



Agenda Item Summary

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MOU with Santa Fe College for Heavy Diesel Mechanic Training

Presenter:

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Description:

This item brings back an MOU with Santa Fe College to offer heavy diesel mechanic training at the County's Fleet Operations.

Recommended Action:

Approve the MOU.

Prior Board Motions:

At the February 13, 2024 meeting concerning the US Army Reserve Equipment Concentration Site, Commissioner Cornell moved to approve temporary forbearance of right to exercise section 16.(ii) of Lease and authorize the attached Chair letter. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Prizzia absent. 2nd Commissioner Chestnut

Fiscal Note:

There is no direct financial impact to the County at this time.

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

A job training opportunity exists with the County's partnership with the US Army Reserve Equipment Concentration Site (ECS). The ECS will require heavy diesel mechanics to run their operations. Alachua County and the private sector also have ongoing needs for trained personnel with this expertise. Florida Commerce employment projections between 2023 and 2031 estimates diesel engine specialists (SOC code 49-3031) will see an 8% growth in positions and 12,837 total job openings over this period. Median hourly wages for these positions are over \$25.

Lacking appropriate training facilities of its own, Santa Fe College wishes to partner with the County to offer classes at the Public Works Fleet Management Operations. The attached MOU establishes the framework of the partnership and will be used by Santa Fe to take next steps in getting the approval from the State to establish the curriculum.

Santa Fe College will be responsible for the instruction and safety of the students on County property. They will use their own hand tools and train on Santa Fe owned equipment. The County is supplying space for these classes and hopes to benefit from the program by being able to directly recruit trainees to work for Fleet Operations.

The MOU covers the general parameters of the partnership and helps Santa Fe move ahead with the creation and state approval of a curriculum. A more detailed agreement will be brought back to the Board later and before any classes commence.