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## WEKIVA PARKWAY INDUSTRY FORUM

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**DeLand, FL** - The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is holding a Wekiva Parkway Industry Forum on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 from 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Industry Forum will be held at the Sanborn Event and Activity Center, 815 South Alabama Avenue, DeLand, FL 32720.

The \$1.6 billion Wekiva Parkway (State Road 429) will complete the beltway around Central Florida, while helping to protect the natural resources surrounding the Wekiva River. The Department is scheduled to begin advertising for bids on its next sections in 2016. Construction on the next segments is scheduled to begin in 2017.

The forum will provide scope and schedule information to those individuals and firms interested in participating in the department's sections in Lake and Seminole Counties. There will also be a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (SBE) Session and overall project Q&A.

The forum agenda is as follows:

- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.           Open House
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.           Formal Presentation
  - Welcome – District Secretary Noranne Downs
  - Intro to DBE/SBE Programs & Goals – Dennis Kirk, District Contract Compliance Manager
  - DBE Presentation – Tom Rush, Central Office DBE Manager
  - Project Overview – Alan Hyman, Director of Transportation Operations
  - Section Details – Alan Hyman
  - Florida Gas Transmission – David Parham, Area Director South – Southeast Division
  - Procurement & Project Schedule – Alan Hyman

- 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Break
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Q&A Session

Maps, drawings and other pertinent information will be on display for review. FDOT staff and others associated with the project will be available to discuss the project and answer questions.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Jennifer Smith, FDOT District Five Title VI Coordinator by phone at (386) 943-5367, or via email at [Jennifer.Smith2@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Jennifer.Smith2@dot.state.fl.us).

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Olson, FDOT Public Information Manager at [steve.olson@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:steve.olson@dot.state.fl.us), or by telephone at (386) 943-5479. You may also contact Public Information Officer Mary Brooks at [info@wekivaparkway.com](mailto:info@wekivaparkway.com), or by telephone at (407) 694-5505. For more information you can also log onto the FDOT Industry Forum page on the project website at [www.wekivaparkway.com](http://www.wekivaparkway.com).

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