

Webinar: Florida's Innovation Hub

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James Taylor is CEO of the Florida Technology Council (FTC). The Council is Florida's only statewide association focused exclusively on the needs and priorities of Florida's technology sector. Operations for Taylor include working with Florida C-suite tech executives, State legislators, agency heads and CIOs, as well as cyber divisions of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the FBI. Representing Florida's tech industry, Taylor's voice provides unbiased guidance to state legislators, agencies and staff working to create a stronger, safer more efficient Florida.



Awarded by Government Technology Magazine as one of the "Top 25 Doer, Dreamer and Drivers" in the nation. This award, given by one of the leading sources of digital government news, recognizing individuals in the digital government field who demonstrate that innovative technology use can transform government operations, dramatically improve citizen engagement, and enhance service. Taylor is one of the few individuals from the private sector to have received this award.

From 2014-2021 Taylor serves as the primary governmental affairs representative for the Florida Technology Council. On the Florida House and Senate floor, he served as a key spokesperson successfully defending a need for the Agency for State Technology during repeated efforts to dismantle the agency. He provided education on ridesharing while efforts were underway for changes that would have been detrimental to the emerging industry. He provided education and direction for legislative efforts around autonomous vehicles and 5g Small Cell Technology during attempts to restrict their advancement. James served as the technology industry representative for the Cybersecurity and Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) Legislative Work Group in the Florida House of Representatives, and was appointed to the Governor's Reopen Florida Taskforce. Taylor is the creator of Florida's annual Tech Day at the Capitol®, Florida's State Advisory Workgroup, the Florida CIO Training Program, Florida Private Sector Academy, and co-creator of the Florida Business Industry Leadership Team and the Florida Tech Consortium.