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Build Back Better Regional Challenge Growing the Aerospace + Defense Manufacturing Regional Industry Cluster





Grant Proposal

The West Texas Aerospace and Defense Manufacturing Coalition proposes to catalyze economic growth in aerospace and defense manufacturing by developing the:

- **Advanced Manufacturing District** – located at the El Paso International Airport
 - Innovation Network
- Coalition includes the City of El Paso, UTEP, El Paso Chamber, El Paso County, Borderplex, and the Rio Grande COG

The Advanced Manufacturing District

- 250-acre campus dedicated and master planned by the City of El Paso
- Located at the El Paso International Airport
 - Innovation Factory – 50k sf
 - Additional Buildings – 200k sf



Phase I Planning Grant Award

\$500,000 award

- Announced December 19, 2021
- Of **529 applicants**, the West Texas Aerospace and Defense Manufacturing Coalition was one of 60 coalitions awarded the grant
 - One of two coalitions in Texas
 - The only coalition focused on aerospace and defense **manufacturing** industry cluster
 - \$240k to City for funding pre-construction design of the 250-acre Advanced Manufacturing Campus to be located at the El Paso International Airport

Phase II Planning Grant Award

\$25,000,000 award for Airport

- Of **60 finalists**, the West Texas Aerospace and Defense Manufacturing Coalition was one of 21 coalitions awarded the grant
 - Total award of \$40M to the coalition
 - Of that, \$25M to the Airport
 - Local match of \$6.25M, for a total project budget of \$31.25M
 - Master planning for district infrastructure and utilities
 - Design and construction of three shell buildings totaling 250,000 sq.ft.

Council Requested Action

APPROVE a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the **\$25,000,000 award** and sign a grant agreement for the **Build Back Better Regional Challenge Phase 2 Grant** from the United States Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) for development and construction of the **250-acre Advanced Manufacturing District** located at the **El Paso International Airport**.

- Approve \$6.25 million local match to be provided initially through Airport Enterprise Funds