

Resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application totaling \$919,500 to the Office of the Governor for funding from the Texas Military Preparedness Commission's Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Program with and in-kind contribution from the city of \$92,000 to fund City staff time for grant administration services.

WHEREAS, With 15 major installations and the Army Futures Command, numerous headquarters, open spaces for realistic training, low cost of living and outstanding support to military and families, Texas has a long, significant and proud history of partnership with the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, active duty and reserve installations across the branches of service in Texas have an economic impact of roughly \$150 billion to the Texas economy per year and 255,000 uniformed and civilian employees which generates a significant amount of sales tax revenue for the State; and

WHEREAS, these military installations are also part of the fabric of many communities and are a source of great pride, provide skilled workforce, add to population growth, and have significant economic impact; and

WHEREAS, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi (NASCC) and the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) have an estimated employment of more than 9,400 full-time and contract employees making CCAD the largest employer in the City and NASCC the sixth largest; and

WHEREAS, CCAD is the premiere rotary wing aircraft and component repair facility in the world which was established in 1961 to ensure aviation readiness through overhaul, repair, modification, retrofit, testing, recapitalization, and modernization of helicopters, engines and components using the expertise of civilian artisans who take aging aircraft and transform them into practically new, fully-modernized helicopters packed with additional capabilities and cutting-edge technologies to handle anything on the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, CCAD is designated as a Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for rotary wing aircraft, CCAD has completed world-class maintenance on more than more than 544 aircraft; approximately 3,000 engines and nearly 112,000 helicopter components since 2003 for the UH-60 Black Hawk, CH-47 Chinook, AH-64 Apache, OH-58 Kiowa and the Air Force HH-60 Pave Hawk. This effort includes world-wide, on-site field maintenance teams, analytical crash investigations and chemical material process facilities; and

WHEREAS, CCAD serves as a depot training base for active duty Army and reserve units. CCAD is a valuable resource for aviation and a critical part of the Army's Organic Industrial Base (OIB) as its personnel not only repair damaged aircraft, but extend the lives of existing aircraft by restoring and customizing each aircraft, engine, or part to meet the unique requirements of every mission. CCAD's helicopters and components are critical to bases around the U.S., including Forts Bliss, Campbell, Carson, Hood, and Rucker, and bases around the world, including Afghanistan, Korea, and Germany; and

WHEREAS, CCAD is one of 40 tenant commands within Naval Air Station Corpus Christi with more than 75 plus buildings on the base. Because of the sensitive homeland security activities

performed at CCAD, it is imperative to enclave CCAD buildings to limit access to active duty, civilian and contractor personnel. Currently, there is no perimeter fencing, controlled access gates, and limited security cameras to secure the CCAD flight line. Besides the economic value of the components, parts and equipment, the greater concern is preserving national defense activities; and

WHEREAS, the current flight line pavement markings in CCAD's flight line are faded and create potential safety concerns for aircraft operations. Also, the flight line has a failing security system that can no longer preclude/deny entry to critical facilities by unauthorized persons. There have been three significant incidences of unauthorized base access in the past two years. This impacts CCAD legal and operational risk level mitigating theft and criminal behavior and improving employee safety and security; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature appropriated \$30 million in the FY20-FY 21 biennia to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC) Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) fund to assist defense communities that have been, or may potentially be, impacted by a past or future BRAC action, to obtain economic assistance to mitigate or prevent or otherwise positively affect their local economy through funded projects. The DEAAG application period is now open and \$15 million is available for this round. The TMPC deadline for submitting DEAAG applications is February 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, CCAD is aggressively leveraging this project with one million nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,950,000) for additional safety and security improvements at CCAD facilities and hangars and Naval Air Station Corpus Christi is contribution more than \$38,000 in kind services to the project. The City of Corpus Christi will make an in-kind contribution of approximately \$92,000 in engineering service costs and grant administration services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to submit a grant application totaling up to nine hundred nineteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$919,500) to the Office of the Governor for funding from the Texas Military Preparedness Commission's Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Program for the Corpus Christi Army Depot Flight Line Security Enhancement Project.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2020:

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ATTEST:

CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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