

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MATCH GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO  
PIEDMONT TRIAD PARTNERSHIP FOR INVESTING IN MANUFACTURING  
COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Piedmont Triad Region is well-positioned to take advantage of demand for precision manufactured goods, especially in the Aviation Sector; and

WHEREAS, the Triad is already home to 50 aviation-related manufacturers, plus dozens of other suppliers; and

WHEREAS, Our region's advanced manufacturing competencies position us to supply aviation and aerospace manufacturers all over the US and for export; and

WHEREAS, the Piedmont Triad International Airport campus supports thousands of jobs, including jobs at aviation manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, this campus is a driver for the regional economy, and future investments can support and extend its impact; and

WHEREAS, this grant proposes three distinct outcomes: 1) identify and profile manufacturers in the region with aviation competencies, identifying potential areas of intersection with higher education assets, technical assistance, opportunities for testing or technology transfer; 2) compile the assets, programs, and resources in the higher education community which might be applicable to aviation-related manufacturers; 3) based on these two data sets, develop a plan for strategic investments in the region which could leverage manufacturers' potential and university assets; and

WHEREAS, additional deliverables for the grant period will include: database of companies in the aviation sector; 'supply chain map' of aviation sector, marketing and communication tools to connect the sector members and communicate the assets and opportunities of the sector (newsletter, website, social media), programming for aviation companies to connect with innovation assets and processes including international trade, supplier certifications, and University assets; and

WHEREAS, the partners in the grant application are: Piedmont Triad Partnership, NC A&T State University, the City of Greensboro, and Piedmont Triad Airport Authority. Additional partners will be identified as the project moves forward; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated timeline of the project is November 2013 through December 2014; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the project includes \$200,000 from EDA, \$90,000 from PTP, \$50,000 from City of Greensboro, \$20,000 from NC A&T State and \$40,000 from Piedmont Triad Airport Authority;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 158-7.1, the City is authorized to make appropriations for the purposes of aiding and encouraging the location of manufacturing enterprises and to enter into economic development agreements with private enterprises.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO

That pursuant to N.C.G.S. 158-7.1, the City of Greensboro shall support the Aviation Innovation Partnership Piedmont Triad Grant from the federal Economic Development Administration by providing \$50,000 in economic development match funds, and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Greensboro, the proper agreement.