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Please Respond to:

October 15, 2009

Mr. Jerry McDaniel, Director  
Office of Policy and Budget  
Executive Office of the Governor  
The Capitol, Room 1701  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Mr. McDaniel:

Attached is the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 2010-2011 through FY 2014-2015 and it has been posted to the Florida Fiscal Portal, following the instructions dated July 2009. This consists of the Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request of \$16.4 million from the Department's various trust funds and \$6 million from General Revenue. These projects total \$22.4 million for Fiscal Year 2010-11 and \$111.8 million for the remainder of the five-year plan.

Included in the General Revenue request is \$2.4 million of supplemental funding to fund the shortfall needed to complete the Interstate Ramp Renovations southbound on I-75, \$285,000 and \$45,000 for Architecture and Engineering (A & E) design fees for Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) replacements for the Conner Buildings located in Gainesville and Tallahassee, and \$3 million for A & E design fees for Phase III of the replacement of the Kissimmee Diagnostic Laboratories. Also, included in the General Revenue request is \$50,000 for a roof replacement at the Live Oak Diagnostic Laboratory. In addition, the Division of Forestry needs \$175,000 to replace old and failing communication towers and related infrastructure for their communications system.

Included in the Trust Fund request for this Capital Improvement Plan is an issue for \$213,224 to install a needed fire suppression system for our Arthropods Museums, Library and Labs in Gainesville, \$205,250 for maintenance and repairs at the State Farmers' Markets, \$99,450 for Code and Life Safety issues at the State Farmers' Markets, as well as \$220,000 for the demolition of Unit 3, which has been condemned at the Ft. Myers State Farmers' Market and is a safety risk at the market, and the replacement of the Homestead Forestry Station for \$600,000.



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This Capital Improvement Plan also requests Trust Fund authority for land purchases in the amount of \$15.1 million in FY 2010-2011, which includes \$4.5 million for the acquisition of land under the Florida Forever Program, \$110,000 for Forestry land purchasing opportunities, and \$10.5 million for the Rural and Family Lands Protection Act to acquire perpetual easements that ensure the preservation of land for agricultural use, and maintain the agricultural land base in Florida.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues and if you have any questions, feel free to call me or my staff at (850) 410-2280.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles H. Bronson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

CHARLES H. BRONSON  
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Attachment