



Department Source: Economic Development

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 18, 2023

Re: Authorizing a Ground Space Lease Agreement with Moberly Area Community College at Columbia Regional Airport.

Executive Summary

Staff is requesting Council authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Moberly Area Community College (MACC) to lease space at Columbia Regional Airport for the purposes of establishing an Aviation Technology Program.

Discussion

MACC desires to lease approximately 1,900 square feet of ground space in the Old Terminal facility for offices and classrooms at an annual rate of \$15.00 per square foot, for a two-year period commencing on January 1, 2024, with the option to automatically renew for an additional two (2), one-year terms. That rate may be increased effective December 1st of each year. MACC will be responsible for buildout costs of the leased premises at an estimated cost of \$287,320 as shown on Exhibit B.

MACC's Aviation Technology Program is a college-accredited FAA certified flight school whereby graduates will attain an Associate in Applied Science degree (AAS). MACC will receive approval from the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission (MACC's accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education). In addition, with approval by the U.S. Department of Education, it will allow students to receive federal financial aid for the AAS degree.

MACC will provide the following required courses in compliance with FAR Part 61 and/or Part 141 regulations:

- Private pilot course
- Commercial pilot course
- Instrument rating course
- Multi-engine aircraft course

And, an elective flight instructor course. The coursework also includes training in a flight simulation training device.

MACC staff who need access to the Airport's secure area of the Airport will be required to attend Security Identification Display Area (SIDA) training and strictly adhere to all applicable security requirements of the FAA, TSA, and the City of Columbia Regional Airport.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: MACC will be responsible for rent of approximately \$28,500 per year for a two year period with the option to automatically renew. The City will grant a lease credit for a not to exceed amount of \$142,500.

Long-Term Impact: None

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Resilient Economy, Secondary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Inclusive Community

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Economic Development, Tertiary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management

Legislative History

Date	Action
	None

Suggested Council Action

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