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TO: Dr. Monty Sullivan

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THROUGH: Joseph F. Marin

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FROM: Anthony Brown

Director of Operations

DATE: August 29, 2018

SUBJECT: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between St. Bernard Parish

Government and LCTCS on behalf of Nunez Community College

FOR BOARD ACTION

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board authorize the President and Chancellor of Nunez Community College to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the St. Bernard Parish Government to accept a facility from the parish to house its Aerospace Manufacturing Technology Program.

Background: The St. Bernard Parish Government recently acquired a 13,574 square foot building adjacent to Nunez Community College in Chalmette. The parish government proposes to provide this facility to the college to house its Aerospace Manufacturing Technology Program.

The Associate of Applied Science in Aerospace Manufacturing Technology was developed with industry, particularly Boeing, to prepare students for entry-level Aerospace Manufacturing Technology positions. Students in the program complete coursework in electrical assembly, mechanical assembly, industry specific welding, adhesive bonding, etc. The program has several exit points at the certificate, technical diploma and associate degree level.

This program is the only one of its kind in Louisiana. In developing the program, Nunez became an educational partner with the Space TEC organization, a National Resource Center for Aerospace Technical Education, created in part through a grant from the National Science Foundation. This organization, whose oversight board members include representatives from across the aerospace industry, including NASA, Blue Orbit, Lockheed Martin, and United Space Alliance, provides guidance and support for 30 colleges offering Aerospace programs and is the certifier for the Space TEC Core credential.

The Aerospace Manufacturing Technology Program provides an opportunity for students to train for high skilled, high wage jobs. Regionally, Aerospace Manufacturing Technician is a field with a need for trained employees and anticipated growth potential as opportunities for aerospace manufacturing continue to grow, particularly at the Michoud facility. The program will assist industry by providing high skilled workers, and this partnership will ensure that both the community and industry will continue to grow together.

Fiscal Impact: The St. Bernard Parish Government proposes to lease the facility to the college for 1 dollar per year for 99 years. Operational costs for this facility have not been determined at this time. The college is working with industry partners to obtain funds to renovate and equip the facility, with the possibility of acquiring funding for some of the operational costs.

History of Prior Actions: N/A

Benefits to the System: The acquisition of this facility will provide adequate space for the Aerospace Manufacturing Technology Program for the college, it will assist industry by providing high skilled workers, and this partnership will ensure that both the community and industry will continue to grow together.

Approved for Recommendation to the Board

Dr. Monty Sullivan, President

Date