

# Comparison of Governor's Plans to the Six Pillars™

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## Summary of Governor's Plans

Brief Description of Plan	Organization of Planning Approach	Type of Report	Year	Frequency
<b>2012 Job Creation and Economic Growth Agenda</b> ( <a href="http://www.flgov.com/">http://www.flgov.com/</a> )				
The 2012 Job Creation and Economic Growth Agenda will focus on working with legislative partners to make progress on the Governor's three most important goals for Florida – helping Floridians create lasting jobs in the private sector, keeping the cost of living low for all Floridians, and ensuring that our students receive a world-class education that will prepare them to drive our economy in the future.	Key Initiatives/Agenda Items	Short-Term Agenda	2011	As needed
<b>7-7-7 Plan</b> ( <a href="http://letsgettowork.state.fl.us/">http://letsgettowork.state.fl.us/</a> )				
Making Florida the job creation model for the nation. Through the 7-7-7 Plan, total job growth in Florida will accelerate, the number of new business start-ups will increase, wages and salaries will grow and the productivity and vitality of Florida's economy will soar. The 7-step economic program - over a 7 year period - will have a positive economic impact and create 700,000 jobs for the State of Florida.	7 Steps	Short-Term Agenda	2011	As needed

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### Pillar: Talent Supply and Education

Type	Strategies
<b>2012 Job Creation and Economic Growth Agenda</b>	
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reform Florida's unemployment system to create a reemployment system</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Build on unemployment compensation reforms to ensure Floridians have the preparation, skills and resources to get back to work faster and grow our economy</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Require unemployment recipients who fail tests of basic job skills to enter a workforce training program to continue receiving benefits</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Provide Floridians with the training and career education opportunities to advance careers, increase productivity and foster economic prosperity</li> </ul>
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prioritize Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in education</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Drive students toward high-earning careers by raising the number of State University System graduates earning STEM degrees (today fewer than 20 percent of graduates earn STEM degrees).</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Enlist the K-12 system to provide students strong preparation in science and math to enable Florida to compete with an increasingly competitive global workforce.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Reward and promote excellence in the classroom, demand accountability in our schools, and ensure students are receiving the best possible education</li> </ul>
<b>7-7-7 Plan</b>	
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World class schools and universities</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Expand the Opportunity Scholarship Program to create additional public school choice.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Expand access to high-performing charter schools</li> </ul>

**Pillar: Innovation and Economic Development**

Type	Strategies
<b>7-7-7 Plan</b>	
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on job growth and retention</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Empower local economic development offices with trained specialists and the right resources to help local businesses obtain state and federal grants and comply with regulatory processes in the least costly manner.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Streamline and align economic development agencies and programs with similar functions, including workforce training and community development, and establish a single agency to assist local economic development offices and serve as a statewide recruitment agency.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Consolidate different economic development incentive funds into one flexible fund and expand the state's authority to encourage job creating projects.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Invest in the state Innovation Fund that brought Scripps and Burnham research labs to Florida, developing high tech clusters with high-paying jobs.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Partner with universities and nurture new technology clusters to create high-skill, high-wage jobs.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Invest in university research, laboratories, business incubators, and technology transfer.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Maximize the economic impact from university research by connecting Florida universities and their research to the state's economic development process.</li> </ul>

## Pillar: Infrastructure and Growth Leadership

Type	Strategies
<b>2012 Job Creation and Economic Growth Agenda</b>	
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reprioritize state transportation projects to create new jobs</li></ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Invest in opportunities like Governor Scott's effort to create 30,000 jobs by upgrading the Port of Miami to compete for new cargo from a newly widened Panama Canal.</li></ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Take advantage of lower construction costs to build a more efficient and interconnected transportation system to empower Florida businesses to compete in a global market.</li></ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Support FDOT's innovative Transportation Vision plan to employ flexible financing options, reduce bureaucracy and streamline decision-making to plan and develop future transportation corridors.</li></ul>

