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Florida has a unique network of public and private marine academic institutions (see Figure 1). Florida's academic institutions are rapidly coming of age. They are finding their niche and are being challenged and are responding to that challenge of providing national leadership. Florida scientists are coming to the forefront in pulling the land, sea, and air sciences together and integrating science and politics to find out what science means to the people. For 2006 8 of 16 institutions (both public and private) participated through the receipt of Sea Grant core funding for annual projects. In addition, one state agency, two companies and 37 counties participated. A complete listing is in Table 1.

Table 1. List of Florida Sea Grant program participants in NOAA funded core projects beginning February 1, 2006

ACADEMIC/RESEARCH	INDUSTRY																																							
<p><u>Florida Institutions</u> Florida Atlantic University Florida Institute of Technology Nova Southeastern University University of Florida University of South Florida University of West Florida</p> <p><u>Cooperating Institutions</u> Smithsonian Institution University of Georgia</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOVERNMENT</p> <p><u>State</u> Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Marine Research Institute</p> <p><u>Foundations and Non-governmental Organizations</u> Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution</p>	<p>SymBio Co. Tequesta Marine BioSciences, Inc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COUNTY*</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Bay</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Gulf</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Pasco</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brevard</td> <td>Hernando</td> <td>Pinellas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Broward</td> <td>Hillsborough</td> <td>Putnam</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Charlotte</td> <td>Indian River</td> <td>St. Johns</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citrus</td> <td>Jefferson</td> <td>St. Lucie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clay</td> <td>Lee</td> <td>Santa Rosa</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Collier</td> <td>Leon</td> <td>Sarasota</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dade</td> <td>Levy</td> <td>Taylor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dixie</td> <td>Manatee</td> <td>Volusia</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Duval</td> <td>Monroe</td> <td>Walton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Escambia</td> <td>Nassau</td> <td>Wakulla</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Flagler</td> <td>Okaloosa</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Franklin</td> <td>Palm Beach</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>*All coastal counties participate via the Florida Cooperative Extension Service. However, eight lack specific Sea Grant agent coverage.</p>	Bay	Gulf	Pasco	Brevard	Hernando	Pinellas	Broward	Hillsborough	Putnam	Charlotte	Indian River	St. Johns	Citrus	Jefferson	St. Lucie	Clay	Lee	Santa Rosa	Collier	Leon	Sarasota	Dade	Levy	Taylor	Dixie	Manatee	Volusia	Duval	Monroe	Walton	Escambia	Nassau	Wakulla	Flagler	Okaloosa		Franklin	Palm Beach	
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Figure 1. Florida Sea Grant's Academic Community of Marine Research, Education and Extension

