



Florida's Support of Military and Defense

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Florida's Military Presence

- 20 major military installations
- Defense contributions to state economy:
 - \$96.6 billion annual impact from military and defense business presence
 - 860,221 direct and indirect jobs
 - State's largest and most resilient economic driver
- Optimum training environment; extensive ranges

Major Military Bases In Florida

Florida's Military Installations, Missions, and Key Organizations



Who's Who: Veterans, National Guard, and Military and Defense

Veterans



Total Veterans
*all components, retirees
(1.5 million)



National Guard



Army & Air
National Guard
(13,000+)

Military/Defense



21 Major
Military Bases
(AD 65,000+)
(Reserve 24,500+)



Gov Base CDR Mtg

The Florida Model - Support of Military and Defense

- Florida Defense Alliance (FDA)
- Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF)
- Defense Grant Programs
- Base Commanders Meetings

Florida Defense Alliance

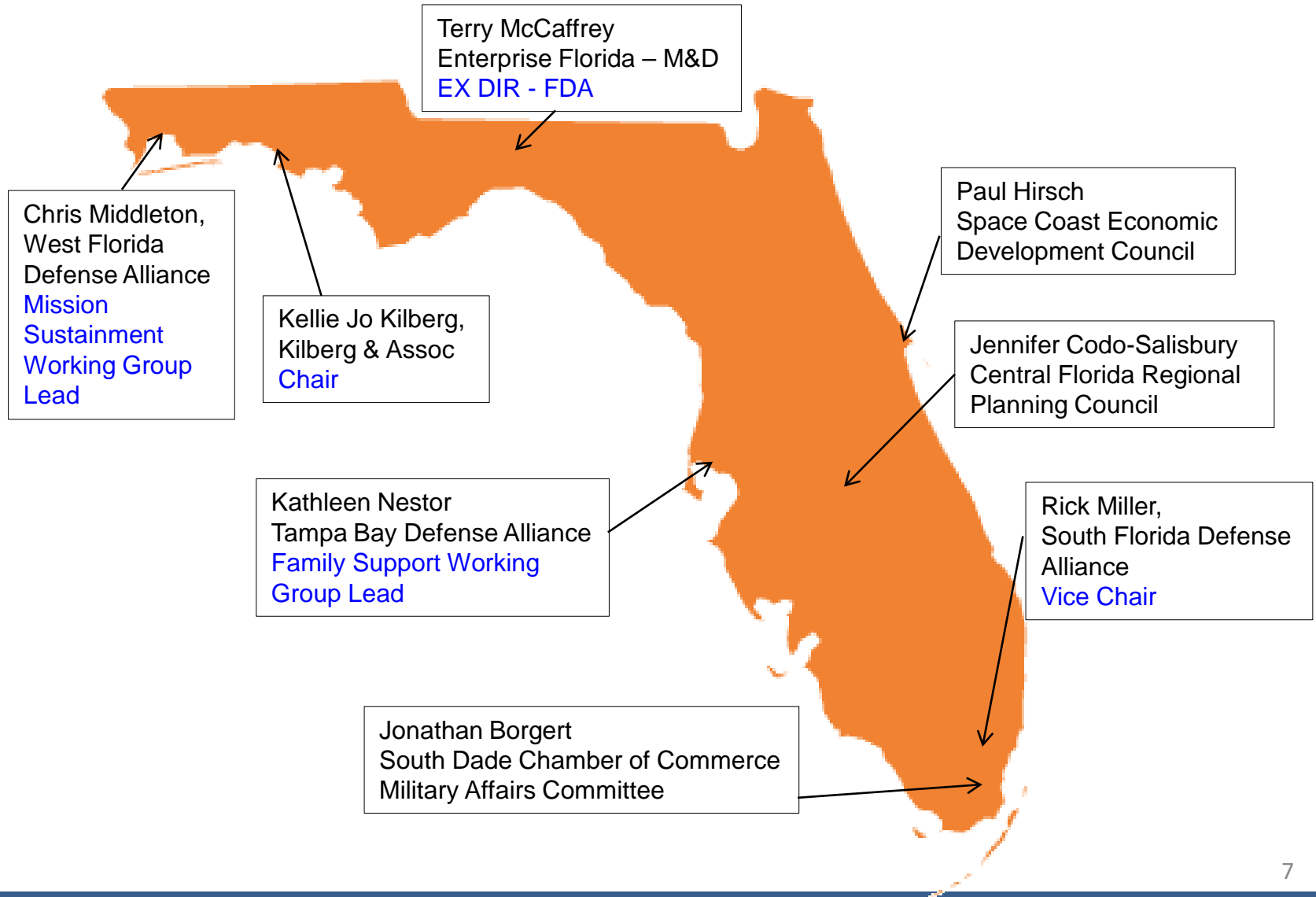
Authority & Purpose (from F.S. 288.980):

The FDA is the organization to ensure that Florida, its resident military bases and missions, and its military host communities are in competitive positions as the United States continues its defense realignment, and base structure adjustments, as well as efforts with the defense industrial base. The defense alliance shall serve as an overall advisory body for defense-related activities of Enterprise Florida, Inc.