## Pillar: Business Climate and Competitiveness

Type	Strategies
<b>2012 Job Creation and Economic Growth Agenda</b>	
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Streamline business permitting and eliminate regulations that stifle job creation</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Repeal 1,000 rules identified for elimination by the newly created Governor’s Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Revise an additional 1,500 rules to reduce regulation that is unnecessary, duplicative or overly burdensome.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Work with the Government Efficiency Task Force to establish temporary business permits to assist entrepreneurs to open their doors earlier and employ Floridians faster</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Require unemployment recipients who fail tests of basic job skills to enter a workforce training program to continue receiving benefits</li> </ul>
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide tax relief and reform for Florida’s working families and businesses</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Cut in half the number of companies paying corporate income tax by increasing the exemption to \$25,000</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Increase the corporate income tax exemption to \$50,000 to reduce the number of remaining companies paying the tax by an additional 25 percent, fulfilling the Governor’s promise to eliminate the tax within seven years.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Save half of all small businesses from paying the Tangible Personal Property Tax by exempting \$50,000 in taxable business value</li> </ul>
<b>7-7-7 Plan</b>	
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulatory reform</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Create the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform, impose a regulatory freeze, and implement a comprehensive review of existing and proposed regulations.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Realign the functions performed by the Department of Community Affairs, expedite the review of local comprehensive plans and review state development regulations, and streamline permits for job-creating businesses such as Enterprise Florida targeted industries.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Reform Public Service Commission (PSC) processes to allow reasonable energy production and expansion to reduce electricity costs by \$2.35 billion.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Lower workers’ compensation costs, as a 35 percent reduction such costs would save businesses approximately \$2.46 billion.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Make unemployment insurance more affordable for employers and job-creators.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Limit frivolous lawsuits by implementing tort reform</li> </ul>

**Pillar: Business Climate and Competitiveness (continued)**

Type	Strategies
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduce property taxes</li></ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Reduce the statewide property tax (RLE) by \$1.4 billion (from 5.29 mills to 4.29 mills, a 19 percent reduction in RLE), saving \$142 for the average homeowner.</li></ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Deploy funds from budget savings to protect school dollars</li></ul>
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eliminate Florida’s corporate income tax over seven years</li></ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Phase out the corporate income tax</li></ul>

**Pillar: Civic and Governance Systems**

Type	Strategies
<b>2012 Job Creation and Economic Growth Agenda</b>	
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restore accountability and credibility to Florida’s Workforce Boards</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Clean up irresponsible spending and remove problem board members at Florida Workforce Boards</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Increase oversight of Workforce Boards by the Governor to ensure these boards will focus on their mission of getting Floridians better prepared and back to work.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Bring consistency to Boards’ naming, branding and advertising so Floridians can better know and expect the value these Boards should provide to the state</li> </ul>
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer stability to Florida businesses by balancing the budget without raising taxes</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Ensure Florida will produce a balanced budget without raising taxes.</li> </ul>
<b>7-7-7 Plan</b>	
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enact accountability budgeting</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Implement performance-based budgeting with a focus on "outcomes" rather than outputs, with accompanying accountability criteria for each line item.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Propose biennial budgets to adequately review budget goals and give the public time to participate in the budget process.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Return Florida’s state and local government expenditure burden to at least the 2004 level.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Refuse temporary funding from the federal government that creates permanent spending in Florida</li> </ul>
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce government spending</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Reduce the number of state workers by 8 percent and save nearly \$1 billion through greater operational efficiencies.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Expand the Medicaid 1115 waiver to give the state maximum flexibility in reducing health care costs by \$4 billion, saving taxpayers \$1.8 billion.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Align state employee pensions and health care with those offered by the private sector to save \$2.8 billion.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Reduce prison costs by \$1 billion by using inmate labor to grow prison food, competitively bidding health care contracts, and aligning salaries of corrections staff with the private sector.</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Save \$77 million by reforming welfare benefits to ensure applicants are screened for drugs and comply with work requirements</li> </ul>