



On this day in 1878, Edison makes electricity available for household use

The first house to be powered was J.P. Morgan's and required his personal lighting engineer. Morgan hired Thomas Edison to build a generator which powered the 400 light bulbs in his home.

The Briefing –Tuesday – October 18 –2022

The last Briefing was Monday – October 17– 2022

How's your weather - <https://weather.com/>

[Link to Week 8 of NCAA Football Games](#)

The Quick

RUBIO, DEMINGS DEBATE TONIGHT ON NBC – 7:00PM

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DEO Broadband Proposed Rules Need Changes

Public comment period closes on Friday October 21st.

- DEO is currently soliciting comment on proposed rules for the Broadband Opportunity Program. The Florida Office of Broadband have posted the rules on their website.
- Comments regarding proposed rules can be submitted at this link: [Notice of Proposed Rule \(NPR\)](#) .
- Here are the links – [Notice of Proposed Rule \(NPR\)](#) establishing the rules and criteria for the Broadband Opportunity Program (BOP). The BOP [Grant Application](#) and [Scoring & Evaluation Criteria](#).

Here are some concerns regarding Small Counties -

1. The proposed rules should be changed to provide funding on an advancement basis. Currently DEO rules are based on a reimbursement basis - Rural Areas Need Advance funding.
2. The proposed rules should include a waiver of match for fiscally constrained counties. Currently DEO rules require a 50% match. Waiver of match is authorized in statutes.
3. The proposed rules should give special consideration in scoring of applications. Relevant statutes provide for special consideration to ensure unserved areas are targeted.
4. Elements of the Application should be made more flexible - Application Requirements are arduous and embody unnecessary requirements. Fiscally constrained counties should be exempt from certain questions in the Application.
5. The grant program should include a special category that provides upfront assistance for Local Technology Planning Team functions.

Here is a link to comments submitted by the Florida Association of Counties – [Final FAC Comments on BOP Draft Rules.docx](#)

State Board of Education to Meet in Orlando – Wednesday and Thursday

Watch Live on The Florida Channel

October 19, 2022 - 9:00 a.m. - Agenda

October 20, 2022 - 9:00 a.m. - Agenda

Open Government Questionnaire Response Requested by the House of Representatives

Counties are requested to complete that questionnaire linked below dealing with the Open Government Sunshine House staff are seeking input to on the importance of the exemption as the legislature considers whether to reauthorize this specific exemption during the 2023 session. Please send your responses to the House staff by **November 2, 2022.** [OGSR LUCA Draft Questionnaire.docx](#)

Headlines Around the State

Times: Perla and the behind-the-scenes efforts of DeSantis' migrant flights

Sentinel: Demings, Rubio get set for their only Senate debate Tuesday

NBC Miami: How to Watch Rubio and Demings' Only Debate Tuesday on Multiple NBC 6 Platforms

FlaPol: National Republicans, including Rick Scott, announce 'Take Back Our Country Tour'

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis praises Elon Musk for keeping Starlink satellites above Ukraine

Post: Rubio support for repeal drug price negotiating rule angers Democrat who voted for it

Times: Some Pinellas Republicans endorse Democrat Eric Lynn for Congress over Luna

FlaPol: Laurel Lee has now raised more than \$1M for CD 15 run

FlaPol: Annette Taddeo nearly laps María Elvira Salazar in spending for CD 27

FlaPol: South Florida GOP incumbents to rally voter turnout Tuesday in Doral

The Floridian: Steube Slams Biden Administration's Spending and Inflation

Herald: Miami's mayor would consider White House bid if the 'mood of the country' was right

Politico: Hurricanes Fiona and Ian gave solar power its time to shine

TCPalm: Fed judge at center of Trump's Mar-a-Lago search seated in Fort Pierce

FlaPol: Business tax filing deadlines extended for 6 counties hit by Hurricane Ian

NBC Miami: Race for Miami-Dade Commission Seat Heats Up as Trump Endorses Candidate

Herald: 'He's constantly going to live in fear.' Spared execution, Cruz faces hellish life in prison

WLRN: As dust settles on Parkland verdict, how jury came to a life sentence decision

