



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Corpus Christi B Corporation Meeting of September 18, 2023

DATE: August 30, 2023

TO: President and Honorable Board Members,
Corpus Christi B Corporation

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1. Mike Sanders	Executive Director	LSUASC
2. Dr. Ahmed Mahdy	Executive Vice-President	Research & Innovation
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BACKGROUND:

This is an update on the status of the Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi Lone Star UAS Center of Excellence & Innovation. The Type B Board approved an incentive agreement in 2021 for \$4,000,000.00 for the creation and retention of jobs and for infrastructure improvements on a reimbursement basis.

1. Beyond-Visual-Line-Of-Sight (BVLOS) airspace study [\$250,000]
 - o One new position (~\$116,000 annually salary and benefits)
2. Second Mission Control Center in newly acquired University building in downtown Corpus Christi [\$2.13M]
 - o Two years of Thales support (\$1.5M)
 - Implementation of system architecture and supporting labor
 - Provision of back-end services
 - Support services applications and two-year support agreement
 - o Purchase of hardware (computers, monitors, displays, etc.), software and licenses (~\$120,000)
 - o One new position (~\$130,000 annual salary and benefits)
 - o Space renovation and buildout in the downtown building for 2,500 square feet at \$152/square foot (\$380,000)
3. Supporting centers with drone-related activities will be established within the downtown building to facilitate collaboration and integration with LSUASC's efforts [\$1.62M]
 - o Costs include renovating space, buildout needs, and a prorated portion based on anticipated square feet of addressing IT/AV, electrical, plumbing, roof and elevator requirements within the downtown building estimated at \$152/square foot

- Dedicate the University's building in the Flour Bluff district to drone-related business incubation and move non-drone-related business incubation to downtown building
- Establish the Office of Economic Development and Industry Partnerships, iPORTs, and the Center of Innovation in Emergency Management within the downtown building to provide additional expertise for drone-related technology, innovation, and economic development

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Presentation