Letter of Support

To:

Scott Miller

Associate Dean for Industry Partnerships and Outreach

Ohio University
Russ College of Engineering and Technology

Subject: **Digital Engineering and Digital Twin Development for Advanced Air Mobility Vehicles**

Dear Mr. Miller,

Woolpert, Inc. is pleased to support the Ohio University/UDRI Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC) FY2025 request for Digital Engineering and Digital Twin Development for Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Vehicles which is focused on workforce development. This funding request builds upon the initial airport AAM planning work we have been providing to the City of Springfield and the Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport in addition to a separate PDAC FY2025 request for AAM Infrastructure planning that has been submitted by the City of Springfield.

The DDC's PDAC vetting process seeks to establish regional priority for the funding of projects which, "benefit the economic development, health, education or quality of life in the region." The Ohio AAM Project will combine the resources of public and private partners to bring cutting edge Air Mobility innovation to Ohio.

In addition to technical advancement, this project will benefit the community by providing the workforce development training required to meet next generation manufacturing requirements, which will positively affect the quality of life of residents in the region.

Woolpert, Inc. strongly supports the requirement for project engineering and workforce development to be funded by the proposed project.

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