Dual Use Technology Initiative

Executive Appropriations

Requester Information

Legislator Name: Stevenson, Jerry W

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

While Utah's aerospace and defense sector is strong, without increased focus and investment in Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), emerging defense technologies, and national competitiveness puts this critical economic engine at risk. A combined request will address this through: (1) $600,000 for Project Alta (Air Logistics and Transportation Alliance) to deliver operational AAM for the 2034 Olympics and position Utah as a leader in next-generation aviation; (2) $500,000 to establish the Utah DIU OnRamp, accelerating DoD adoption of Utah-based technologies and unlocking up to $1,000,000 in federal matching funds; and (3) $150,000 for expanded business development and industry awareness, driving new jobs, economic growth, and a stronger tax base.

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Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $455,000.00	$450,000.00
In-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $30,000.00	$15,000.00

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Out-of-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $120,000.00	$60,000.00
Supplies and Equipment	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $40,000.00	$10,000.00
Technology Purchases	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $5,000.00	$5,000.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$60,000.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$650,000.00**	**$600,000.00**

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	$0.00
2027 (One-time)	$650,000.00
2027 (Ongoing)	$600,000.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$650,000.00**	**$600,000.00**

Is this a multi-year project?

Yes

Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

No

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Government Administration

02828

Agency:

450 / Veterans and Military Affairs

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Private Not for Profit

Grant recipient

Yes

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

47G UAMMI Institute

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

Who would benefit the most from this request (who is the target audience)?

Utah’s aerospace and defense ecosystem; startups; academia; current and future workforce; military installations; and the broader Utah economy.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

Initiatives position Utah as a national hub for AAM & dual use technologies. Efforts will transition at least 5 technologies to the DOW in its first 24 months. Secure at least $1M in federal matching funds. Will build the infrastructure, workforce and new industry partnerships needed for AAM transportation by the 2034 Olympics. Efforts will drive job creation & federal contract wins across the state.

How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?

Success will be measured through completion of defined milestones and documented outputs. These include establishing a Utah DIU OnRamp as an recognized and operating program, onboarding Utah companies and research teams, and advancing multiple technologies into the Department of War (DOW). For AAM, success will be measured by progress towards Advanced Air Mobility readiness including coordination with regulators, infrastructure planning, and industry participation needed to support flight operations in Utah and readiness for 2034 Olympics. Additional measures include growth in Utah based company engagement, workforce participation, and formal partnerships with federal agencies, academia and industry. Program performance will be reported through milestone tracking, partner participation and verified program activities.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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