

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 20, 2003

SUBJECT: North Florida Community College - Request Designation Approval for Special Purpose Center as the Green Industries Institute in Jefferson County

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

To approve the request from the Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College for designation of the Green Industries Institute as a Special Purpose Center.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.02 (7)(e), Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Rule 6H-1.040 Florida Administrative Code entitled "Campus, Center, Special Purpose Center and Instructional Site Designations" provides that the State Board of Education (successor to the State Board of Community Colleges) review and recommend for or against the establishment of campuses, centers and special purpose centers. Based on the documentation presented by the college for the new site, the criteria stipulated in Rule 6H-1.040 are satisfied.

The requested Special Purpose Center is currently operating as the Green Industries Institute under a Memorandum of Understanding between the college and the University of Florida and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in Monticello. The Institute is being developed as an educational entity and facility of North Florida Community College to provide for students to be associated with agricultural/environmental programs focused in horticulture and related agricultural disciplines. The Legislature appropriated \$200,000 to support this program.

Supporting Documentation Included: Letter of request, proposal and SBOE Rule 6H-1.040 F.A.C.

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