



## FBIA Update

### A letter from Tom O'Neal, FBIA Chairman

Dear FBIA Members and Friends:

As 2006 comes to a close I must say it's been quite a year for Business Incubation in the Sunshine State. It's great to see so many communities around the state not only talking about developing incubators but actually following through with them. This increase in interest will only enhance the excitement and importance of this great organization of ours.



It was an action packed year at FBIA, starting with our Regional Focus Meeting in Jacksonville this past Spring to our Annual Meeting this past Summer in Tampa. It was also nice to be able to gather in St. Louis with those attending the NBIA annual conference. I was particularly pleased that we were able to partner with NBIA to provide two scholarship opportunities to 1st time attendees for the NBIA Annual Conference. We look forward to being able to offer this opportunity again in 2007.

As the economy in the State of Florida continues it's rapid growth, FBIA will continue its efforts in connecting incubation and economic development professionals in a unified voice of opportunity and professional development. With this in mind I hope that you will be able to join us for our last event of 2006.

Sincerely,  
**Tom O'Neal**  
 Dr. Tom O'Neal  
 Chairman

### UPCOMING EVENT

#### Central Florida Regional Focus Meeting & Holiday Mixer

**When:** December 1, 2006

**Where:** UCF Office of Research & Commercialization  
 12201 Research Parkway, Suite 501  
 Orlando, FL 32826

**Time:** 10:00 am to 7:00pm

**RSVP:** By Nov. 24th to [jamathew@mail.ucf.edu](mailto:jamathew@mail.ucf.edu) or 407-489-0387

#### Agenda

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| 10:00am - 11:00am | Meeting Kick-Off FBIA Goal Setting for 2007   |
| 11:00am - 12:00pm | Discussion about Statewide Incubator Economic Impact Study  |
| 12:00pm - 1:00pm  | What's Happening At Your Incubator (Round Table discussion/Lunch Catered In)                                      |
| 1:00pm - 2:00pm   | How SATOP can help your Incubator Clients Presented by Chris Gilfriche  |
| 2:00pm - 3:00pm   | How Partnering with Local Governments can enhance your incubator program Presented by Brooke Bonnett & John Lewis |
| 3:00pm - 4:00pm   | Tour of CREOL Incubator   |
| 4:30pm - 7:00pm   | Holiday Mixer (ORC Conference Room)   |

### LOCAL ACCOMODATIONS

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