UF Presents Booth, Speaker at FGTC

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At an annual event that spotlights technology from around the state, the University of Florida provided the keynote speaker and sponsored a booth displaying campus technology.

During the seventh annual Florida Government Technology Conference, UF President John V. Lombardi presented the keynote speech, "The Net, the Universities, and the Market."

NERDC's Director Ron Schoenau, Associate Director Marie Dence, and Program Development Manager Allan Pither attended the conference.

Dence said the conference is vital to educators.

"FGTC helps educators learn more about technologies that they can use to serve the state of Florida. This learning takes place via discussions and exhibits. Also, we get to meet and talk to our state officials who work in Tallahassee," Dence said.

This year's event was held from September 22-24. NERDC has participated in the conference for six of the event's seven years.

The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) sponsored the UF booth this year.

"The advantage of having the booth is that it gives different UF departments a chance to work together to showcase the technological tools that we use to enhance the state, students, and education," Dence said. "And at NERDC, we appreciate that opportunity for cooperation."

Other groups that participated were: Administrative Affairs, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, CIRCA, College of Engineering, College of Journalism and Communications, College of Medicine, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, College of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Astronomy, Florida Geographic Data Library, Florida State Fire College, Office of Instructional Research, University of Florida Brain Institute, and University of Florida Libraries.

Michael Conlon, chief information officer for the Health Science Center and assistant vice president for Health Affairs; Dr. Sue Legg, director of the OIR; and Donald Poucher, director IFAS Educational Media and Services presented "Technology Transfer: University of Florida Application Developments for Government."

The session explored examples of technology applications developed at UF and how they can transfer to uses in all levels of government, as well as other educational institutions.

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