provide a \$1,048 raise for each of the state's 114,481 state employees.
- Increase Per-Student Funding: Increase per student funding under the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) by 3.24 percent in FY 2014-15, rather than the 2.61 percent increase provided by the Legislature in this budget.
- A 1 percent reduction in the Communications Services Tax.
- A reduction of one-third of 1 percent in the Corporate Income Tax rate.

"Public money ought to be touched with the most scrupulous conscientiousness of honor. It is not the produce of riches only, but of the hard earnings of labor and poverty."

Thomas Paine

# PAST GOVERNORS' ACTION ON TURKEYS

YEAR	NUMBER OF	AMOUNT	OF FLORIDA TAXWATCH BUDGET TURKEYS:		
YEAR	TURKEYS	AWOUNT	NUMBER & % VETOED	AMOUNT & % VETOED	
2013	107	\$106 million	71 66%	\$71.1 million 42%	
2012	159	\$171 million	97 61%	\$63 million 37%	
2011	105	\$203 million	87 83%	\$180.9 million 89%	
2010	41	\$61 million	14 34%	\$11.4 million 18.9%	
2009*	10	\$15 million	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	
2008**	132	\$110 million	1 0.8%	\$840,000 0.8%	
2007	505	\$256 million	301 60%	\$141 million 55%	
2006	489	\$295 million	306 63%	\$151 million 51%	
2005	413	\$240 million	252 61%	\$125 million 52%	
2004	227	\$202 million	133 59%	\$129 million 64%	
2003	0	0	n/a	n/a	

<sup>\*</sup> Governor Crist vetoed only two provisions of the budget, neither of which were spending projects.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Governor Crist vetoed only three provisions.

# FY 2014-15 FLORIDA TAXWATCH TURKEY LIST

	H = House budget; S = Senate budget; C = Conference budget only									
ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	\$GR	\$TF	COUNTY	COMMENTS					
DEPAR	TMENT OF EDUCATION									
26A	Putnam County Schools		1,000,000	Putnam	Added in conference, and did not go through the public school construction process.					
27	Eastern Florida State College - Construct Health Sciences - Melbourne		2,430,332	Brevard	Not on the Division of Colleges 3-Year PECO Request					
27	Florida Southwestern State College – Leonhardt Hall		5,000,000	Lee	Not on the Division of Colleges 3-Year PECO Request					
27	Lake Sumter State College – Construct Science Labs – Clermont		3,000,000	Lake	Not on the Division of Colleges 3-Year PECO Request					
27	Miami-Dade College – Gymnasium (North)		5,000,000	Miiami-Dade	Not on the Division of Colleges 3-Year PECO Request					
27	Pasco Hernando State College – Construct Performing Arts Education Center		10,000,000	Pasco	Not on the Division of Colleges 3-Year PECO Request					
27	Valencia College – Planning for Poinciana Campus		1,000,000	Orange	Not on the Division of Colleges 3-Year PECO Request					
28	USF Health Morsani College of Medicine		5,000,000	Hillsborough	Not on the Board of Governors' PECO Request					
28	UCF - Partnership Complex Phase IV - Dept of Defense		8,000,000	Orange	Not on the Board of Governors' PECO Request, but the House budget funded this with \$2 million GR.					
87	Literacy Jump Start Pilot	200,000		St. Lucie	This appropriation is contingent on legislation that did not pass.					
108	Florida Virtual Curriculum Marketplace	1,100,000		N/A	Added very late in conference.					
109	Organization to provide leadership training to certain districts	500,000		Multiple	Added in conference & references the Schoolhouse Pilot Program bill that did not pass.					
111	Caribbean Chamber Student Summer Entrepreneurship	100,000		Broward						
111	CDC of Tampa - Work Readiness Training	200,000		Hillsborough	The items that are on this list were added in conference. Most of these projects will bypass competitive contracting processes. In the budget this year, 62 projects					
111	EO Wilson Biophilia Center	100,000		Walton	(in these line items) were funded at a cost of \$31.5 million, but projects in the					
111	FL Afterschool Network/Ounce of Prevention	300,000		N/A	Governor's recommended budget and projects that appeared in either the House and Senate budget are not on the Turkey list.					
111	Hialeah Gardens Educational Center Program	1,870,000		Miami-Dade	and senate budget are not on the runkey list.					
111	Men of Vision	100,000		Hillsborough	A competitive selection process for School and Instructional Enhancement programs should be established by the Legislature. There is no systematic					
111	Minority Male Mentoring Initiative	200,000		Broward	review for these projects and the number and cost of these mostly local projects					
111	Neighborhood Inititative Summer Job Program	100,000		Broward	is growing. There were nine projects worth \$2.9 million in FY 2011-12 and the number has increased each year. There were 44 of these programs, worth \$23					
111	New Horizon	150,000		Bay	million last year.					
111	Science and Technology Education Middle School	250,000		Okaloosa	The Governor vetoed a number of these projects last year, citing some for not					
111	PARC - Project Search	100,000		Pinellas	providing a core state function and others for not contributing to a uniform					
111	Project PASS JROTC Junior Leadership Corps	170,000		Broward	state system for all students. He also rightly points out that school districts have the flexibility to purchase curriculum and other services based on there own					
111	Single Gender Schools - Broward	150,000		Broward	priorities.					
111	Single Gender Schools - Duval	150,000		Duval	In addition to the avaiests list have Florida TayWatch is recommending the					
111	Tune Into Reading	250,000		Hillsborough	In addition to the projects list here, Florida TaxWatch is recommending the Governor, along with the Department of Education, review the remaining projects					
111	Workforce Advantage Academy	100,000		Orange	that appeared in either the House or Senate budget only on a case by case basis					
111	YMCA Tech Smart - Tampa Bay	100,000		Hillsborough	to insure these projects are needed and provide Florida's students and taxpayers with the results and accountability they deserve.					
124A	Smart Horizons Online Career Education	500,000		Escambia						
AGENC	Y FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION									
253	Contract Procurment for Data MS and Single Touch-Point	600,000		Statewide	Added very late in conference; \$100,000 of the appropriation is recurring.					

