

Dear Friends,



This week, I attended Enterprise Florida's Business Diversification Awards Luncheon, where we honored some of Florida's most successful and noteworthy businesses and entrepreneurs. Florida is known for its business friendly climate – and I firmly believe that government must support this innovative spirit.

Florida's businesses are realizing that there is in fact gold in green. Green energy is creating economic opportunity for our people. Innovation is a part Florida's DNA, and Florida businesses and entrepreneurs are responding to the call for a cleaner energy future.

This also means making sure our commitment to clean energy remains strong. This administration is encouraging both state agencies and private business to be greener, more efficient, and more environmentally responsible – because it is the right thing to do, and we know it will reap economic benefits in the future.

This week I also shared what Florida is doing to encourage gold in green with leaders at the climate change summit, hosted by the Clinton Global Initiative in New York. Florida is leading by example. I am very proud of Florida's innovation and the progress we are making.



May God continue to bless the Sunshine State.

Charlie Crist

Photo Captions

Top Left: Governor Charlie Crist (far right) attended the Enterprise Florida Inc.'s Business Diversification Awards Luncheon, where he honored some of Florida's businesses for their leadership in diversifying Florida's economy. Receiving an award in Business Expansion category are Steve Lemons (left) and Rocky Rockingham (middle), from Jarden Consumer Solutions.

Bottom Right: While in New York City to address the Clinton Global Initiative 2008 Annual Meeting, Governor Charlie Crist met with energy entrepreneur T. Boone Pickens to discuss the importance of renewable energy.