Gross State Product
$79.8 Billion
Employment
775,000 direct & indirect jobs
% of Gross State Product = 9.5%
Local – Regional - State

Bay Defense Alliance
NW Florida Defense Coalition
Florida Defense Alliance
Florida Defense Support Task Force
State Task Force Core Objectives

- **Complete SWOT assessment** - all Florida bases and Ranges.
- **Contract for Advocacy** - in support of bases and missions.
- **Focus on Base Buffering** issues identified at bases and ranges and support legislative relief to resolve encroachment or security concerns.
- **Develop a Defense Strategic Plan** for the state.
- **Establish D.C. Presence** to ensure communication with military legislative liaison and legislators in coordination with Florida Defense communities.
- **Implement Defense Grant Programs** to address unfunded priorities of significance to the installation and community.
- **Promote Communication** and coordination between community and state defense support organizations and the legislature.
Florida Military Friendly Guide

A summary of Florida Laws, programs and benefits for Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Service Members and Families.

- Protections
- Licenses, Registrations & Fees
- Licensure
- Tax and Financial Benefits
- Unemployment Compensation & Employment Protection/Assist.
- Education Benefits
- Family Support
- 73 Defense-Friendly Laws
- www.EnterpriseFlorida/fdtsf
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