



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Carlos P. Baía, Deputy City Manager for Development

DATE: January 17, 2018

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting Argen Tech Solutions, Inc.'s tenancy and operation of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) at the Concord Municipal Airport

Recommendation

Accept this report and attached resolution supporting Argen Tech Solutions, Inc.'s tenancy and operation of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) at the Concord Municipal Airport

Background

Argen Tech Solutions, Inc. is a New Hampshire-based, veteran-owned aviation technology company specializing in unmanned aircraft system (UAS) imaging and analytics. Argen Tech Solutions has identified the Concord Municipal Airport as an ideal location to provide training on the use of UAS to military and commercial pilots.

Discussion

At the outset, Argen Tech Solutions, Inc. anticipates operating UAS at the airport 6-8 days per month as part of its training program which will draw students from a wide area. Argen Tech Solutions, Inc.'s operation of UAS at the Concord Municipal Airport needs a waiver from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This waiver requires the support of the airport owner (i.e. the City).

This request is supported by the Fixed Base Operator/Airport Manager who will lease space in Hangar 4 to Argen Tech and sees this as a growing industry sector in aviation. The Airport Advisory Committee also reviewed this use at its January 17, 2018 meeting and unanimously voted to recommend that City Council support Argen Tech Solutions' tenancy and operation of UAS at the airport.