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TO: Dr. Monty Sullivan
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THROUGH: Joseph F. Marin
Chief Operations Officer
FROM: Anthony Brown
Director of Operations, Risk and Emergency Management
DATE: May 13, 2019
SUBJECT: ACT 959 Project for Nunez Community College

APPROVED

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LCTCS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FOR BOARD ACTION

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board authorize the System President and Chancellor of Nunez Community College to complete all of the requirements and execute all documents necessary to complete the renovation of the Aerospace Manufacturing Program Building using the Act 959 process. Approvals from the Board of Regents, Facility Planning and Control, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget are required for this process.

Background: Act 959 (La. R.S. 39:128) of 2003 permits certain capital projects to be performed by an institution without going through the traditional capital outlay process. Construction and renovation projects not exceeding \$5,000,000 from self-generated, auxiliary income, grants, building use fees, and donations are permitted through this process with proper approvals. Local and federal funds can also be used for these projects.

Recently, the LCTCS, on behalf of Nunez Community College, entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. Bernard Parish. This Cooperative Endeavor Agreement provided a 99-year lease to permit the use of a 13,500 square foot facility to operate an aerospace manufacturing program. This program developed with industry, particularly Boeing, will prepare students for entry-level aerospace manufacturing technology positions. Students in the program complete course work in electrical assembly, mechanical assembly, industry specific welding, and adhesive bonding.

The facility previously housed an indoor handball and racket ball arena with reception and office space to accommodate this type use. It has several large bays that would be ideally suited for the college's intended use. In order to operate the aerospace program within this facility, significant enhancements and improvements are required. The proposed renovations include transforming the facility to house classrooms, shops, conference rooms, and student leisure areas.

Fiscal Impact: The renovations proposed are not to exceed \$3,000,000. A combination of grant funds, self-generated revenue, and possibly some parish funding will be used to renovate this facility.

History of Prior Actions: The LCTCS Board of Supervisors approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to acquire this facility during the September 2018 meeting.

Benefits to the System: The renovation of this facility will establish a one of a kind Aerospace Training Program in the state of Louisiana, which will provide high skilled workers, partnering with industry to ensure that both the community and industry will continue to grow together.



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

6-12-19

Date