



Commission Meeting

February 6, 2024

Augusta Regional Airport

Department:	Augusta Regional Airport – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Battelle Savannah River Alliance, LLC
Presenter:	Herbert Judon
Caption:	Motion to approve a five (5) year MOU between AGS and Battelle Savannah River Alliance, LLC as managing and operating contractor for Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL). Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on December 19, 2023. (Approved by Public Service Committee January 30, 2024)
Background:	<p>The Airport has been working with SRNL for the past several years to advance the new aerospace technologies in the CSRA. SRNL staff have participated in multiple events hosted by AGS, including several of the Innovation Xchange Forums and drone demonstrations to local area STEM students. The Airport and SRNL have agreed to expand their efforts to include possible research and development capabilities and explore additional opportunities for collaboration in the areas of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) and Advanced Air Mobility (AAM).</p> <p>Efforts will include the exploration of funding opportunities, joint utilization of facilities and airspace, and exchanging study results and other relevant information pertaining to these novel aerospace technologies.</p>
Analysis:	The agreement provides the opportunity for AGS to partner with a local, well-respected national institution in order to further the new aerospace technologies. It will help to lay additional groundwork, positioning the Airport to be attractive to the numerous new companies emerging in the industry.
Financial Impact:	N/A
Alternatives:	To deny.
Recommendation:	Recommend Approval. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on December 19, 2023.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A