



Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll (R) was a featured speaker at the 2011 AIF Annual Conference. Lt. Governor Carroll is a strong supporter of the business community and has played an instrumental role in advancing Governor Scott's Jobs Agenda.

Florida's economic turn-around depends on the ability to grow in a responsible and predictable manner, and the FDIC looks forward to providing a business perspective to the debate.

Development & Infrastructure

Last session, AIF's Florida Development & Infrastructure Council (FDIC) was at the forefront of the reorganization of both the Growth Management Act as well as the Department of Community Affairs, a goal that AIF, as well as much of the business and development community has had for many years. Now, with the creation of the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), the Council will actively offer its input to DEO as well as the Legislature in areas of rule reduction, process streamlining and opinion throughout the 2012 session on issues such as special taxing districts. The Council will also follow and, where necessary, propose changes to the new growth law in the form of a glitch bill. AIF continues to support the expansion of infrastructure projects, tax incentives for emerging and existing companies, and to advocate for business practices and regulations that will stimulate growth in Florida.

Council Priorities

In the areas of growth management and infrastructure, the FDIC will:

- Support funding for infrastructure that promotes job growth and development in Florida;
- Support legislation that streamlines the permitting and licensing process which may unnecessarily hinder job creation;
- Support a "glitch bill" to correct unintended flaws in last year's landmark growth legislation; and
- Support an objective review of special taxing districts.

Council Position

AIF and the FDIC will focus on efforts to streamline and improve Florida's growth management laws as well as the regulatory agencies involved in order to foster smart and responsible development across the state of Florida. Support for funding of transportation and port infrastructure projects will also be a top priority for the Council.

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