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## **Newest Workforce Florida Board Appointee Adds Higher Education, Talent Supply Expertise to Workforce Development Mission**

**TALLAHASSEE** – The newest member of the Workforce Florida Inc. Board of Directors brings extensive experience in higher education to the state’s chief workforce policy organization. Appointed this week by Governor Rick Scott, Dr. Edwin H. Moore’s expertise in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and talent supply initiatives will allow him to make an immediate and significant contribution to the board’s mission to help Floridians enter, remain and advance in the workforce, said Workforce Florida leaders.

“Governor Scott has appointed a proven, dedicated higher education leader whose breadth of experience in both the public and private sectors will help us immensely. His leadership and policy knowledge will help us strengthen our commitment to successfully building Florida’s talent supply chain through our K-20 system,” said Workforce Florida Chairman Dwayne Ingram. “Dr. Moore understands the vital role our schools, colleges and universities play in creating a winning economy and globally competitive workforce.”

Governor Scott’s appointment of Dr. Moore comes as the board holds its quarterly meetings in Tallahassee to discuss ongoing job creation, retention and advancement initiatives and their alignment with Governor Scott’s 7-7-7 Jobs Plan. Governor Scott meets today with the Board’s executive committee to discuss the board’s progress on these and other workforce development priorities.

Moore, 60, of Tallahassee, has been the president and chief executive officer of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida since 2003. He previously worked as staff director for the Florida House of Representatives Policy Committee from 2002 to 2003 and was president and chief executive officer of the James Madison Institute from 2000 to 2002. Moore received his bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees from Florida State University. He succeeds Robert Gidel and is appointed for a term beginning Feb. 21, 2012, and ending July 6, 2014.

“On behalf of Workforce Florida, I welcome Dr. Moore to this board and look forward to the contributions he will make in our efforts to ensure Florida has the nation’s best business climate,” said Workforce Florida President/CEO Chris Hart IV. “Particularly as we focus on growing STEM jobs and career opportunities, we will turn to board members like Dr. Moore for perspectives on how best to strengthen the training and curricula available to future generations of Florida’s workforce.”

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## **About Workforce Florida**

Workforce Florida Inc. is the statewide workforce investment board of business and government leaders charged with overseeing Florida's workforce system, which includes the Department of Economic Opportunity, 24 Regional Workforce Boards and nearly 100 One-Stop Centers. Workforce Florida's mission is to develop strategies that help Floridians enter, remain and advance in the workforce to support economic development and strengthen the state's business climate. Learn more about Florida's workforce resources and solutions at [www.EmployFlorida.com](http://www.EmployFlorida.com).

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