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Envision Florida

Defining Excellence for Florida's Economic, Environmental and Social Future!

Tim,

Today, on the Ides of March, my daughter turns two years old. This morning a family of racoons walked across my back yard. We saw a red fox last week. The dogwoods are blooming. We live in an amazing state full of opportunity and incredible resources. Life is wonderful. And, I am ever hopeful that our daughter's generation will continue to enjoy the same quality of life for decades to come.

Sustainability is really about taking care not to mess things up for the next generation. Luckily, every day a company, organization or individual leads by example. They are doing well by doing good. The Council is accepting nominations for its annual Best Practices Awards. Please consider nominating someone today. Consider it a birthday present for my daughter.

Tim Center, Director

Calling for Best Practices Nominations

9th Annual Awards Program Slated for June 11



Nominations are due April 13th for the 2007 Annual Best Practices Awards . The Council has honored more than 100 businesses, non-profit organizations, governmental groups and individuals whose work demonstrates that a healthy environment and a healthy economy are mutually supportive. Awards categories include *Leadership, Small Business, Large Business, Non-Profit, Partnership, and Green Building* - for sustainability excellence in the built environment.

The Awards program will be held Monday, June 11, 2007, in Tallahassee at the Florida State University Alumni Center. Florida nature photographer and journalist **John Moran** will be the featured speaker.

Selected by an independent blue-ribbon panel, award winners will be honored by the Governor and Cabinet on June 12th with a resolution sponsored by **Florida Agricultural Commissioner Charles Bronson**.

[Nominate a friend, client, partner or yourself today...](#)

Climate Change is Hot!

Governor, Century Commission and Cabinet Have the Spark



Florida Governor Charlie Crist is "persuaded that global climate change is one of the most important issues that we will face this century." The Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida recommends becoming independent of foreign oil and reducing carbon emissions. Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink and Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson have initiated a series of *Conversations on Climate Change*,

But that's not all. The **Florida Energy Office** awarded \$15 million to stimulate investment in and use of renewable energy, The **Florida Energy Commission** has begun meeting, launched a new website and has a Climate Change Advisory Group. All of which makes you wonder why a presentation at a joint committee meeting on climate change issues was cut short.

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CSF Partners Make It Happen

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!



The Council is proud to have the support of its many partners. Their financial support moves us closer to our vision that every individual, organization, government and corporation adopt and implement operational values and practices that protect and improve Florida's natural resources and provide economic opportunities for all.

The Council thanks its renewing donors and welcomes new partners **OUC - The Reliable One** and CSF Green Building Best Practice Award winner **Harmony**. Thank you very much for your support.

OUC—The Reliable One is a municipal utility owned by the citizens of Orlando. It provides electricity and water services to customers in Orlando, St. Cloud and parts of Orange and Osceola counties.

Harmony is an environmentally intelligent community, and recipient of the 2006 **WCI** Green Building Award for its commitment to preserving the environment while creating a healthy economy for Florida.

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EASF Spotlight: FAMU Green Coalition

Making a difference one light at a time!



What started as the Florida A&M University Faculty Senate Green Campus Committee last fall, is now officially the FAMU Green Coalition composed of several student groups, faculty members and administrators. **LaRae Donnellan**, Professor in the School of Journalism and Graphic Communication, leads the group which has been regularly hosting

showings of *An Inconvenient Truth* on campus.

Approximately 80 volunteers from FAMU, Leon County high schools and community organizations joined together on the last day of FAMU's spring break to give residents 2,500 free compact fluorescent light bulbs in Tallahassee's Southside and Frenchtown communities. The bulbs were donated by the City of Tallahassee. Residents were also given energy conservation information. This was a tremendously successful event and is just the beginning of several initiatives. Congratulations!

What's happening on your campus? Send an e-mail and update us!

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News and Notes



Congratulations to former Florida Governor **Bob Martinez** for whom the Florida **Department of Environmental Protection's** Tallahassee offices will be named after. *Monday, March 19, at 1:00 PM*, the State of Florida will dedicate the Bob Martinez Center. The Council for Sustainable Florida was created by Governor Martinez in 1990.

Congratulations to the **University of Florida College of Law** and the **Florida Institute of Technology** for their powerful conferences held the last couple weeks. Both events were well planned and presented excellent material.

Stay tuned for a major announcement concerning the 2007 Campus and Community Sustainability Conference. This exciting event will bring together public and private sector leaders to explore sustainability efforts across the state.

Several new events have been posted on the Council's website. Be sure to check out the latest.

[Check out upcoming events and news...](#)

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