AGENC	Y FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES				
267A	MACTown Fitness and Wellness Center (DD)	175,000		Miami-Dade	These three organizations may well provide valuable services, but their appropriations were added very late in conference. Specifying a provider in the
267A	Nemours Children's Hospital - early autism diagnosis	667,000		Orange	budget bypassses the competitive contracting process. This line-item includes another \$2.8 million for services to the disabled that were either recommended
267A	Gateway ARC in Pensacola - DD job placement	2,000,000		Escambia	by the agency or vetted in either the House or Senate. For the autism item, CDC data released late in Session make a case for its funding.
DEPART	MENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES				
330	Camps for Champions	100,000		Leon	These well-intentioned organizations were awarded contracts very late in the
330	Miami-Dade County Foster & Adoptive Parent Association	200,000		Miami-Dade	budget conference. There was another \$9.8 million in contracted services vetted through the House and Senate appropriations process. Kristi House will still
330A	Kristi House Drop In Center	300,000		Miami-Dade	receive other funding as a child advocacy center.
349	Citrus Health Network	750,000		Miami-Dade	The Network received three earmarks in the budget, but this one was added in conference. This was also a Turkey last year, and was vetoed.
350	Baycare	150,000		Bay	This overall line-item funds \$47 million in children's mental health services. This one provider was added in conference.
351	Baker Act Facilities - Lake & Sumter Counties	547,500		Lake, Sumter	Added in conference, and circumvents the DCF process to determine which counties are in need of additional Baker Act funding.
351	National Alliance of Mental Health (NAMI)	50,000		N/A	Added very late in conference.
383	Emergency Services Center for the Homeless	100,000		Leon	These two projects were added in conference. DCF has a process for distributing
383	Manatee County One Stop Community Resource Center	100,000		Manatee	funds to homeless coalitions statewide, and \$3 million from this line item will be distributed through that process. There are also three other earmarked projects which were included in the House or Senate budgets.
DEPART	MENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS				
413	Town of Medley	397,826		Miami-Dade	Local area project added in conference.
413	Community Coalition Hot Meal Program	250,000		Manatee	Local area project added in conference.
434	Lutheran Services Florida	750,000		Hills./ Statewide	Added in conference, and circumvents the DOEA process for allocating public guardianship funding for the indigent on a statewide basis.
DEPART	MENT OF HEALTH				
461	Manatee Memorial Hospital ER Diverson Program	300,000		Manatee	Added very late in conference. Numerous other projects in this line item were vetted in House and/or Senate
468	Andrews Institute Foundation - Eagle Fund	500,000		Santa Rosa	Added very late in conference. This was also a Turkey last year, and was vetoed.
481A	Lakeland Regional Med Center - Family Health Center	1,000,000		Polk	Fixed capital outlay for a non-state facility added in conference.
543	Genetic Centers - Metabolic Disorder & Genetic Disorders	600,000		Alachua, Dade, Hills.	The funding for these three specifed centers was added in conference.
DEPART	MENT OF CORRECTIONS				
781	Pinellas Ex-offender re-entry Coalition	150,000		Pinellas	TaxWatch strongly supports re-entry services and applauds the Legilsature for increasing substance abuse funding. But the local re-entry project (this was
785	Contract for Residential Substance Abuse - Alachua, Bradford, Clay	1,000,000		Multiple	also a Turkey last year, and was vetoed) and the specified counties receving the additional substance abuse funding were added in conference.
DEPART	MENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS				
1334	Haitian Lawyers Association	50,000		N/A	Added in conference.
DEPART	MENT OF AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES				
1415D	Florida Energy Technology Projects - Sustainable Biosolids to Renewable Energy		250,000	Pinellas	Added in conference.
1484B	Manatee River Fair	250,000		Manatee	Seven local agriculture facilites were funded in this line item at \$3.25 million total,
1484B	Walton County Fair Association	750,000		Walton	but these two were added in conference. If the Legslature wants to keep funding these non-state facilites, a better process is needed.

