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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECEIVES 54 DAVIS PRODUCTIVITY AWARDS

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Health announced that the Department has received 54 awards in the 2014 Prudential-Davis Productivity Awards Program. These awards recognize and reward state government employees for work that increases productivity, promotes innovation, improves the delivery of state services and/or saves money for Florida taxpayers and businesses.

"We have a great team of public health professionals who work every day with innovation and accountability to improve the health of all people in Florida," said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. "The 2014 Prudential-Davis Productivity Awards show the results of the Department's values in action."

Efforts by staff with the Florida Department of Health generated a total estimated savings to the state of $44,736,793. Of the 54 award winning entries from the Department, 45 were team efforts and 9 were individual contributions. In addition, 16 counties, 2 bureaus, and 5 divisions within the department were recognized, some receiving multiple awards for outstanding achievements.

The Prudential-Davis Productivity Awards Program is a public-private partnership co-sponsored by Florida TaxWatch, the Florida Council of 100, and the State of Florida. The 2014 awards competition attracted 568 nominations from Florida's state agencies for innovations and productivity improvements resulting in $558 million in cost savings, cost avoidances, and increased revenue for state government. Over the past 26 years, award winners have posted a total of $8.7 billion in added value for Florida taxpayers and businesses.

Some awards will be presented at ceremonies during June in various locations throughout the state. For a listing of all 2014 Davis Productivity Award winners and schedule of award events, please visit www.floridataxwatch.org.

The Florida Department of Health works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

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