

Prime Minister of Bahamas Visits

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Welcome mat . . . The prime minister of the Bahamas visited Orlando last week, a guest of the law firm GrayHarris.

GrayHarris landed the head of state through some personal ties - Attorney Tony Giovanoli is from the Bahamas, and came to Orlando for his undergraduate education at the University of Central Florida.

There's plenty of opportunity to do business with the island chain, Giovanoli says.

Citrus growers could be interested in some of the 700 or so islands there, some of which could be converted to citrus groves.

Isolated on an island, the growers wouldn't have to worry about disease migrating to it, not to mention winter freezes.

And of course, there's land development and tourism projects on the islands. "There are definitely relations to be built," Giovanoli says.

The prime minister also made a visit to the Ginn's Reunion development in Osceola County. Ginn is embarking on a development project in the Bahamas soon...