

October 24, 2023

Dayton Development Coalition 1401 S Main Street Suite 200 Dayton, Ohio 45409

To Whom it May Concern:

We are glad to hear about the Sinclair College concept plan and believe it is a great addition to the institution's leadership in Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) activities, including focuses on research, simulation, and training. Larger drones are becoming more and more common in commercial applications, and the development of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) aircraft also presents new opportunities. Simlat would be honored to continue supporting Sinclair's exemplary and renowned programs and capabilities. Specifically, for large UAS and AAM simulation, Simlat would be glad to offer the leading-edge simulation capabilities. Simlat has vast experience with simulating Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) UAS programs as well as several types of drone simulation. Moreover, as an esteemed business partner, we will be glad to make available to Sinclair the next generation instructional and briefing tools as an early adopter.

I believe that access to the mentioned simulation and capabilities alongside Sinclair's legacy, expertise, and leadership will fortify the college's position at the top of U.S. academic institutes involved in UAS and AAM education, simulation, and training. We are looking folward to strengthen the relationship with Sinclair and do our best to support this impressive plan.

Thank you for your support and work for the region.

Sincerely,

Yuval Peshin Chairman Simlat





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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of the Sinclair Community College request for funding to acquire Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) and large-size Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), with related systems.

The continued growth of the AAM and UAS industry has been remarkable, particularly over the past few years. This has been driven in large part through the development and testing of technology in research efforts, transfer of that technology in commercialization activities, and expansion of a workforce able to support quickly evolving requirements. Sinclair College has proven itself in all of these areas and will be a key driver as the industry continues to expand into broader civil implementation of AAM and larger scale UAS through enabling efforts. I am pleased to offer my comments in support of investment for Sinclair's expanded services leveraging AAM and larger UAS aircraft for research, testing, commercialization, and training and education.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

October 24, 2023

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To Whom It May Concern,

The City of Springfield supports Sinclair's request for funding from the State of Ohio to enable Sinclair's acquisition of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) aircraft large Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS). This requested investment is key to continuing the internationally recognized leadership position of not only Sinclair, but also the State of Ohio within the AAM market and broader aerospace industries. Through this investment, the National Advanced Air Mobility Center of Excellence (located at the Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport) will be bolstered by Sinclair's collaboration and strengthened research capabilities. Such resources will be a driving force for economic development and business attraction efforts as the region and state continue to excel in a globally competitive market.

Thank you for your support and work for our region.

Sincerely,

Bryan Heck City Manager



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I am writing in support of the Sinclair Community College request for funding to acquire Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) and large-size Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), with related systems.

The Greater Dayton Region has been key to Ohio's development, training, manufacturing, and testing for small UAS. Much of that success has been due to the efforts of Sinclair and its National UAS Training and Certification Center, which helped drive SelectTech to bring its own small UAS into production. As an industry partner to such a critical institution, SelectTech fully supports Sinclair's efforts to extend its capabilities to include AAM large UAS aircraft as the state focuses on the types of systems that will be vital to Ohio's future in this arena.

Thank you for your support and work for our region.

Sincerely,

Heather Fattah President/COO SelectTech



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To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Dayton/Miami Valley Entrepreneurs' Center, Inc. (EC), I write to express our strong support for Sinclair College's National UAS Training and Certification Center and their request for funding to support acquisitions of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) and large Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) aircraft with related systems.

The EC has partnered with Sinclair in a number of entrepreneurial and career preparation programs. The academic, professional, and experiment al opportunities provided by Sinclair are exemplary, and have made a meaningful impact on the development of the next generation of technology-focused entrepreneurs, executives, and leaders in the Region. In addition, Sinclair has made significant and sustained contributions to the Region's overall economic development landscape. Of note, Sinclair is an active partner in the Arcade Innovation Hub, a 100,000 SFT innovation Hub considered one of the most transformative projects in the United States. The EC is fortunate to work with the entire Sinclair team, and especially the National UAS Training and Certification Center to support the commercialization of technology from the United States Air Force Research Laboratory, from the College, and from organic entrepreneurs. We look forward to continuing our partnership for years to come.

If you have questions about the EC's support of this important project, please feel free to contact me at 937.405.6920 (cell) or at skoorndyk@ECInnovates.com

Regards,

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October 26, 2023

Dayton Development Coalition 1401 S. Main Street, Suite 200 Dayton, Ohio 45409

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Sinclair Community College, I am writing in support of Sinclair's Advanced Air Mobility Aircraft Acquisition Initiative for future federal and state funding opportunities.

The Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) industry will reshape a great deal of American life and represents a significant opportunity for the Dayton Region. Though the opportunities are vast in this field, growth in the UAS industry for Dayton will require both resources and well-trained personnel equipped to operate in this technical and rapidly changing industry.

Since 2008, Sinclair Community College has worked diligently to establish ourselves in a leadership position as the National UAS Training and Certification Center. Investments from the State of Ohio and from Sinclair have established a world-class resource located in Dayton with applied research capabilities that serve as a driver for regional economic development, workforce training, and industry technology advancement.

In order to continue to serve the needs of the rapidly growing industry, Sinclair must expand its small UAS fleet to incorporate aircraft over the 55-pound category. These will include AAM and UAS fixed-wing and electric Vertical-Take-Off-and-Landing (eVTOL) aircraft capable of long-duration operations, delivery of cargo, and carrying crew and passengers. This fleet expansion will allow further research and development, academic instruction, and hands-on workforce training for real-world applications in both the private and public sectors. Your consideration and support for Sinclair's Advanced Air Mobility Aircraft Acquisition Initiative is enormously appreciated and will allow our region to continue leading the AAM and UAS industry in forward-thinking innovation, capabilities, and applications.

We are happy to provide any additional information you would like and look forward to future collaborations in growing our Dayton Region. Please follow up with Jeff Miller, Sinclair's Senior Vice President of Administration at <u>jeff.miller@sinclair.edu</u>, with any further inquiries or questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Johnson, Ph.D. President and CEO

cc: Jeff Miller, Senior Vice President of Administration