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TALLAHASSEE - The State Owned Land and Records Information System known as FL-SOLARIS has been a success thus far, and will continue to add tangible value for taxpayers with its proposed second phase, according to a Briefing released today by Florida TaxWatch, the independent, nonpartisan, non-profit taxpayer research institution and government watchdog headquartered in Tallahassee.

"First and foremost, the agencies involved in this project are to be commended," said Dominic M. Calabro, President & CEO of Florida TaxWatch. "From the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) beginning the project, to the Department of Management Services (DMS) coming in seamlessly as a new partner, to the outside vendor producing the final product in time and on budget, this project has been a resounding success. Phase II offers great taxpayer value, and the Legislature should make sure that the agencies have the necessary authority to proceed for the benefit of all Floridians."

The FL-SOLARIS database houses all of the land and facilities owned, managed, and leased by the state, and is required to be updated at least annually by each agency. Phase II, as outlined by the DEP and DMS, would bring the conservation lands under the state's Board of Trustees into the database, open the information to the public online, and improve the efficiency of land management by adding the management plans for conservation lands.

Read the full Briefing here.
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