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Gov. Rick Scott Highlights Agreement Between Space Florida and Israel



AIRPORT CITY, ISRAEL –Today, as part of his ongoing trade mission in Israel, Governor Rick Scott highlighted the successful Florida-Israel Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between Space Florida and Israel, which ultimately established the Florida-Israel Innovation Partnership following the Governor's 2011 trade mission to Israel. Through a joint application process, the Florida-Israel Innovation Partnership supports research, development, aerospace and technology projects between Israeli and Florida businesses. As part of this recognition, Governor Scott presented 16 participating companies with the Governor's Business Ambassador Award. The State of Florida and Israel have each invested \$1 million annually to support the partnership.

Governor Scott said, "Through the Florida-Israel Innovation Partnership, we have worked together to support businesses that are helping strengthen Florida and Israel as global leaders for innovation. I was proud to present some of the many Florida and Israeli participants with a Governor's Business Ambassador Award today, and we will continue to work closely with our partners in Israel to support projects that will lead to the creation of new opportunities for our families."

The companies recognized included:

Space Pharma, Israel
NSL Satellites, Israel
Micro Aerospace Solutions, Florida
Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), Israel
StemRad, Israel
Lockheed Martin Space Systems, Florida
Elbit Systems, Israel
General Capacitor, Florida
E1Mind A, Israel
Semi-Conductor Devices, Israel
Vision Engineering, Florida
Nano Dimension, Israel
Semplastics, Florida
Harris Corporation, Florida

Governor Scott is currently leading a delegation of nearly 70 Florida business and education leaders on a trade mission in Israel to continue to build on Florida and Israel's strong relationship. Florida's economic development and trading partnership with Israel exceeds \$286 million a year.

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