



Engineering Services Committee

Meeting Date: 3/24/2026

Item Name: Approve MOU with Augusta University for internship program centered around environmental and smart city sensors and programs.

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| Department: | Utilities |
| Presenter: | Wes Byne |
| Caption: | Approve the 2026 MOU with Augusta University 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 continue this valuable program 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: | The funding for 2026-2027 is \$347,233. |
| 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 |