The Capitolist: CarePlus expands its presence in the Florida Medicare Advantage market

Democrat: Gas prices in Florida continue two-week increase, drivers paying \$3.40 on average

Sun-Sentinel: South Florida, U.S. hotel revenues jump as consumers pay more

CBS Miami: Gov. DeSantis, challenger Crist bring campaigns to South Florida voters

City & State FL: Election 2022: Crist, DeSantis clash on education issues

TCPalm: Local leaders hope DeSantis-Crist gubernatorial debate will put Fort Pierce 'on the map'

FlaPol: Critics continue to weaponize Ron DeSantis' 'insurance crisis'

Sun: News outlets barred from sold-out local GOP event with DeSantis

Times: Police cameras show confusion, anger over DeSantis' voter fraud arrests

The Capitolist: Florida schools get \$200 million through School Recognition Program

FlaPol: Casey DeSantis is 'shaking the trees' for donations to Hurricane Ian fund

FlaPol: New Ashley Moody ad buy highlights immigration, funding police

Times: Florida voters will decide whether to retain 5 of 7 state Supreme Court justices

WSJ: Florida Coastal Living Reshaped by Hurricane Housing Codes

Times-Union: Newcomers Michael Anderson, Jessica Baker face off for Florida House District 17 seat

WLRN: As Everglades City recovers from another hurricane, are there lessons to be learned by Florida?

WLRN: Florida's first house built with 3-D printer technology takes up residence in Tallahassee

On the Docket

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022

- **MIAMI DADE COLLEGE BOARD:** The Miami Dade College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 8 a.m., Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, 300 N.E. Second Ave., Miami.)
- **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER BOARD:** The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., Southwest Florida Water Management District, 7601 U.S. 301 North, Tampa.)
- **MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE:** The state Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse is scheduled to meet. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- **ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE TRUSTEES:** The St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., St. Petersburg College, EpiCenter, 13805 58th St. North, St. Petersburg.)
- **DUNN, LAWSON DEBATE:** Republican U.S. Rep. Neal Dunn and Democratic U.S. Rep. Al Lawson will debate at the Capital Tiger Bay Club. Dunn and Lawson are running against each other in North Florida's Congressional District 2 after districts were redrawn this year. (Tuesday, noon, Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.)
- **FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC TRUSTEES:** The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 3 p.m. Call-in number: 1-415-655-0001. Code: 24212405091)
- **NEW COLLEGE BOARD:** The New College of Florida Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. (Tuesday, 3 p.m., New College of Florida, Sudakoff Conference Center, 5845 General Dougher Place, Sarasota.)
- **PALM BEACH COLLEGE BOARD:** The Palm Beach State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 3 p.m., Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth Campus, 4200 Congress Ave., Lake Worth.)
- **NORTHWEST FLORIDA COLLEGE TRUSTEES:** The Northwest Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 3 p.m., Northwest Florida State College, Chautauqua Center, 908 U.S. 90 West, DeFuniak Springs.)
- **SANTA FE COLLEGE BOARD:** The Santa Fe College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 4 p.m., Santa Fe Andrews Cultural Center, 201 East Call St., Starke.)

- **PENSACOLA COLLEGE BOARD:** The Pensacola State College Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold a workshop, committee meetings and a board meeting. (Tuesday, events start at 4:30 p.m., Pensacola State College, Warrington Campus, 5555 West Highway 98, Pensacola.)
- **CHIPOLA COLLEGE TRUSTEES:** The Chipola College Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. (Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Chipola College, Public Service Building, Marianna.)
- **RUBIO, DEMINGS DEBATE:** U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and his Democratic challenger, U.S. Rep. Val Demings, will hold their only debate before the Nov. 8 election. (Tuesday, 7 p.m., Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth Campus, Lake Worth. Airing on WPBF in West Palm Beach, WTVJ in Miami and Fort Lauderdale, WESH in Orlando, WJXX in Jacksonville, WFLA in Tampa, WCJB in Gainesville, WCTV in Tallahassee, WBBH in Fort Myers and C-SPAN. Also, 7 p.m. Central time on WEAR in Pensacola and WMBB in Panama City.)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022

