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Re: Commitment of Matching Funds – EDA Disaster Supplemental Grant Application

The City of Lake City hereby affirms its commitment to allocate \$1,500,000 in matching funds (that will be provided to the City by AAR Aircraft Services LLC) for the replacement of storm-damaged roofing systems on four aircraft maintenance hangars at the Lake City Gateway Airport through the U.S. Economic Development Administration Supplemental Disaster Grant.

This project will strengthen critical aviation infrastructure and protect the region's largest source of high-skill jobs and training opportunities. The locally registered apprenticeship program at the Lake City Gateway Airport supports a sustained pipeline of skilled aviation technicians for the industry. Upgrading the four hangars with hurricane-rated roofing will reduce vulnerability to severe weather and ensure rapid recovery following storm events.

Upon award of EDA funding, the City of Lake City will commit the \$1,500,000 matching share, that will be provided by AAR Aircraft Services LLC, to the project. Representing 20% of the total project cost of \$7,499,993. These funds are fully dedicated to this project and will not be reallocated for any other purpose during the performance period. All committed funds will be available as needed to support project activities and are free from any encumbrances, restrictions, or legal impediments that would limit their use for eligible project expenses. Additionally, these funds have not been, and will not be, used to meet the matching requirements of any other financial assistance award, in accordance with 13 CFR § 301.5.

City of Lake City

Mayor Noah Walker