



**FLORIDA'S
BEST**

Business and Education
Partnerships

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Florida's Best
Business and Education Partnerships
2004 Awards

Florida's Best Awards Competition 2004

When business and education work together to address the economic development needs of our state, Florida works — and we all benefit. The Office of Workforce Education, Florida Department of Education is celebrating the second year of a recognition program called ***Florida's Best -- Business and Education Partnerships***, which spotlights and promotes the replication of Florida's best practices in business and education partnerships. This is your chance to shine, share your successes with others and offer your partnership as a model worthy of replication.

Florida's Best invites you to submit your partnership programs for consideration as one of Florida's Best -- Business and Education Partnerships.

Eligibility

Your partnership must be an on-going, mutually beneficial arrangement in Florida between education and business, with at least one business partner and one education partner from public education -- high school, vocational-technical school or community college. Partners may submit more than one project for consideration. You must demonstrate success in one or more of 16 key areas of workforce education development. (Please see application for details.)

Judging

Your entry will be judged by a panel of educators and business leaders selected by the Office of Workforce Education, Florida Department of Education. **Entries must be received by 5 p.m. on March 29, 2004 at the address listed on the entry form.** Entries will be judged on:

- Demonstrated success in at least one of the 16 focus areas;
- Measured outcome;

- Originality and innovation;
- Benefits to students/workers and major stakeholders;
- Development of long-term relationships between business and education;
- Applicability as a prototype for other partnerships;
- Inclusion of a student's success story to demonstrate the student focus of the project.

Winning

Winners will be notified by phone, with follow-up including complete details on regional publicity as well as the statewide awards luncheon.

The awards celebration and luncheon will take place **June 18, 2004** in Orlando. Up to 18 winners will be awarded during the luncheon, as many as three each from six regions in Florida (see www.firn.edu/doe/workforce or www.FloridaHumanResources.org for regions). Abstracts of award-winning programs will be posted on the Florida Department of Education Web site, as well as the web sites of other participants, and will be published in the *Florida's Best, Business and Education Partnerships Idea Book, 2004*. Winners also may be **featured in the media**, and will gain recognition in their hometowns. The awards event will be **taped and televised by the Sunshine Network**.

Each winning partnership also will be presented with a **monetary award**, made payable to the education partner, and a trophy at the celebration luncheon. Eight complimentary tickets to the celebration luncheon will be provided to the winning partnerships.

Applying

Complete the brief **application form**. Make sure your entry is received by **5 p.m. on March 29, 2004 at the address on the application form or by e-mail as listed**. You may submit more than one partnership project for consideration. The application form is available at www.firn.edu/doe/workforce or www.floridahumanresources.org.

Questions?

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