- **EDUCATION ISSUES ON AGENDA:** The State Board of Education will meet in Orange County. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Caribe Royale, 8101 World Center Dr., Orlando.)
- **MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE:** The state Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- **SOUTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD:** The South Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 1 p.m., South Florida State College, Highlands Campus, 600 West College Dr., Avon Park.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022

- **UCF TRUSTEES:** The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 8:30 a.m., University of Central Florida, Millican Hall, Orlando.)
- **EDUCATION ISSUES ON AGENDA:** The State Board of Education will meet in Orange County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Caribe Royale, 8101 World Center Dr., Orlando.)
- **HEALTH KIDS PROGRAM AT ISSUE:** The Florida Healthy Kids Corp. Board of Directors will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m. Call-in number: 850-792-4925. Code: 422130256)
- **BOATING PANEL:** The state Boating Advisory Council is scheduled to meet in Pinellas County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Hampton Inn & Suites/Downtown St. Petersburg, 80 Beach Dr., N.E., St. Petersburg.)
- **DEFENSE ISSUES:** The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m. Information at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/event/florida-defense-support-task-force-fdstf-meeting-108-via-zoom/>)
- **RETIREMENT SYSTEM :** The Florida Retirement System Actuarial Assumption Conference will analyze issues in the state retirement system. (Thursday, 10 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:** The Florida Commission on Human Relations will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Florida Commission on Human Relations, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)
- **GULF COAST TRUSTEES:** The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Gulf Coast State College, Robert L. McSpadden Student Union West, Panama City.)
- **SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS:** The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022

- **ETHICS CASES:** The Florida Commission on Ethics will meet. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.)

- COLLEGE PRESIDENTS: The Council of Presidents of the Florida college system will meet in Orange County. (Friday, 9 a.m., Valencia College, West Campus, 1800 South Kirkman Road, Orlando.)
- BOATING PANEL: The state Boating Advisory Council is scheduled to meet in Pinellas County. (Friday, 9 a.m., Hampton Inn & Suites/Downtown St. Petersburg, 80 Beach Dr., N.E., St. Petersburg.)
- JOBLESS NUMBERS: The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will release a September unemployment report. (Friday, 10 a.m.)
- SOLID WASTE ISSUES: The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and the South Florida Regional Planning Council will hold a conference to discuss solid-waste management issues. (Friday, 10 a.m., Florida Atlantic University, Student Union, 1995 Dade Ave., Boca Raton.)
- MASSAGE THERAPY BOARD: The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet. (Friday, 2 p.m. <https://www.gotomeet.me/FL-BOMT/conference-calls>. Call-in number: 1-877- 309-2073. Code: 985532741)
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE: Statewide candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Oct. 14.

Tropical Outlook

www.nhc.noaa.gov



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Five-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%
 Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane
 Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

Important Meetings Scheduled To Focus on Rural/Small County Issues

Small County Coalition Fall Breakfast Meeting

For County Commissioners and Staff

Wednesday – November 30 - St. Pete – Coinciding with the FAC Winter Meeting
Major Actions –

Welcome New Commissioners and Adopt Legislative Program
[Registration for FAC Legislative Annual Conference](#)

Small School District Council Consortium - Breakfast Meeting
For School Board members and Superintendents

Thursday – December 1 – Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay -Coinciding with the FSBA Winter Meeting
Major Actions

Greet New School Board Members and Adopt Legislative Program
[FSBA/FADSS 77th Annual Joint Conference – Florida School Boards Association](#)

Annual Florida Rural Economic Development Summit

Major Focus – Advancing Economic Development in rural communities

December 7-9, 2022 - Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine.

[Registration for Summit](#)
[Tentative Agenda for Summit](#)

Important Broadband Summit – January 26 and 27th

Open for participating entities

 [FAC BROADBAND SUMMIT.docx](#)

[Registration for BROADBAND SUMMIT](#)

Sawgrass Marriott – St. Johns County

About the Briefing!

The Briefing is prepared almost daily by Chris Doolin cdoolin@doolinandassoc.com

The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to elected officials and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email – doolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

Website Links

[Small County Coalition Website](#)

[Small School District Council Consortium Website](#)

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