



Commission Meeting

May 7, 2024

Item Name: Approve MOU with Augusta University to develop an internship program centered around Smart City sensors and programs.

Department:	Utilities
Presenter:	Wes Byne
Caption:	Motion to approve the extension of the existing MOU with Augusta University to develop an internship program centered around Smart City sensors and programs. (Approved by Engineering Services Committee April 30, 2024)
Background:	AUD and AED have worked with Augusta University since 2014 on a variety of initiatives around developing intelligent water sensing products. AUD and AU have met and discussed a method to formalize this process and expand the program to quicken the pace of development and deployment of products. This MOU will allow that process while remaining flexible for future needs.
Analysis:	This MOU would allow for the commitment of full-time faculty and staff for approximately 3 months per year, in addition to approximately 5 full-time students and materials. AU will provide facilities as well as specialized knowledge of electronics required to rapidly prototype and assemble these projects.
Financial Impact:	Funding in the amount of \$255,309 in to the following accounts: 506-04-3110/52-13119
Alternatives:	No alternatives are recommended
Recommendation:	AUD recommends approving this MOU.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	Funds are available in the following accounts after transfer: G/L 506-04-3110/52-13119
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A