STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 11-116 (Superceding Executive Order 11-02; Verification of Employment Status)

WHEREAS, Federal law requires employers to employ only individuals eligible to work in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system allows employers to quickly verify employee eligibility in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section (1)(a) of the Florida Constitution, and all other applicable laws, do hereby promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. I hereby direct all agencies under the direction of the Governor to verify the employment eligibility of all new agency employees through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system.

Section 2. I hereby direct all agencies under the direction of the Governor to include, as a condition of all contracts for the provision of goods or services to the state in excess of nominal value, an express requirement that contractors utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the contractor during the contract term, and an express requirement that contractors include in such subcontracts the requirement that subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the state contract utilize the E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the contract term.

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<u>Section 3</u>. Agencies not under the direction of the Governor are encouraged to verify the employment eligibility of their new employees utilizing the E-Verify system and to include as a provision of all contracts for the provision of goods or services to the state or subdivision in excess of nominal value, a requirement that contractors and subcontractors utilize the E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired during the contract term.

Section 4. This Order supersedes Executive Order 11-02.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 27th day of May, 2011.

GOVERNOR

