



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1213

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

As a long time provider of education, research, and innovation training for industry and the Department of War, a Secure Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) and test equipment at Florida Tech facilities will enable classified access to partnered small and medium size firms, enable innovation and project work in a classified space, and provide a platform for specialized training and wargaming capabilities. The SCIF and equipment utilization at Florida Tech will support Florida dual-use private capital, strengthen Florida's position as a location for national defense, and create workforce development partnerships.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	1,700,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,200,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	4,200,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	4,200,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☒ Design ☐ Construction ☐ N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

11/14/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/14/2027

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

University as well as industry and government use partners.

11. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

Florida Institute of Technology (Florida Tech)

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment to include cybersecurity simulation, secure communications, and basic material fatigue testing.	1,700,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Complete build-out of Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) with related modifications for climate control, access, and optimization in an existing facility.	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,200,000

13. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

Completion of a Secure Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) at Florida Tech facilities will enable classified access to partnered small and medium size firms, enable innovation and project work in a classified space, and provide a platform for specialized training and wargaming capabilities. The SCIF and equipment utilization will support Florida dual-use private capital, strengthen Florida's position as a location for national defense, and create workforce development partnerships.



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b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Workforce partnerships requiring classified communications and prototyping, industry access to enable secure Florida-based project work and innovation, as well as "clearance-ready" based training to support Florida's defense industrial base.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Providing small and mid-size partnered companies with cybersecure SCIF access, related classified training for workforce and students, as well as basic prototyping capabilities. Direct services will include providing access, hands-on training and hands-on prototyping for project work for partnered companies.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

Florida industry and government cohort partners requiring SCIF and prototyping access to include university/college students.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

Our nation has a critical shortage of those properly trained to deal with the cyber and resiliency threats presented by enemy nations. Access to SCIF and basic prototyping equipment for workforce groups, companies, and entrepreneurs to keep product development and test in Florida. Measurements will include number of workforce, students, faculty and partners exposed to cybersecurity and resiliency methods as well as number of workforce and industry with access to secure facilities and equipment for comms and prototyping.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

Standard contract provisions.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:



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16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- ☐ For Profit Entity
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- ☐ Local Entity
- ☒ University or College
- ☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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