DEPART	MENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION				
1572	Potential Purchase - Gasparilla State Park Lands	1,000,000		Charlotte/Lee	Funding to explore buying more land for this state park was not requested by the agency, and was added very late in conference.
1584A	Relocation - Lantana Rec Fields		1,000,000	Palm Beach	Added in conference.
1660	City of Cocoa Beach upland seawall	2,000,000		Brevard	Added in conference.
1678A	Transfer to DACS - Sustainable Biosolids to Renewable Energy		250,000	Pinellas	Added in conference. This is a transfer of funding for line item 1415D above.
1710	Hugh Taylor Birch State Park		2,000,000	Broward	Added in conference. In this line item, \$15 million was provided for state park facility improvements, which DEP allocates based on need.
1704A	City of Destin - feasibility study - Aquatic nature park		50,000	Okaloosa	The state has grant programs for funding local parks. Under the Florida
1715A	Coast Guard Auxilliary Flotilla 11-1 Sand Key Park		200,000	Pinellas	Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP), DEP creates a priority
1715A	Brevard Co Field of Dreams Sports Park		50,000	Brevard	list of grant applicants. The Governor recommended no funding for FRDAP. The Legislature fully funded the Small Project Development list at \$2.5 million (for
1715A	E. Orange Co. Christmas Regional Park and Sports Complex		250,000	Orange	52 parks). The Large Projects list was not funded. DEP also administers a \$4
1715A	Topeekeegee Yugnee (T.Y.) Park	3,000,000	50,000	Broward	million federally funded grant program for local parks. These six earmarked parks should seek funding through these grant programs. One park was increased from
1715A	West Hernando Little League Field	50,000		Hernando	\$250,000 to \$3 million in conference.
FISH &	WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
1779	Shell Point Public Access Boat Launch	155,000	580,000	Wakulla	Bypassed the Boating Improvement grant process, and received 98% of the available funding (\$592,600) provided for launch access grants statewide.
1857B	FL Conservation and Technology Center - Center for Conservation	3,000,000		Hillsborough	Partnership between the FWCC, the Florida Aquarium and Tampa Electric. This funding for (the Aquarium) was added in conference.
DEPART	MENT OF TRANSPORTATION				
1875	Port of Tampa Bay - Gantry Crane	12,000,000		Hillsborough	This economic development project, which is matched by private funds, should provide a positive return on investment, increase jobs, and increase Florida's global competitiveness, but was added very late in conference.
1924	Glades Area Street Resurfacing and Reconstructioon		1,000,000	Glades	
1924	Punta Gorda Airport Terminal		770,000	Charlotte	Economic Development Transportation Projects - These 15 earmarked projects, worth \$16.3 million, are Turkeys because they bypass the established DOT
1924	Southwest Ranches 190th Street extension		243,000	Broward	process. The total funding for this line-item is \$26.3 million, leaving \$10 million to
1924	Southwest Ranches Guardrails Installation		478,000	Broward	be allocated through the process.
1924	Tarpon Springs Superfund Site Redevelopment - dredging, wharf stabilization		2,500,000	Pinellas	The Legislature created this program to fund transportation projects that
1924	Dredging Channel & Canals - Shell Point, Spring Creek, Mashes Sands		1,500,000	Wakulla	promote economic development and growth. DOT, with input from DEP and DEO, shall review the projects and give final approval. The law contains
1924	Silver Star Road Walk - Bike Crossing		150,000	Orange	requirements and criteria for evaluation. Earmarking projects bypasses this
1924	Deerfield Beach Street and Road Improvements		500,000	Broward	statutorily created process, and adding projects on top of the \$15 million requested by DOT will negatively affect other projects in the work program.
1924	Broad Causeway - Town of Bay Harbor Islands		1,000,000	Miami-Dade	
1924	CR 446A Widening - Fruitland Park		1,000,000	Lake	None of these earmarked projects are in the work program, but some have been funded before and some have related projects in the work program. Some of the
1924	Citrus Grove Road Phase I		1,000,000	Citrus	projects are local roads, which should not be funded with State Transportation
1924	Temple Terrace Parkway Extension		600,000	Hillsborough	Trust Fund dollars. Some may not be the type of projects DOT normally undertakes. Four of the projects were added in conference. The Skyrise Miami
1924	Riverside Avondale Preservation - Dog Park		123,000	Duval	project was in the House budget at \$10 million as a non-transportation project in
1924	Ludlam Trail Corridor		3,400,000	Miami-Dade	DEO. A compromise put its transportation components in the final budget under this DOT program.
1924	Skyrise Miami		2,000,000	Miami-Dade	and bot program.

