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NERDC worked with the UF College of Medicine and other UF departments to present this year's booth at the Florida Government Technology Conference. The conference, held in Tallahassee on Sept. 21-23, was coordinated by the UF College of Medicine and featured Technology in Education.

FGTC is held annually in the state capital to demonstrate the technology used in Florida governmental agencies. According to Marie Dence, NERDC associate director, the conference is very important to educators.

"This event is good because it demonstrates to people in Tallahassee, including legislators and state officials, UF's advances in using technology to support education. It also gives people who have to live in Tallahassee, instead of getting to live in Gainesville, an opportunity to ask questions about UF programs," said attendee Dence.

At the last FGTC in Tallahassee, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush visited the UF booth. From left, Drew Barrett (director of the Office of Distance Learning for the Health Science Center), Hansford Tyler (assistant director for Academic Information Systems and Support in the HSC), Valerie Dailey (acting director of the Office of Information Technology at the HSC), Earl Robbins (UF CIO), Governor Bush, Alan Cook (assistant director university computing), Dr. Mike Conlon (assistant vice president for the HSC), Tom Cassarly (manager of production support services for Information Services), and Marie Dence (associate director of NERDC).

UF technology highlighted included: EAGLE (the engine that allows CICS and other
mainframe applications to be accessed via the Web), SOARS (the Site for Online Administrative ResourceS), and the Center for Instructional Technology and Training (distance education).

A special treat at this year's event was a visit from Florida Governor Jeb Bush to the UF booth. "We were delighted to have Governor Bush drop by and discuss educational technology with us," Dence said.

Another benefit of participating in FGTC is the cooperation it spurs between UF departments and NERDC. "Since it was a UF program, we enjoyed working with a variety of personnel and departments across campus toward a joint goal of presenting the good face that UF deserves to have," said Dence. "The College of Medicine did a great job of coordinating this year's booth."

NERDC Project Development Manager Allan Pither co-presented "Using Census and GIS Data to Improve Government Services." The talk described how to locate and access census and Geographic Information Systems data and how different agencies could use the data to improve their services.

New for this year's conference was a free CD that presented UF's use of technology and information on UF colleges.

NERDC has been active in the conference for seven of the eight years that it has been held.

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