

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

AGENDA DATE: September 24, 2024

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Karina Brasgalla, (915) 212 - 0094

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 1 - Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development.

SUBJECT:

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Amendment to the February 15, 2022 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between the City of El Paso ("City"), a home rule municipal corporation and The University of Texas at El Paso, a Texas state agency, Texas public institution of higher education and member institution of The University of Texas System (the "University"), by and through their duly authorized officials, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Section 791.001 et seq., of the Texas Government Code in support of the U.S. Economic Development Administration award 08-69-05683 to provide a one-year, no cost extension.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

On February 15, 2022, the City entered into an Interlocal Agreement with UTEP related to the \$1.5 million Venture Challenge grant awarded by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to the El Paso Makes consortium, which is led by the University. This grant is intended to facilitate the growth of El Paso's aerospace and defense industry via the establishment of an Aerospace and Defense Supply Chain Network. This network is intended to provide resources and support to approximately seventy (70) local businesses with the aim of developing them to where they can successfully compete for business in aerospace and defense. The provided resources will include annual supplier summits, marketing events to the aerospace and defense industry, and direct support in the form of access to applied research, engineering design services, equipment, software, technology, talent and business services, value chain support, and customer introduction. The Interlocal Agreement requires the City to pay a \$1.5 million match for the \$1.5 million grant award, and requires the University to administer said grant.

The proposed Amendment modifies the deadlines in Section II.F to provide a one-year, no cost extension to the University.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

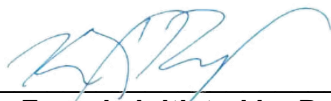
February 15, 2022 - Approval of Interlocal Agreement

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A _____

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City and the University are local governments as defined in Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and have the authority to enter into Interlocal Cooperation Agreements, and have each entered into an Interlocal Agreement (Interlocal) in the appropriate manner prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2022, the Parties were informed of an award from the U.S. Economic Development Administration, a bureau within the U.S. Department of Commerce under award number 08-69-05683; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to expand existing interagency cooperation for the development and growth of the Economic Development Administration’s Build to Scale Program; Aerospace and Defense Innovation Network for Manufacturers, as originally established under the Interlocal Agreement executed on February 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City and the University reaffirm that the cooperative agreement to create the Aerospace and Defense Innovation Network for Manufacturers, and further grow it under this Agreement, will support the rapid growth of our small and medium manufacturers; and enhance the innovation and business capabilities of El Paso’s existing manufacturing sector and connect them to the national aerospace and defense value chain; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to continue the relationship and obligations as outlined in the Interlocal for an additional year.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to sign an Amendment to the previously executed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between the City of El Paso (“City”), a home rule municipal corporation and The University of Texas at El Paso, a Texas state agency, Texas public institution of higher education and member institution of The University of Texas System (the “University”), by and through their duly authorized officials, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Section 791.001 *et seq.*, of the Texas Government Code in support of the U.S. Economic Development Administration award 08-69-05683.

(Signatures Begin on Following Page)

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2024.


CITY OF EL PASO:

ATTEST:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

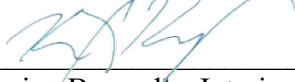
Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Juan S. Gonzalez
Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Karina Brasgalla, Interim Director
Economic & International Development

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands this _____

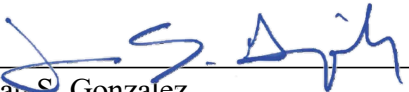
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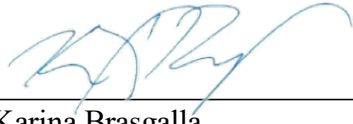
Oscar Leeser
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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UNIVERSITY

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AT EL PASO**

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