DEPAR	MENT OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL REGULATION				
2034	Future Builders of America		250,000	N/A	Added in conference. Legislation authorizing this funding did not pass.
2034	Mobile Building Codes Training Program		200,000	N/A	Added in conference.
DEPAR	MENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY				
2242A	East County Regional Service/Resource Center - Hillsborough		500,000	Hillsborough	This year, 47 Community Development and Economic Development projects were funded, at a cost of \$55.4 million. Any projects that were added during
2242A	City of Ocoee - Land Use Planning Study		100,000	Orange	conference received the Turkey designation. Because there is no established process for selecting these types of projects, and due to the focus of the
2242A	Glades County Gateway Logistics and Manufacturing Training	3,500,000		Glades	Governor and Legislature on economic development and job creation, projects that surfaced earlier in the process are not designated turkeys.
2242A	Bud and Dorie Day - Medal of Honor Patriots Trail	125,000		Okaloosa	
2242A	Mossy Head Industrial Park - Walton County	3,000,000		Walton	Florida TaxWatch is recommending that the Governor, along with the DEO and Enterprise Florida, make an assessment of all funded projects. Florida TaxWatch
2242A	City of West Palm Beach - Broadway Redevelopment	400,000		Palm Beach	further recommends that the Legislature create a competitive selection process for these projects, to determine whether they are consistent with the goals of the
2242A	Rental Housing for Low Income Seniors - City of Crestview	1,000,000		Okaloosa	state economic development program, that there is a reasonable assurance that they will provide new jobs and a positive return on investment, and that there are
2242A	Hillsborough Homelessness Initiative	800,000		Hillsborough	accountability and performance measures in place to safeguard the taxpayers' investment.
2263	Cecil Field Spaceport Infrastructure		2,500,000	Duval	Added in conference.
GOVER	NOR'S OFFICE				
2593	Emergency Disaster Warehouse - Polk County	1,200,000		Polk	Local fixed capital outlay project added in conference.
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DEPAR	MENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES				
2650	Contracted Legal Services		750,000	N/A	Added in conference.
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	FY 2014-15 FLORIDA TAXWATCH TURKEY LIST BY COUNTY  H = House budget; S = Senate budget; C = Conference budget only					
ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	\$GR	\$TF	H/S/C	COUNTY	
543	Genetic Centers - Metabolic Disorder & Genetic Disorders	600,000		С	Alachua, Dade, Hillsborough	
350	Baycare	150,000		С	Bay	
111	New Horizon	150,000			Bay	
27	Eastern Florida State College – Construct Health Sciences – Melbourne		2,430,332	С	Brevard	
1660	City of Cocoa Beach upland seawall	2,000,000		С	Brevard	
1715A	Brevard Co Field of Dreams Sports Park		50,000	S	Brevard	
111	Caribbean Chamber Student Summer Entrepreneurship	100,000		С	Broward	
111	Minority Male Mentoring Initiative	200,000		С	Broward	
111	Neighborhood Inititative Summer Job Program	100,000		С	Broward	
111	Project PASS JROTC Junior Leadership Corps	170,000		С	Broward	
111	Single Gender Schools - Broward	150,000		С	Broward	
1710	Hugh Taylor Birch State Park		2,000,000	С	Broward	
1715A	Topeekeegee Yugnee (T.Y.) Park	3,000,000	50,000	S	Broward	
1924	Southwest Ranches 190th Street extension		243,000	S	Broward	
1924	Southwest Ranches Guardrails Installation		478,000	S	Broward	
1924	Deerfield Beach Street and Road Improvements		500,000	S	Broward	
1924	Punta Gorda Airport Terminal		770,000	S	Charlotte	
1572	Potential Purchase - Gasparilla State Park Lands	1,000,000		С	Charlotte, Lee	
1924	Citrus Grove Road Phase I		1,000,000	S	Citrus	
111	Single Gender Schools - Duval	150,000		С	Duval	
1924	Riverside Avondale Preservation - Dog Park		123,000	С	Duval	
2263	Cecil Field Spaceport Infrastructure		2,500,000	С	Duval	
124A	Smart Horizons Online Career Education	500,000		С	Escambia	
267A	Gateway ARC in Pensacola - DD job placement	2,000,000		С	Escambia	
1924	Glades Area Street Resurfacing and Reconstructioon		1,000,000	Н	Glades	
2242A	Glades County Gateway Logistics and Manufacturing Training	3,500,000		С	Glades	
1715A	West Hernando Little League Field	50,000		С	Hernando	
434	Lutheran Services Florida	750,000		С	Hillsborough, Statewide	
28	USF Health Morsani College of Medicine		5,000,000	С	Hillsborough	
111	CDC of Tampa - Work Readiness Training	200,000		С	Hillsborough	
111	Men of Vision	100,000		С	Hillsborough	
111	Tune Into Reading	250,000		С	Hillsborough	
111	YMCA Tech Smart - Tampa Bay	100,000		С	Hillsborough	
1857B	FL Conservation and Technology Center - Center for Conservation	3,000,000		С	Hillsborough	

