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**TO:** Dr. Monty Sullivan  
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**THROUGH:** Joseph F. Marin <sup>977m</sup><sub>JM</sub>  
Vice President of Operations

**FROM:** Anthony Brown  
Chief Facilities Management Officer

**DATE:** July 24, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of an Aircraft from the U.S. Air Force by SOWELA  
Technical Community College

**APPROVED**

 8/9/23  
LCTCS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## FOR BOARD ACTION

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Board authorize the System President and the Chancellor of SOWELA Technical Community College to complete all requirements and execute all documents necessary to accept the donation of a U.S. Air Force Jstar aircraft valued at over \$35 million.


**Background:** In August of 2020, Hurricane Laura caused extensive damage to the SOWELA Technical Community College campus in Lake Charles. Part of that damage was to a Boeing 727 aircraft, owned by the college, which is used in the aviation program. The damage was so severe that the cost to repair the aircraft is not fiscally feasible (approximately \$230,000). In 2022, SOWELA staff began to have conversations with the U.S. Air Force about the possibility of acquiring one of their JStar (Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System) aircraft from the fleet of JStars they were retiring in 2022.

As a result of these conversations, the Air Force agreed to donate one of their JStar aircraft to SOWELA to replace the damaged Boeing 727. The JStar aircraft is scheduled to arrive at SOWELA sometime in late summer 2023. The college proposes to have the JStar repainted like the current Boeing 727, in the traditional school colors and logo. The JStar aircraft will be used by the college's aviation program for multiple training purposes.

**Fiscal Impact:** The U.S. Air Force will transfer the JStar aircraft to the college at no cost.

**History of Prior Actions:** N/A

**Benefits to the System:** The transfer of the aircraft will provide training opportunities for SOWELA's students, and the college will receive an added benefit by having the new aircraft painted with the school colors and logo as a marketing tool.



**Approved for Recommendation to the  
Board Dr. Monty Sullivan, President**

August 9, 2023  
**Date**

Signature: Joseph J. Marin  
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