

FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 14, 2001

SUBJECT: Request to Sublease Property, University of Florida

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the sublease of a parcel of land containing approximately 83 acres at the North Florida Research and Education Center of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, located in Monticello, Jefferson County, Florida. Authorize the Chancellor, Division of Colleges and Universities, or his designee, to execute the documents required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the transaction.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Legislature has mandated the development of research and education centers to be strategically located throughout the state in order to provide the faculty, facilities, and services necessary to increase the information and technology transfer capability to clientele and to reduce the response time to critical state and agricultural industry problems. As a result of "The Effectiveness of the Organizational Structure of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences" study, it was decided to consolidate the programs located at Monticello to the UF/IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center in Quincy, Florida. The construction of facilities to house the programs in Quincy will be completed in December 2001. Jefferson County is interested in subleasing approximately 20 acres and North Florida Community College (NFCC) is interested in subleasing the remaining approximately 63 acres of the 83 acre parcel. NFCC will use the 63 acres in a mutually collaborative relationship between NFCC, UF, and FAMU to develop the Green Industries Education Institute. The Institute is being developed as an educational entity and facility of NFCC to assist in the delivery of a wide variety of educational degrees and vocational certificate programs. Through this Institute, NFCC, UF, and FAMU will enhance program development, program implementation, outreach, extension, teaching, research and other capabilities in agricultural education. Jefferson County will use the 20 acres for agricultural extension activities that are closely related with other UF programs at this location and in the area. UF/IFAS wishes to assist the county and college's efforts by subleasing the property. The University of Florida Board of Trustees, on September 7, 2001, affirmed the university president's authority for leasing and managing real property.

This transaction is subject to approval of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and will be made in accordance with the procedures of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Supporting Documentation Included: Letter from Dr. Charles Young dated
November 7, 2001

Facilitators/Presenters: Carl W. Blackwell

Other Support Documents Available: Location Map