

# International Trade is Florida's Future









# Florida's Economy is Changing

# Florida moving toward diverse 'next economy'



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Chamber chief: State is 'never going back to what it was'

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Dark Days

State revenue history

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### Economic "Context"

- ▶ 10.3% Unemployment
- ► Net new jobs YTD = 107,000
- ▶ 2011 Population gain = 71k est.
- ▶ 20<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ 4<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> (2012/2013)





# The 2012 Florida Legislature

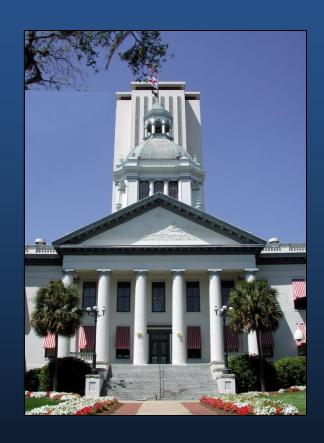
### The Florida Legislature (160)

- Session: Jan. 10– March 9 (60 days)
- Lobbyists: 1,100 (Chamber has 31)
- New House Rule on # of bills
- Budget: \$69.1 billion (FY 11-12)
  - \$2-2.5 Billion Projected Gap
- Unprecedented Election Year

"Lawmakers may avoid big issues in 2012"



November 2 Statewide Headline





## Double Florida's Exports



"The Trade & Logistics Study is the most insightful and actionable economic impact study that I have had the privilege of reading."

-Bill Johnson, Port Director
Port of Miami





# Key Outcomes of Focusing on Trade

- ▶ 143,000 new jobs
- > \$21.5 bil in business sales
- \$7.9 bil in personal income
- \$723 mil in tax revenues







# Florida Wins with Free Trade Agreements

## St. Petersburg Times

### Free Trade Agreements signed with Colombia, Panama and South Korea

"The agreements will create 20,000 new jobs in the state and generate more than \$1.5 billion in international trade opportunities, according to the Florida Chamber of Commerce."









### Port of Miami: 1st to 50 Feet

# The Miami Herald

Feb. 15, 2011 Headline: "Dredging a Must"

"The Florida Chamber of Commerce calls the dredging a once-in-lifetime opportunity to expand Florida's economy."



## Seaport Bill Lowers Costs



Feb. 15, 2011 Headline:

"Rick Scott Signs Port
Security Reform Bill into Law"

"...the Florida Chamber of Commerce which had the bill as one of its chief priorities during the 2011 legislative session...







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# Future Trade Opportunities

Capture larger share of Asian imports to Florida through Florida seaports

Double Florida origin exports (Manufacturing/Logistics)

Expand Florida's role as a global trade hub serving other states and nations



### Six Pillars to Secure Florida's Future



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### How Do We Get There?

### Sample Recommendations

#### <u>Pillar</u>

Talent Supply and Education

Innovation and Economic Development

Infrastructure and Growth Leadership

Business Climate and Competitiveness

Civic and Governance Systems

Quality of Life and Quality Places

#### **Recommendation**

Expand capacity of Florida global logistics workforce and <u>manufacturing</u> workforce

Establish dedicated funding source for ports, double Enterprise Florida's Int'l budget

Advance priority investments in trade gateways, corridors and inland port(s)

Reduce cost of doing business for logistics, distribution, manufacturing

Strengthen regional trade planning and implementation

Reduce impact of freight on Florida's communities and environment





### Save the Date



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