



INVESTMENT IN SEMICONDUCTORS

In 2022, the Orlando region secured \$50.8 million through the Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration's (EDA) *Build Back Better Regional Challenge*, the only award focused solely on semiconductor research, development, and manufacturing. On the heels of this generational investment, the Orlando region must capitalize on its momentum and ensure that it is at the center of the federal government's strategies for reshoring domestic semiconductor manufacturing capacity.

Regional Semiconductor Coalition Grant Submissions

- Support the Prosperity Coalition, consisting of BRIDG, Osceola County, the Orlando Economic Partnership, SkyWater Technology, the University of Central Florida, and Valencia College, among other partners, and its collaborative proposals for funding through the ***National Science Foundation's Regional Innovation Engines grant*** and ***Department of Defense Microelectronics Commons grant*** focused on addressing the vulnerabilities in the semiconductor supply chain.

CHIPS Funding

- Support investment in NeoCity and the Orlando region's semiconductor ecosystem via the initial roll out of funding and programs through the recently passed CHIPS and Science Act.

Economic Development Administration's Tech Hubs Grant

- Advocate for the Prosperity Coalition and the Orlando region's semiconductor ecosystem to be selected as one of 20 regional tech hubs under Phase 1 of the Economic Development Administration's Regional Technology and Innovation Hub (Tech Hubs) Program.

INVESTMENT IN TRANSPORTATION

Highways

- Support funding for I-4 Beyond the Ultimate to accelerate much needed connectivity within the Orlando region, alleviate congestion in Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties, and capitalize on the state's potential multibillion-dollar investment through its Moving Florida Forward initiative.

Transit

- Support funding to connect SunRail to the Orlando International Airport and world class tourism industry and for exploration of future Brightline expansion to Tampa.
- Support funding that will improve service and enhance the connectivity of the LYNX bus system to meet the demand of the more than 1,000 people who use the Orlando region every week. Ensure flexibility for transit funding to be used for both capital and operations and maintenance.

Airports

- Ensure the Orlando region's international airports (Greater Orlando Aviation Authority and Orlando Sanford International Airport) continue to receive capital project funds through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and support robust funding for airport projects through Congress's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization bill.

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