



Engineering Services Committee

Meeting Date: 3/11/2025

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

Department:	Utilities
Presenter:	Wes Byne
Caption:	Approve the extension of the existing 2024 MOU with Augusta University and the signing of the 2025 MOU for an internship program centered around environmental and smart city sensors and programs.
Background:	AUD and AED have worked with Augusta University since 2014 on a variety of initiatives centered around developing intelligent water sensing products. This program has been formalized since 2023 in an MOU between Augusta and Augusta University. This MOU allows us to scale the program as appropriate and needed to quicken the pace of development and deployment and provides the flexibility to address current and 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 10 full-time students and materials over the summer. 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 \$260,141.11 is available in 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