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**Florida Chamber President Commends Appointment of Chris Hart
to Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development (OTTED)**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (December 21, 2009) – The Florida Chamber of Commerce released the following statement this evening regarding the appointment of Chris Hart as interim director of OTTED:

Statement from Mark Wilson, President and CEO, Florida Chamber of Commerce:

“As the Florida Chamber continues to focus on getting hardworking families back to work, we strongly believe that our future economic success will be based upon our commitment to aligning talent and workforce needs. Talent is the new currency, and a continued focus on training, education and workforce alignment will help Florida transition into a high-wage, prosperous economy for generations to come.”

“Chris Hart’s extensive background with Workforce Florida, Enterprise Florida and his own public service, coupled with his strong leadership capabilities, make him the perfect fit for this position. His selection as interim Director of OTTED is a great sign for the state of Florida, and I look forward to working with him to restore faith in Florida’s strong free enterprise system.”

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