1875	Port of Tampa Bay - Gantry Crane	12,000,000		С	Hillsborough
1924	Temple Terrace Parkway Extension		600,000	С	Hillsborough
2242A	East County Regional Service/Resource Center - Hillsborough		500,000	С	Hillsborough
2242A	Hillsborough Homelessness Initiative	800,000		С	Hillsborough
3146	MOSI - Design and Construction for STEAM Showcase and MOSI Tech	2,500,000		С	Hillsborough
3168A	Jefferson County Courthouse	200,000		С	Jefferson
27	Lake Sumter State College – Construct Science Labs – Clermont		3,000,000	S	Lake
1924	CR 446A Widening - Fruitland Park		1,000,000	S	Lake
351	Baker Act Facilities - Lake & Sumter Counties	547,500		С	Lake, Sumter
27	Florida Southwestern State College – Leonhardt Hall		5,000,000	С	Lee
330	Camps for Champions	100,000		С	Leon
383	Emergency Services Center for the Homeless	100,000		С	Leon
383	Manatee County One Stop Community Resource Center	100,000		С	Manatee
413	Community Coalition Hot Meal Program	250,000		С	Manatee
461	Manatee Memorial Hospital ER Diverson Program	300,000		С	Manatee
1484B	Manatee River Fair	250,000		С	Manatee
111	Hialeah Gardens Educational Center Program	1,870,000		С	Miami-Dade
330	Miami-Dade County Foster & Adoptive Parent Association	200,000		С	Miami-Dade
330A	Kristi House Drop in Center	300,000		С	Miami-Dade
349	Citrus Health Network	750,000		С	Miami-Dade
413	Town of Medley	397,826		С	Miami-Dade
1924	Broad Causeway - Town of Bay Harbor Islands		1,000,000	S	Miami-Dade
1924	Ludlam Trail Corridor		3,400,000	С	Miami-Dade
1924	Skyrise Miami		2,000,000	С	Miami-Dade
3113A	Munroe Marine Stadium - Miami	1,000,000		С	Miami-Dade
267A	MACTown Fitness and Wellness Center (DD)	175,000		С	Miami-Dade
27	Miami-Dade College – Gymnasium (North)		5,000,000	С	Miiami-Dade
109	Organization to provide leadership training to certain districts	500,000		С	Multiple
785	contract for res substance abuse - Alachua, Bradford, Clay	1,000,000		С	Multiple
108	Florida Virtual Curriculum Marketplace	1,100,000		С	N/A
111	FL Afterschool Network/Ounce of Prevention	300,000		С	N/A
351	National Alliance of Mental Health (NAMI)	50,000		С	N/A
1334	Haitian Lawyers Association	50,000		С	N/A
2034	Future Builders of America		250,000	С	N/A
2034	Mobile Building Codes Training Program		200,000	С	N/A
2650	Contracted Legal Services		750,000		N/A
111	Science and Technology Education Middle School	250,000		С	Okaloosa
1704A	City of Destin - feasibility study - Aquatic nature park		50,000	S	Okaloosa

