Dear Friend of USF,

This week, Governor Scott signed the state budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14 which was passed by the Legislators earlier this month. The Governor exercised his constitutional line-item veto power in withholding approval of nearly $370 million in legislatively-funded projects from the $74.5 billion total state budget. However, I am pleased to report that Governor Scott did not veto a single project funded by the Legislators for the USF System.

The USF System is very grateful for the efforts of the entire Tampa Bay Legislative Delegation for their tireless work during this past session. Special recognition must be given this year to Speaker of the House Will Weatherford (Wesley Chapel), House Appropriations Chairman Seth McMillin (Tallahassee), Senate Education Committee Chairman and USF Alumnus Bill Everline (Tampa), Senate Education Appropriations Chairman Bill Galvano (Bradenton), Senator Jeff Brandes (St. Petersburg), Senator Jack Latvala (Clearwater) and State Representative Darrell Issa (St. Petersburg), who worked directly in the receipt of each USF System project funding for the next year. You may read more about the specific USF System projects funded in the budget available here. If you get a moment, please thank these Legislators and the rest of the Tampa Bay Legislative Delegation for their support for the USF System this past year.

The USF System had a remarkably successful 2013 Legislative Session thanks to the work of our local Tampa Bay Legislative Delegation and supporters such as you. Following approval of the budget earlier this week by Governor Scott, the USF System will receive in 2013-14 a recurring allocation of $45 million to our base budget which was cut last year and an additional influx of new state spending totaling nearly $50 million. Below is a listing of some of the specific projects funded for the USF System by the 2013 Florida Legislature that were approved by Governor Scott this week.

**Summary of Major Funding Items for the USF System for 2013-2014**

- **$131,000** to support the USF St. Petersburg Family Study Center.
- **$190,000** to fund USF’s research currently ongoing at the former Dozier Institute for Children with Developmental Disabilities.
- **$355,000** increase in funding to support the USF Center for Autism and Related Disabilities.
- **$1 million** increase in state support for the Morsani College of Medicine Institute.
- **$1.25 million** to support the work of the USF Health Byrd Alzheimer’s Disease Research Centers.
- **$2 million** for USF Sarasota-Manatee to add new science courses and programs in partnership with Mote Marine Laboratory.
- **$2.5 million** to enter into a partnership with All Children’s Hospital in St. Petersburg to develop some state-owned land near the hospital into a medical research facility.
- **$2 million** for USF Sarasota-Manatee to add new science courses and programs in partnership with Mote Marine Laboratory.
- **$10.3 million** for construction and renovation projects for various student life facilities across all USF System institutions.
- **Approximately $7 million** to fund critical maintenance of existing USF System facilities.
- **$2.5 million** to enter into a partnership with All Children’s Hospital in St. Petersburg to develop some state-owned land near the hospital into a medical research facility.
- **$2 million** for USF Sarasota-Manatee to add new science courses and programs in partnership with Mote Marine Laboratory.
- **$12.5 million** towards construction of the new facility to house the USF St. Petersburg College of Business.
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- **$3.5 million** to continue the build-out of the new Interdisciplinary Sciences Building on the Tampa Campus.
- **$10.3 million** for construction and renovation projects for various student life facilities across all USF System institutions.
- **$12.5 million** towards construction of the USF Health Heart Institute.
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- **$3 million** increase in state support for the Morsani College of Medicine M.D. education program.
- **$250,000** in increase in funding to support the USF Center for Autism and Related Disabilities.
- **$300 million** State University System cut).
- **$10.3 million** for construction and renovation projects for various student life facilities across all USF System institutions.
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- **$15 million** increase in state support for the Morsani College of Medicine M.D. education program.
- **$250,000** in increase in funding to support the USF Center for Autism and Related Disabilities.
- **$900,000** to fund USF’s research currently ongoing at the former Doser School for Boys in Manteo, Florida.
- **$12.5 million** in increase in state support for the Morsani College of Medicine M.D. education program.

In addition to the new funding items listed above, the Legislators and Governor also approved some language within the budget that requires the Board of Governors of the State University System to submit a report detailing a plan for the creation of a “Florida Center for Cybersecurity” to be principally located at, and under the leadership of, the University of South Florida. This report, which is due by December 1st, will include—the for the Legislators’ consideration during the 2014 Legislative Session—any proposed startup costs as well as a budget to support the ongoing operations of the proposed Florida Center for Cybersecurity at USF.