

Background

- 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.
- The Interlocal Agreement requires the City to pay a \$1.5 million match.



Proposed Amendment

- A one-year, no cost extension to the deadlines in Section II(7)
 - From August 2024 to August 2025
- Update City contact information



Build to Scale Interlocal Metrics

- 70 local manufacturers participating in the Innovation Network;
- 70 local manufacturers enrolled in CONNEX;
- Host 3 annual supplier summits;
- 12 trips to market El Paso suppliers to the aerospace and defense industry;
- Provide customized services to increase the Innovation, business and technical capabilities of 70 local manufacturers;



Build to Scale Interlocal Metrics cont.

- 60 manufacturers to be quality-certified to complete for aerospace and defense business;
- 60 local manufacturers to be prepared to successfully compete for DoD and NASA contracts;
- Combined annual revenue of manufacturers receiving services and support from the Innovation Network to increase by 10%; and
- Manufacturers receiving services and support from the Innovation Network will collectively add 200 new jobs to the El Paso economy.



Program Successes



- Chapter 380 for Expansion in September 2023
- Completed registration in Sam.gov
- Won project with Xometry, making significant progress in their integration into the federal contracting landscape



- Demonstrated strong performance in actively fulfilling two Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) awards.
- Making significant progress with ITAR registration
- Promising connection with Xometry for future contract opportunities



Program Successes cont.



- Newest tenant of the Innovation Factory
- Submitted DARPA Manufacturing Surge RFI on behalf of Tigua Consortium
- Submitted to NASA Mplan program as a subcontractor



- Current tenant of the Innovation Factory
- Active is seeking new contracting opportunities.
- Submitted bid to for Critical Materials Accelerator



Innovation Network Power Luncheons

 Monthly Power Luncheon series, which introduces our Small-Medium Manufacturers to larger manufacturers located in the region or in the aerospace and defense sector

Objectives

- learn about supplier needs in the region
- how to do business with these companies
- engage and connect with other companies in the region



Blue Origin presentation at Power Luncheon



Requested Action

Authorize the Mayor 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.



MISSION



Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community.

VISION



Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government.



VALUES

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People