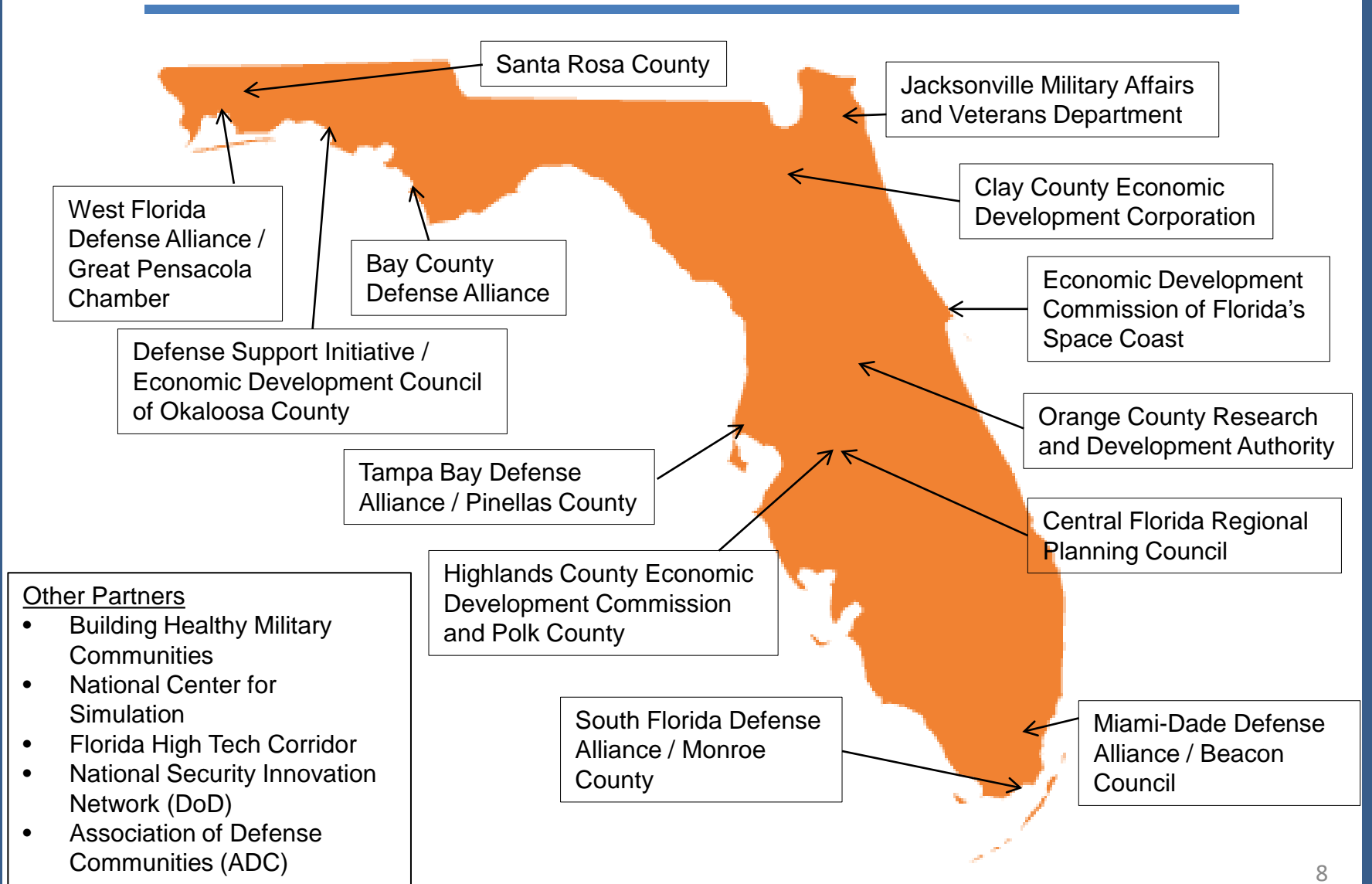
Mission:

- The FDA identifies and coordinates the plans, engagement and public awareness necessary to provide statewide leadership and support to defense related people, installations and missions throughout Florida.

