

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

City of Arlington, City of Denton, Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, City of Fort Worth, City of Mineral Wells, and Perot Field

REGARDING

Development of an Airport Coalition of Take-Off and Landing Locations for Electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing (eVTOL) Vehicles

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") is entered into by and between the City of Arlington, City of Denton, Dallas Fort-Worth International Airport, City of Fort Worth, City of Mineral Wells, and Perot Field (collectively referred to as the "Parties"), to set forth their mutual understanding and intention to collaboratively explore the creation of a regional airport coalition of take-off and landing locations, including vertiports and helipads, to support the emerging electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) vehicle industry.

WHEREAS, advances within the aviation industry have led to the development of emerging technologies, such as electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) to transport people or cargo at lower altitude and within shorter range than traditional aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) region is uniquely positioned to lead in the adoption and implementation of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) technologies due to its robust transportation infrastructure, central geographic location, and commitment to innovation;

WHEREAS, key to the development of regulations and ultimate integration of AAM into the National Airspace System (NAS) is the creation of dedicated test and development corridors ("AAM Corridors") for the demonstration, development, and evaluation of Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS) and AAM technologies within a safe designated airspace; and

WHEREAS, the creation of dedicated test and development corridors or routes will necessitate a network of take-off and landing infrastructure such as vertiports, helipads or other specially designed landing platforms;

WHEREAS, the development of such AAM Corridors or Routes are essential to ultimate certification and operationalization of UAS and AAM technologies; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration of local governments, airport authorities, and stakeholders is critical to ensuring a coordinated approach to infrastructure development, regulatory compliance, and integration into the National Airspace System (NAS);

WHEREAS, attracting original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) developing eVTOL vehicles to the DFW region would further enhance the region's leadership in the AAM sector and provide opportunities for technology deployment, testing, and commercialization;

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the importance of fostering regional collaboration to establish scalable and interoperable infrastructure solutions for AAM operations;

WHEREAS, the Parties seek to position the DFW region as a global leader in the AAM sector by promoting innovation, investment, and workforce development in the industry;

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize that partnerships among local municipalities, airports, and private stakeholders are key to achieving an integrated and accessible AAM ecosystem;

WHEREAS, the Parties when appropriate are dedicated to supporting the development of pilot programs and demonstration projects to showcase the potential of AAM technologies and foster public trust;

WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge the necessity of workforce development initiatives to ensure a skilled and diverse labor pool for the growth and sustainability of the AAM industry;

WHEREAS, each Party has an immediate interest in the development of a network of take-off and landing locations in the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) region; and

WHEREAS, each Party is thereby interested in establishing a partnership among the Parties to jointly develop, evaluate, and potentially commercialize eVTOL activity in the DFW region;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Purpose** This MOU outlines the intent of the Parties to collaborate on exploring and planning the creation of a regional Airport Coalition of take-off and landing locations, such as vertiports and helipads, to support AAM integration into the National Airspace System (NAS) and encourage the growth of the AAM industry in the DFW region.
2. **Non-Binding Nature** This MOU is non-binding and does not create any legally enforceable rights or obligations, including any monetary obligation. It is intended solely to document the mutual understanding and intention of the Parties to work together toward a common goal.
3. **Scope of Collaboration** The Parties agree to, subject to applicable state and federal law:
 - a. Identify and evaluate potential sites within the DFW region for vertiports, helipads, and other infrastructure required for eVTOL operations.
 - b. Develop a coordinated strategy for regulatory compliance, safety standards, and operational guidelines to support the deployment of eVTOL technologies.
 - c. Engage with OEMs developing eVTOL vehicles to encourage them to bring their technology to the DFW region for testing, demonstration, and commercial operations.
 - d. Seek opportunities for public-private partnerships, federal and state funding, and other resources to support AAM infrastructure development.
 - e. Promote public awareness and engagement to ensure community support and understanding of the benefits and impacts of AAM initiatives.

4. **Commitments of the Parties** The Parties agree to work in good faith to achieve the objectives outlined in this MOU by:
 - a. Sharing information as allowed by applicable state and federal law, resources, and expertise related to AAM infrastructure planning and development.
 - b. Participating in regular meetings, workshops, and joint planning efforts.
 - c. Coordinating with relevant federal and state agencies, including the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), to align with regulatory requirements and best practices.
 5. **Duration** This MOU shall become effective upon the date of the last signature below and remain in effect for a period of five (5) years, unless terminated earlier by mutual written agreement of the Parties.
 6. **Amendments** This MOU may be amended or modified by mutual written agreement of all Parties.
 7. **Termination** Any Party may withdraw from this MOU by providing thirty (30) days' written notice to the other Parties.
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SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the dates set forth below:

City of Arlington:

Signature: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

City of Fort Worth:

Signature: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

City of Denton:

Signature: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

City of Mineral Wells:

Signature: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport:

Signature: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Perot Field:

Signature: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____