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**Tampa Hillsborough EDC Board Presents Resolution in Support of  
Economic Development Legislation**

(Tallahassee) The Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation yesterday delivered to Governor Rick Scott and area legislators a strong message in support of legislation (Senate Bill 1048, and House Bill 709) that will speed up delivery of economic incentives to create new jobs.

"This legislation will enhance the state and local toolbox when it comes to creating new, high-paying jobs in Tampa and Hillsborough County. The Board of the EDC, through this resolution, has expressed its strong support to the Governor and our local legislators," said Gordon Gillette, EDC Chair.

Gillette, President of Tampa Electric & Peoples Gas, presented a formal resolution supporting the bills to Florida Governor Rick Scott, Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll and Enterprise Florida Inc. President Gray Swoope during a meeting of the Board of Directors of Enterprise Florida in Tallahassee.

Both bills recommend the update and continuation of the Innovation Incentive Approval Process to allow the Governor to fast track economic development funds in a process which mirrors the Quick Action Closing Fund created to address the needs of businesses considering relocating to or expanding vital jobs in Florida.

Along with presenting the resolution, Gillette formally introduced Tampa Hillsborough EDC's new President and CEO Rick Homans to the Enterprise Florida board. Homans comes to Tampa with extensive experience in economic development serving as New Mexico's Secretary of Economic Development under Former Governor Bill Richardson and as chairman of the New Mexico Spaceport Authority. In addition to his new role as President and CEO of Tampa Hillsborough EDC, Homans will represent Tampa and Hillsborough County as a Stakeholder of Enterprise Florida.

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**About Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation**

Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation is officially recognized by Enterprise Florida as Hillsborough County's primary economic development team in partnership with Hillsborough County and the cities of Tampa, Plant City and Temple Terrace and private investors. Its primary mission is to create jobs that pay above average wages to broaden the tax base by generating new, sustainable capital investment. [TampaEDC.com](http://TampaEDC.com)