Members of the Florida Defense Alliance Executive Board



Defense Alliances / Partners



Florida Defense Support Task Force

Created in 2011 – F.S. 288.987, Replaced the Florida Council on Military Bases and Mission Support. Sunshine exemption – F.S. 288.985.

- Make recommendations to preserve, protect and enhance Florida's military missions and installations
- Increase the defense industry in Florida
- Strengthen state support for education, health care, employment, and family programs for service members, families, retirees and businesses that bring military-related jobs to the state

Florida Defense Support Task Force Members

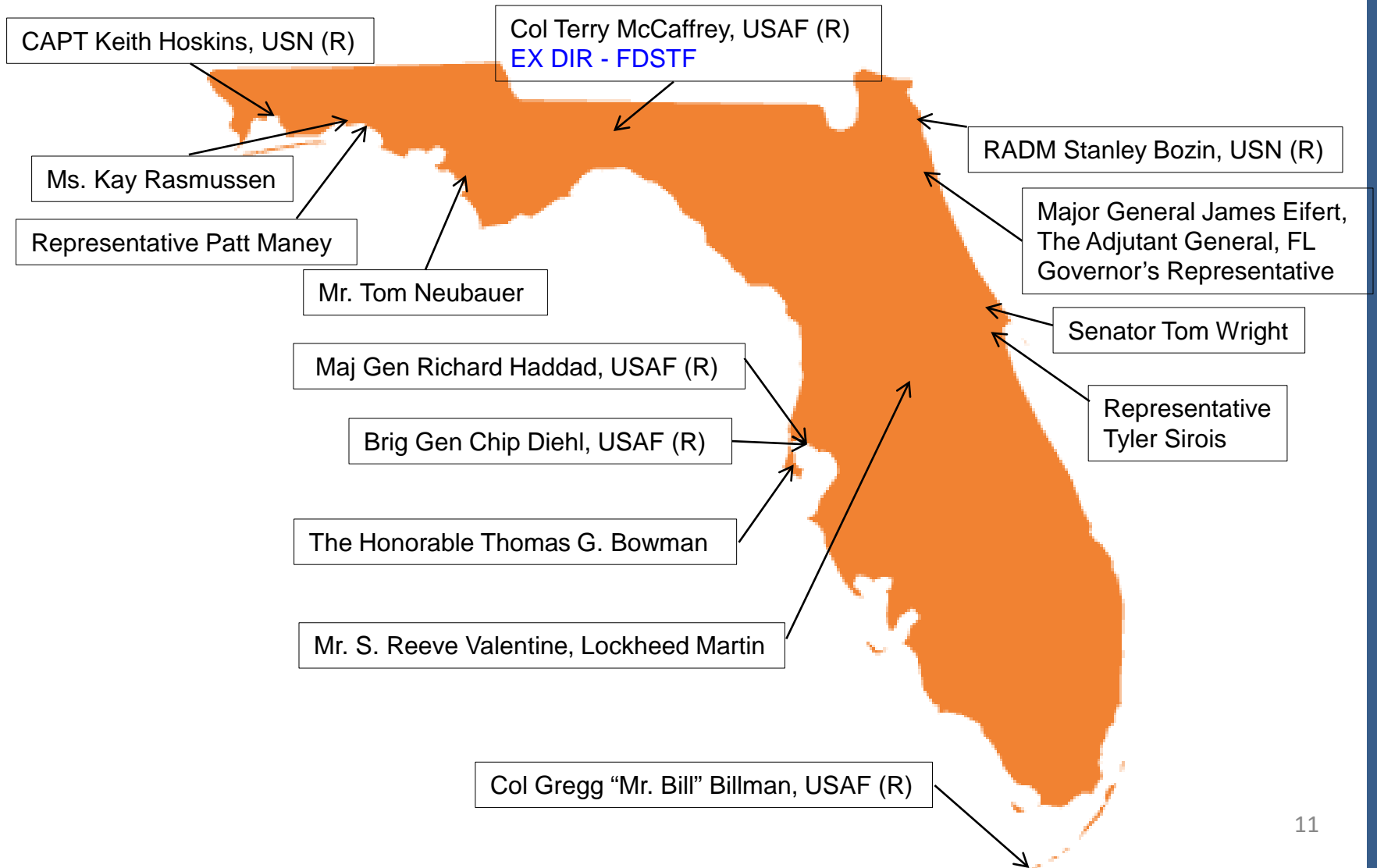
- Brig Gen Chip Diehl, USAF (ret.) – **Chair** – House
- Mr. Tom Neubauer – **Vice Chair** – Senate
- Col Gregg “Mr. Bill” Billman, USAF (ret.) – Governor
- The Honorable Thomas G. Bowman – Senate
- RADM Stan Bozin, USN (ret.) – Governor
- Maj Gen James O. Eifert, USAF (TAG) – Governor’s Representative
- Maj Gen Richard “Beef” Haddad, USAF (ret.) – Senate
- CAPT Keith Hoskins, USN (ret.) – Governor
- Rep Patt Maney – House
- Ms. Kay Rasmussen – House
- Rep Tyler Sirois – House
- S. Reeves Valentine – Governor
- Sen Tom Wright – Senate