22/21	Pud and Daria Day, Madal of Honor Patriote Trail	125 000			Okaloosa
2242A	Bud and Dorie Day - Medal of Honor Patriots Trail	125,000		С	Okaloosa
2242A	Rental Housing for Low Income Seniors - City of Crestview	1,000,000	4 000 000	С	Okaloosa
27	Valencia College – Planning for Poinciana Campus		1,000,000	С	Orange
28	UCF - Partnership Complex Phase IV - Dept of Defense		8,000,000	С	Orange
111	Workforce Advantage Academy	100,000		С	Orange
1715A	E Orange Co Christmas Regional Park and Sports Complex		250,000	S	Orange
1924	Silver Star Road Walk - Bike Crossing		150,000	S	Orange
2242A	City of Ocoee - Land Use Planning Study		100,000	С	Orange
267A	Nemours Children's Hospital - early autism diagnosis	667,000		С	Orange
1584A	Relocation - Lantana Recreational Fields		1,000,000	С	Palm Beach
2242A	City of West Palm Beach - Broadway Redevelopment	400,000		C	Palm Beach
3113A	Addison Mizner's Memorial Fountain	350,000		С	Palm Beach
27	Pasco Hernando State College – Construct Performing Arts Education Center		10,000,000	С	Pasco
111	PARC - Project Search	100,000		С	Pinellas
781	Pinellas Ex-offender re-entry Coalition	150,000		С	Pinellas
1415D	Florida Energy Technology Projects		250,000	С	Pinellas
1678A	Transfer to DACS - sustainable biosolids to renewable energy		250,000	С	Pinellas
1715A	Coast Guard Auxilliary Flotilla 11-1 Sand Key Park		200,000	S	Pinellas
1924	Tarpon Springs Superfund Site Redevelopment - dredging, wharf stabilization		2,500,000	S	Pinellas
3146	Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center	500,000		С	Pinellas
3146	Mahaffey Theater Improvements - St. Petersburg	500,000		С	Pinellas
481A	Lakeland Regional Med Center - Family Health Center	1,000,000		С	Polk
2593	Emergency Disaster Warehouse - Polk County	1,200,000		С	Polk
26A	Putnam County Schools		1,000,000	С	Putnam
468	Andrews Institute Foundation - Eagle Fund	500,000		С	Santa Rosa
87	Literacy Jump Start Pilot	200,000		Н	St. Lucie
3140	Margaret Benton Lincoln Theater	200,000		С	St. Lucie
253	Contract Procurment for Data MS and Single Touch-Point	600,000		С	Statewide
1779	Shell Point Public Access Boat Launch		580,000	Н	Wakulla
1924	Dredging Channel & Canals - Shell Point, Spring Creek, Mashes Sands		1,500,000	S	Wakulla
111	EO Wilson Biophilia Center	100,000		С	Walton
1484B	Walton County Fair Association	750,000		С	Walton
2242A	Mossy Head Industrial Park - Walton County	3,000,000		С	Walton
3191	Walton Co Child Advocacy Center - services	100,000		С	Walton
3191	Walton Co Child Advocacy Center - new facility	250,000		С	Walton
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