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## Gov. Crist to address Florida Jobs Summit

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Senate President-designate Mike Haridopolos and House Speaker-designate Dean Cannon announced today that Gov. Charlie Crist will attend and address the statewide-focused Florida Jobs Summit.

The Summit will convene at **7 a.m. Friday** at the **Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel** in **Orlando** to hear ideas from employers and business leaders for boosting investment, economic growth and job creation in the Sunshine State.

“Almost every Floridian knows a friend or a family member who has lost a job or is otherwise suffering as a result of this crippling recession,” said Sen. Haridopolos. “Creating jobs will be job No. 1 for the Florida Legislature in the 2010 session, and this Jobs Summit is about coming together and discussing ideas to grow our economy and make Florida more attractive to new investment that will spur the creation of new, good-paying jobs.”

Public registration for the event has closed. More than 300 participants have already registered for the event, and while the organizers have sought to open attendance at the event to as many people as possible, the event venue has now reached capacity. Media interested in covering the event can sign-in online for press credentials at [www.FloridaJobsSummit.com/media](http://www.FloridaJobsSummit.com/media).

“This tough national economy lends profound urgency to our mission as legislators to help restart robust economic growth in our state,” said Rep. Cannon. “As Florida’s leaders, we must take smart and aggressive steps to provide new incentives for job creation in Florida and remove government obstacles to growth.”

The Florida Jobs Summit will include a public comment session in early afternoon following the lunch program. This session is free and open to the public.

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A live web cast of Florida Jobs Summit will be available on [www.FloridaJobsSummit.com](http://www.FloridaJobsSummit.com) and [www.webcast-tv.com/floridajobssummit/](http://www.webcast-tv.com/floridajobssummit/). Additional video will be available on demand shortly after the conclusion of the event. Media outlets wishing to carry the live web cast can request the embed code by e-mailing [erica@ronsachs.com](mailto:erica@ronsachs.com).

The schedule for the event agenda is as follows:

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| <b>7 a.m.</b>            | <b>REGISTRATION</b>   |
| <b>7:30 – 8:30 a.m.</b>  | <b>BREAKFAST</b><br>Breakfast buffet and attendee meet & greet  |
| <b>8:30 a.m.</b>         | <b>WELCOMING REMARKS</b><br>Sen. Haridopolos and Rep. Cannon  |
| <b>8:45 a.m.</b>         | <b>REMARKS FROM GOV. CRIST</b>  |
| <b>9 – 9:15 a.m.</b>     | <b>BREAK</b><br>Set up for panel discussions  |
| <b>9:15 a.m. - Noon</b>  | <b>PANELS</b><br><i>Sen. Haridopolos and Rep. Cannon will facilitate six Discussion Panels that will run concurrently in two separate rooms – each lasting 50 minutes. Panel discussions to begin at 9:15, 10:10 and 11:05 a.m.</i>   |
| <b>9:15 - 10:05 a.m.</b> | <b>PROMOTING JOB CREATION: ELIMINATING BARRIERS AND BUILDING INCENTIVES</b><br><br><i>Facilitated by Sen. Haridopolos, with:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Syd Kitson</b>, CEO, Kitson &amp; Partners, developer of Babcock Ranch</li> <li>• <b>Marcia Narine</b>, VP for Global Compliance, Ryder System</li> <li>• <b>Bruce O’Donoghue</b>, CEO, Control Specialists Company</li> <li>• <b>Martha Korman Zumwalt</b>, Executive Director of Global Solutions, ARC</li> <li>• <b>Philip Holt</b>, Vice President and Studio General Manager, EA Tiburon</li> </ul> |
| <b>9:15 - 10:05 a.m.</b> | <b>LEVERAGING EXISTING RESOURCES TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE JOBS</b><br><br><i>Facilitated by Rep. Cannon, with:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jim Zingale</b>, Economist and former Department of Revenue Secretary</li> <li>• <b>John Martin</b>, Principal, Martin &amp; Associates</li> <li>• <b>MaryEllen Elia</b>, Superintendent of Schools, Hillsborough County</li> <li>• <b>Lars Houmann</b>, CEO, Florida Hospital</li> </ul>   |

**10:10 - 11 a.m.**

**IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW NEW SECTORS**

*Facilitated by Sen. Haridopolos, with:*

- **Al Stimac**, President, Metal Essence, Inc.
- **Raquel “Rocky” Rodriguez**, Partner, McDermott Will & Emery LLP
- **John Sprouls**, Chief Executive Officer, Universal Orlando  
Executive Vice President, Universal Parks and Resorts
- **Bruce Kershner**, Executive Director, Florida Solar Energy Industries Association
- **Eric Silagy**, Vice President and Chief Development Officer, Florida Power & Light

**10:10 - 11 a.m.**

**STRENGTHENING FLORIDA’S TRADITIONAL ECONOMIC PILLARS**

*Facilitated by Rep. Cannon, with:*

- **Charles Bronson**, Agriculture Commissioner, State of Florida
- **Rich Templin**, Florida AFL-CIO
- **Anthony Connelly**, CFO, Walt Disney Parks and Resorts
- **Al Zichella**, First Vice President, Florida Home Builders Association
- **Rick Harper**, Director, Haas Center, University of West Florida

**11:05–11:55 a.m.**

**SMART GROWTH: BALANCING FLORIDA’S INTERESTS**

*Facilitated by Sen. Haridopolos, with:*

- **Jim Sellen**, Executive Vice President, MSCW
- **Robert Grow**, Founding Chair, Envision Utah
- **Colleen Castille**, Partner, Go Green Strategies; former FDEP Secretary
- **Tim Anderson**, Director, Florida Energy Systems Consortium
- **Lynda Weatherman**, CEO, Economic Development Council of the Space Coast

**11:05–11:55 a.m.**

**GETTING THE WORKFORCE READY TO WORK**

*Facilitated by Rep. Cannon, with:*

- **Belinda Keiser**, Chair, Workforce Florida Board of Directors
- **Eduardo Padrón**, President, Miami-Dade College
- **Jackie Pons**, Superintendent of Schools, Leon County
- **Miguel Fuentes**, Assistant Administrator, Florida Carpenters Regional Council
- **Colleen Englert**, President & CEO, Florida Ready to Work

**Noon**

**LUNCH**

**12:30 p.m.**

**KEYNOTE REMARKS AND Q&A BY DR. TONY VILLAMIL SUWANNEE 12, 13, 14 and 15**

Founder, Washington Economics Group  
Dean and Research Professor of Economics, School of Business  
St. Thomas University of Florida

**1:15 – 1:30 p.m.**

**BREAK**

**1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

**COMMENT SESSION**

A one-hour Comment Session will allow attendees brief opportunities to share their feedback, input, questions and suggestions. Participation in this session is free and open to the public.

**2:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

**WRAP-UP PANEL**

Wrap-up panel to discuss major themes from each panel, followed by concluding remarks from Sen. Haridopolos and Rep. Cannon.

For more information about the event, please visit [www.FloridaJobsSummit.com](http://www.FloridaJobsSummit.com).

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