Notes:

**Chair rotates between
Senate and House annually
on July 1st**

Florida Defense Support Task Force Members



2022 Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis



Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis

JANUARY 2022



FY21-22 Military Benefits Guide

**ADVANTAGE FLORIDA
MILITARY BENEFITS GUIDE**

A Summary of Sunshine State Laws, Policies, Programs
and Benefits for Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve
Servicemembers, Veterans, Retirees and Families

FLORIDA DEFENSE ALLIANCE

FLORIDA DEFENSE SUPPORT TASK FORCE

ENTERPRISE FLORIDA.

2022|23 For the most up to date version, please visit: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/military-defense>

The cover features a collage of images including a fighter jet, a rocket launch, a transport plane, a ship, a drone, and a soldier. It also includes the Great Seal of the State of Florida and several military branch seals at the bottom.

Difference: FDA and Task Force

Florida Defense Alliance

- Volunteer representatives from local defense communities
- Support bases and solve base issues with the community
- Bring the perspective of local communities together to advise state level representatives of the community view
- Share and advise best practices and identify common problems where state-level action would be appropriate

Florida Defense Support Task Force

- Appointees with military, legislative, and business experience, working on state-level issues and providing grants
- Promote Florida bases at the national level, address base issues, and support state-level military friendly legislation
- Maintain statewide perspective on all military issues

Defense Grant Programs

Military Base Protection Program (F.S. 288.980)

- Secures non-conservation lands to buffer Military Installations from incompatible development
- DEO collects, EFI prioritizes, Task Force approves tiered list
- Unfunded since 2014

Defense Reinvestment Grant (F.S. 288.980)

- Focuses on supporting defense-dependent communities' programs that assist military installations / enhance robust capabilities
- Currently funded at \$800K – Administered by DEO

Defense Infrastructure Grant (F.S. 288.980)

- Focuses on local (off base) infrastructure programs deemed to have positive impact on Military installation
- Currently funded at \$1.6M – Administered by DEO

Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Program

- Focuses on encroachment and defense support projects / studies
- Normally \$1.2-1.4M Available for Grants – Administered by EFI

Example FY22-23 Defense Grants

Defense Reinvestment Grant

- \$125,000 – to continue Hurricane Michael rebuilding efforts and assist Tyndall Air Force Base and Naval Support Activity Panama City with community support and partnerships
- \$79,200 – to increase outreach efforts by directly supporting the Hiring Our Heroes program, Vet Florida SkillBridge program, and Space Coast Salutes our Military website engagement

Defense Infrastructure Grants

- \$483,000 – to continue restrictive-use easement property purchases around Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field to ensure operational sustainability
- \$117,000 – to complete road improvements that will reduce traffic congestion for vehicles entering MacDill Air Force Base

Defense Support Task Force (Grants & Contracts)

- \$500,000 – matches \$1,500,000 in Federal REPI funding for restrictive easements to buffer Naval Station Mayport
- \$161,810 – to use partnership agreements among the military installations in the Emerald Coast region and their surrounding communities

M&D Enduring Priorities

- Prevent encroachment / incompatible development that may limit military operations
- Gulf Range Protection and Enhancement
- Influence Pentagon decisions on missions and basing
- Enhancing military family quality of life
- Increase installation / community resiliency

M&D Focus for 2023

- Attract Space Force Missions / Space National Guard
- New Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA)
- Increase Florida's education rating on USAF scorecard
- Ensure Tyndall rebuild / F-35 bed down remains on track
- Support MacDill AFB KC-135 to KC-46 Transition
- Determine / increase installation resiliency
- Increase defense related industry / contracts in Florida
- Develop a new strategic plan to guide M&D for next 5 years



Questions or Comments?

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