



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of August 14, 2018
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of August 21, 2018

DATE: July 6, 2018
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First Amendment to a Type A Grant for Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi
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CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the First Amendment to the Business Incentive Agreement between the Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation ("Type A Corporation") and Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi ("TAMU-CC") which extends the date for creating programs in civil and industrial engineering until December 31, 2020 and extends the term of the agreement to December 31, 2023.

PURPOSE:

This amendment allows TAMU-CC more time to get their request through the Higher Education Board for the approval; of these two new engineering programs. It also gives them the next Texas legislative session to try to secure funding for these programs.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Board approved a grant of \$2 million to TAMU-CC to expand their engineering programs to add civil and industrial engineering in August 2016. One of the requirements was that the legislature or Texas A&M must fund the expansion by September 1, 2018 and that is unlikely to occur. The University asks that the Board extend the deadline to December 31, 2020 to get through the next legislative session. The agreement would need to be extended by two years to December 31, 2023 to give sufficient time to build the labs. The graduates of these programs are needed to fill jobs in the City. The grant would go toward building and/or retro-fitting laboratories and purchase of equipment.

ALTERNATIVES:

The University is not eligible for any other incentives.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This project is consistent with the City's stated goals of promoting economic development and incentivizing business to expand and thrive in Corpus Christi.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Engineering

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☐ Operating

☐ Revenue

☐ Capital

☒ Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2017-2018	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund: Type A 1140

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the first amendment to the Type A Grant to TAMU-CC which extends the date for creating programs in civil and industrial engineering until December 31, 2020 and to extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2023.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Agreement Amendment – TAMU-CC