

**WEST PLAINS AIRPORT AREA PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
DBA S3R3 SOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01

(Regarding Support of the American Aerospace Materials Manufacturing Center and Authorization for Executive Action)

A RESOLUTION of S3R3 Solutions (1) proclaiming support for the American Aerospace Materials Manufacturing Center (the "Tech Hub"), and (2) authorizing the Executive Director to draft and sign a letter of commitment on behalf of the PDA, to be included in the Phase 2 Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs Phase 2 grant application.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.21 the City of Spokane, Spokane County and Spokane International Airport have entered into a joint venture by forming the West Plains Airport Area Public Development Authority doing business as and hereafter referred to as S3R3 Solutions; and

WHEREAS, S3R3 Solutions is one of over fifty members of a diverse regional consortium of public, private, and academic partners that worked together to apply for designation as a Regional Technology and Innovation Hub through the U.S. Economic Development Administration (the "Consortium"); and

WHEREAS, the Consortium's application, which outlined the region's plan to become a global leader in high-rate production of advanced composites aerostructures in defense and commercial markets within ten years, resulted in the Consortium receiving designation as one of only thirty one Tech Hubs to receive the designation out of over four hundred applications; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Tech Hub by the U.S. Economic Development Administration qualifies the Consortium to apply for grant funds to implement the Consortium's plan to create a globally competitive region for composites manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, the S3R3 Solutions Board Members have identified the Tech Hub's goal of "*centering the Inland Northwest as a hub for aerospace suppliers, private investment, new products, and companies in the U.S. aerospace supply chain.*", to be in alignment with the S3R3 Solutions' target industry and business development (i.e. recruitment) strategies; and

WHEREAS, the S3R3 Solutions Board Members have identified the Tech Hub's goal of "*Upskilling our current workforce in coordination with Tribal Nations and workforce leaders in both Washington and Idaho, focusing on underrepresented communities*" to be in alignment with S3R3 Solutions' desire to create lasting economic opportunity and impact for underserved populations in the region; and

WHEREAS, S3R3 Solutions is uniquely positioned to strengthen the Tech Hub's Phase 2 implementation grant request by providing resources to satisfy the required ten percent

value match, and which are mutually beneficial to the Tech Hub and to S3R3 Solutions' operations and organizational goals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon passage of this Resolution , the Board of Directors of S3R3 Solutions commits to donating a combination of in-kind contributions of creative services, web design, print material, travel and lodging, strategic lead generation, conference and association fees, additional staffing to administer programs, and other similar expenses necessary to develop new business marketing and attraction, and workforce development programs deemed to be mutually beneficial to the Tech Hub and S3R3 Solutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by this resolution effective upon passage, the S3R3 Solutions Board of Directors authorizes and instructs the Executive Director to draft, sign, and deliver a letter of support to the U.S. Economic Development Authority as part of the Phase 2 Tech Hub implementation funding application, outlining the S3R3 Solutions' commitment of in-kind resources valued at not more than \$1,140,000 over a five-year period, to be used on marketing and attraction and workforce development activities identified to be mutually beneficial to the Tech Hub and S3R3 Solutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of S3R3 Solutions are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and proper to effectuate the foregoing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any actions of the S3R3 Solutions Board of Directors or staff prior to the date hereof and consistent with the terms of this Resolution are ratified and confirmed.

ADOPTED by an affirmative majority vote of the S3R3 Solutions Board of Directors on the 8th day of February 2024.

S3R3 Solutions


BOARD CHAIR

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the S3R3 Solutions Board of Directors, a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the corporation at a meeting of the Board of Directors duly called and held on the 8th day of February, 2024 at which meeting a quorum was present; and that said resolution, as set out above, will appear in the minutes of said meeting in the corporation's minute book.

DATED this 8th day of February 2024


BOARD SECRETARY