



## **February 2025 SLCC Board of Trustees Westpointe Aerospace Lab Facility**

### **BACKGROUND**

The college had been working on a joint project with DPS, UDOT and Civil Air Patrol to relocate our Aviation Maintenance Program due to the Runway Realignment Project at SLC. Unfortunately, the joint project did not move forward due to the complexity of putting so many agencies together. As an alternative the college has also been researching leased location options near SLC.

The best option for the college and the program long-term is constructing lab and hanger space on our Westpointe Campus that is proximate to the SLC Airport. This project would leverage existing classroom and office inventory on the Westpointe Campus. We are currently in the last two years of lease extension with SLC Airport, which gives us just enough time to finalize design and construct this project.

### **DISCUSSION**

The college's facility and planning division has developed a preliminary plan for the Aerospace Lab Facility at the Westpointe Campus using the programming requirements from the joint feasibility study for a shared use facility.

The Aerospace Lab Facility will be located on the north parcel of the Westpointe Campus and is planned to be approximately 29,000 sq. ft. and is proposed to allow for future expansion for classrooms as needed. The initial design will utilize existing capacity at Westpointe for classroom and office space.

Construction Budget Estimate:  
Construction Estimate: \$6,484,524  
Total Project Estimate: \$9,292,961

This project would be eligible for approximately \$350K in ongoing O&M Funding.

Requesting the board authorize the college to make this project our dedicated funding request for FY26 and authorize the college to use institutional funds to begin the design of this project (approximately \$527,000) in anticipation of beginning construction as soon as feasibly possible following the end of the 2026 legislative session. In the event the college is not successful securing dedicated funding for this project, the college would utilize institutional and private funding to construct the lab facility.

### **REQUESTED BOARD ACTION**

Suggested motion for the Board to Consider:

The SLCC board authorize the college to utilize institutional funds to begin the design of the Westpointe Aerospace Facility and the board authorizes the college to make this our request for dedicated funding to the USHE Board.

Respectfully Submitted:

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