

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**Academic and Student Affairs Committee**  
January 21, 2015

**SUBJECT:** ExpertNet/TalentNet - Clearinghouse for Applied Research Legislative Budget Request

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

For information and discussion

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Clearinghouse for Applied Research (Clearinghouse) was established in 1998 to establish a single resource for connecting businesses, government, and the community with the expertise and resources available within the State University System. The Clearinghouse is maintained by the Center for Information Management and Educational Services (CIMES) which is housed within the Florida State University Institute for Science and Public Affairs. The Clearinghouse provides a number of online information and reporting resources on behalf of the System and the Chancellor's Office, as outlined in supporting documents.

Expertise portals are quickly becoming a major economic development strategy of state university systems and their communities. Maintaining an expertise portal such as Florida ExpertNet/TalentNet helps to ensure that Florida remains competitive with other states.

Although the Clearinghouse has expanded its resource offerings in recent years, primarily at the request of the Chancellor's Office, CIMES has not received additional funding to support the new initiatives or to cover critical system rebuilds and enhancements to handle the increased data collection load. The Clearinghouse now includes the following five components:

- Florida ExpertNet (est. 1998),
- Florida TalentNet (est. 2012),
- the Innovation Exchange (est. 2000),
- SUS Institutes & Centers Online Reporting System (est. 2000), and
- the Graduate Candidates Recruitment System (est. 1998).

In support of the Board of Governors Office and the State University System, the Clearinghouse operates the resources and business systems outlined above, most of which exist under the Florida ExpertNet brand at [www.expertnet.org](http://www.expertnet.org).

Additional funding in the amount of \$222,644 (\$175,200 recurring and \$47,444 non-recurring) is requested for Florida State University to enhance and maintain the Clearinghouse for Applied Research on behalf of the State University System.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** OB Forms I and II

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