



## **Partnership on Global Climate Change Action between the United Kingdom and the State of Florida**



### **Common Interests**

The people of the United Kingdom and the people of the State of Florida are tied through bonds of friendship, commerce, a common cultural heritage, and a mutual respect for liberty and the institutions of democracy. The United Kingdom and the State of Florida are physically tied one to another by the Gulf Stream, a massive oceanic current of critical importance to the current climate and quality of life of each partner. The Gulf Stream, and other major features of the planet's climatic system, may now be at risk due to rapidly growing concentrations of greenhouse gases in the Earth's atmosphere. Our peoples share a common interest in protecting the climatic balance observed over the planet across the past 10,000 years. Moving to low carbon economies will help protect our planet and our people, and will provide real economic opportunities for the people of the United Kingdom and the State of Florida.

### **Common Purpose**

The scientific record compels immediate action to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. The United Kingdom has been a stalwart voice for action among the world's nations over the past two decades. The State of Florida is proud to join the United Kingdom in calling for immediate world-wide action. The purpose of this arrangement is to outline an aggressive agenda for partnership that supports the climate control policies of each partner and works towards the rapid transition to a global low carbon economy.

### **Partnership Agenda**

The United Kingdom and the State of Florida will carry out the following partnership actions:

- I. We will partner in discussing and promoting concepts for a post 2012 climate regime that builds upon and broadens the Kyoto Protocol in order to protect the planet's climate systems by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases.

- II. We will aim to increase climate-friendly commerce between the United Kingdom and Florida to bolster our respective economic positions while mutually benefiting each partner. Areas of particular emphasis will include trade opportunities in renewable and other advanced energy technologies, products that promote increased energy efficiency throughout the economy, and renewable energy feedstocks.
- III. We will aim to improve our public policies that reduce global emissions of greenhouse gases. Our policy focus will include market-based incentives that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase our respective reliance on renewable energy sources, and increase the energy security of each partner. We will explore possible linkages between carbon markets in Florida and the United Kingdom.
- IV. We will aim to improve our science in understanding how climate change is affecting our respective economies, our agriculture, our natural resources, our environmental quality, and our public health. Our science partnership will include exchange of knowledge, expertise, and data that mutually benefit our respective scientific communities.
- V. We will work to improve our technologies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions with a particular emphasis on technologies associated with renewable energy generation and storage, energy efficiency, carbon capture and storage, and other advanced energy technologies that may benefit our respective energy sectors.
- VI. We commit to exchanging delegations for the purpose of implementing the partnership agenda outlined in this document.

Signed, this day, July 13, 2007, in Miami, Florida in the United States of America  
by.

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