

Northwest Florida Oil Recovery Special Session

“AGENDA”

The oil recovery agenda of Northwest Florida for the Special Session of the Florida Legislature consists of 2 components, as follows:

- (1) **Creation of the “Technology Council of Northwest Florida” (a regional initiative of Bay, Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton Counties, Florida)**
 - **Mission:** Create economic diversification consistent with the region’s strengths, global reality and sustainability.
 - **Use of funds:** Primarily for a robust matching fund research program to attract, retain and grow high tech industry and develop a highly skilled, high wage workforce in the following arenas:
 - Information technology, research and engineering;
 - Aviation/aerospace and defense/national security;
 - Health sciences and human performance enhancement; and
 - Renewable energy and sustainable environment.

There is a separate “Executive Summary” (8/9/10) and “Preliminary Research Draft” (dated 8/6/10) that provides more detail of this “Technology Council.”

- (2) **Other Items:**
 - A) Limit restrictions on existing state economic development initiatives
 - B) Provide preferences in other existing state programs that advance economic diversification
 - C) Establish opportunities for economic diversification initiatives
 - D) Advocacy memorials to the Obama administration, Congress and the Florida congressional delegation
 - E) Non financial assistance for local governments

There is a separate, 2 page, “Other Items” paper (dated 8/10/10) providing more details about these items.