



2025 FLORIDA TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION SOLUTION SUMMIT

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9:00 AM - PROGRAM BEGINS

DIVERSIFYING FLORIDA'S ECONOMY THROUGH TECH & INNOVATION
Mark Wilson, President & CEO, Florida Chamber of Commerce & Foundation

FLORIDA AS THE INNOVATION CAPITAL OF THE WORLD (AND SPACE): THE STRATEGY FOR GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS
Introduction: **Leigh Ann Polverelli**, Chief Customer & Operations Officer, Syniverse
J. Alex Kelly, Florida Secretary of Commerce, FloridaCommerce

GROWING SMARTER AGTECH: WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE FLORIDA THE SILICON VALLEY OF AGRICULTURE
Moderator: **Dr. Scott Angle**, Senior Vice President of the Institute of Food & Agricultural Services, University of Florida
Dr. Nathan Boyd, Professor & Associate Director of the Center for Applied Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture, University of Florida
Dr. James Henningsen, President, College of Central Florida
Gary Wishnatski, Owner, Wish Farms & Co-Founder, Harvest CROO Robotics

FLORIDA'S LIFE SCIENCES & BIOTECH MOMENTUM: WHERE MEDICAL INNOVATION MEETS ECONOMIC GROWTH
Moderator: **Mark Glickman**, President & CEO, BioFlorida
Dr. Josh Carpenter, President, SPEROS FL
Dr. Greg Fields, Vice President for Research & Executive Director, I-Health; Co-Director, MCIFAU FDoH Cancer Center of Excellence; Professor, Florida Atlantic University
Jason Matuszewski, Chairman & CEO, BioStem Technologies

SCALING BLUETECH THROUGH COLLABORATION: FLORIDA'S CROSS-SECTOR OCEAN INNOVATION STRATEGY TO SUPPORT ALL INDUSTRIES
Linda Olson, CEO, Tampa Bay Wave
Max G. Thompson, Lead Meteorologist, Duke Energy

STRETCH BREAK

FLORIDA'S ADVANCED MANUFACTURING MOMENTUM: THE BIG WIN THAT'S REDEFINING SITE SELECTION, GROWING OUR ECONOMY & CLOSING THE GAP ON NORTH CAROLINA
Moderator: **Jason Mahon**, Deputy Secretary of Economic Development & Chief Manufacturing Officer, FloridaCommerce
Nat Ford, CEO, Jacksonville Transit Authority
Aundra Wallace, President, JAXUSA Partnership

AI AT THE CORE: HOW ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS RESHAPING FLORIDA'S ECONOMY
David Clark, CEO & Founder, Allegiant Strategies

INVESTING IN WHAT'S NEXT: INNOVATION, VISION & THE FLORIDA ADVANTAGE
J. Alex Kelly, Florida Secretary of Commerce, FloridaCommerce
Cathie Wood, Founder, CEO & CIO, ARK Invest

PARTNERING FOR PROGRESS: HOW HEALTHCARE, ACADEMIA & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COME TOGETHER TO FUEL FLORIDA'S ECONOMY
Jennifer Crabtree, Vice President of Corporate Communications & Chief of Staff, Tampa General Hospital

NETWORKING LUNCH

CONNECTING THE DOTS: DATA, DISRUPTION & FLORIDA'S INNOVATION ECONOMY
Dr. Keith Richard, Vice President of Research, Florida Chamber Foundation

IMMERSIVE LEARNING AT SCALE: HOW VIRTUAL REALITY IS REINVENTING CLASSROOM CURRICULUM
Adam Mangana, CEO, OptimaEd

FUTURE-READY TALENT: THE MOST INNOVATIVE TECH TRAINING PROGRAMS IN FLORIDA
Moderator: **Adrienne Johnston**, President & CEO, CareerSource Florida
Rhea Law, President, University of South Florida
Dr. Devin Stephenson, President, Florida Polytechnic University

CLEARING THE PATH FOR INNOVATION: HOW FLORIDA'S POLICIES SUPPORT BUSINESS-LED ECONOMIC GROWTH
The Honorable John Snyder, Chair, House Information Technology Budget & Policy Subcommittee & State Representative, Florida House District 86

FROM CAMPUS TO COMMERCIALIZATION: HOW UNIVERSITY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT POWERS INNOVATION & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (AND THE PATH TO BEATING GEORGIA)
Moderator: **Paul Sohl**, CEO, Florida High Tech Corridor
Dr. Elizabeth Béjar, Provost & COO, Florida International University
Dr. Tim Holcomb, CEO, Embarc Collective
Chris Rohe, CEO, GuardianSat

CAPITAL CATALYST: HOW TO LEAP PAST MASSACHUSETTS & ATTRACT MORE VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENT TO FLORIDA
Moderator: **Robert Harvey**, President & Executive Director, Florida Opportunity Fund
Kevin Burgoyne, President & CEO, Florida Venture Forum
Mitchel Laskey, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, DeepWork Capital
TJ Villamil, President of Business Development, eMerge Americas

THE NEXT BIG BET: FLORIDA INNOVATION PITCH COMPETITION

RESOURCES FOR FOUNDERS, START-UPS & SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS
Greg Britton, CEO, Florida Small Business Development Center

SECURING FLORIDA'S FUTURE: THE INNOVATION IMPERATIVE
Mark Wilson, President & CEO, Florida Chamber of Commerce & Foundation

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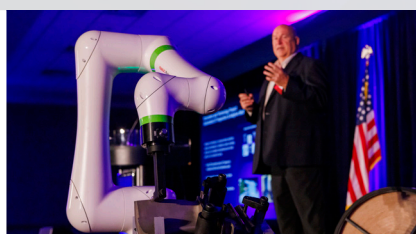
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Florida's annual business leaders event measuring the progress towards making Florida the 10th largest global economy through the Florida 2030 Blueprint's 39 goals.
JW Marriott Orlando Bonnet Creek Resort, Orlando, FL
October 27-28, 2025

2025 Florida Transportation, Growth & Infrastructure Solution Summit

Preparing Florida's infrastructure for smart growth and development.
JW Marriott Grande Lakes Resort, Orlando, FL
December 3, 2025

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Insuring Florida's future by creating a competitive and stable private insurance market.
JW Marriott Grande Lakes Resort, Orlando, FL
December 4-5, 2025

2026 Florida Chamber Legislative Fly-In

(registration opening soon)
An exclusive opportunity to connect with Florida's elected leaders, lawmakers, and top business leaders to align on Florida's annual business agenda.
Augustus B. Turnbull III Conference Center, Tallahassee FL
January 13-14, 2026

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January 29, 2026



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