

**RESOLUTION NO. 43-2016**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ABILENE, INC. ("DCOA") FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE NEW TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE ("TSTC") ABILENE CAMPUS.

WHEREAS, TSTC was created in 1965 in Waco, Texas, with additional campuses added over the years to include Sweetwater, McAllen, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Marshall, Fort Bend and Abilene, which was established in 1985; and,

WHEREAS, in 2011, the West Texas campus was redefined as being the Sweetwater, Abilene, Breckenridge and Brownwood locations; and,

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Texas Legislature established campuses in Ellis and Williamson Counties; and,

WHEREAS, recently, all 10 campuses were integrated into a single organization, pursuing single accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, aligning programs to better serve the state by providing a highly skilled, technically competent workforce; and,

WHEREAS, DCOA has assisted the Abilene campus in various ways since 1990, including renovations to the current main campus building on E. Hwy 80, renovations to the airport hangar which houses the Airframe & Powerplant program, and kitchen equipment for the culinary arts program; and,

WHEREAS, the Abilene campus serves just over 400 students studying Airframe & Powerplant Technologies, Chemical Dependency Technology, Computer Aided Drafting & Design, Computer Networking & Systems Administration, Database and Web Programming, Digital Arts, Digital Media Design, Emergency Medical Services, Food Service (Culinary Arts), Health Information Technology, Medical Office Specialist, and Software Accounting & Management; and,

WHEREAS, in order to serve anticipated expanding growth in Abilene in the services, mining, manufacturing and trade industries, TSTC recently received authorization from the state to issue \$12,000,000 in tuition revenue bonds to construct a new Abilene campus; and,

WHEREAS, TSTC is asking from the community for \$6,000,000 in match grant funded over 10 years, including 50 acres of land on Loop 322 in the NW quadrant of the Abilene Regional Airport; and,

WHEREAS, TSTC has requested support from the community in the amount of \$2,000,000 with the remaining \$4,000,000 being requested of the DCOA; and,

WHEREAS, the new proposed Abilene campus will significantly add to our tool chest of local economic development resources used to help existing companies expand their workforce and new companies feel certainty their training needs will be met; and,

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2016, the DCOA approved resolution DCOA-2016.13 authorizing \$4,000,000 in funding support over 10 years for a new Abilene campus for TSTC.

WHEREAS, the DCOA board requests the City Council approve DCOA funding support in the amount of \$4,000,000 for a new TSTC Abilene campus.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:**

**PART 1.** DCOA funding in the amount of Four Million and No/100's Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) over 10 years beginning in 2017 to support operations of TSTC in light of construction of a new \$12,000,000 Abilene campus on 50 acres of land in the NW quadrant of the Abilene Regional Airport. The funding hereby authorized includes the cost to purchase the required 50 acres of land and is in addition to \$2,000,000 being requested of the community for the same purpose.

**PART 2.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

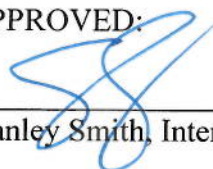
ADOPTED this the 24th day of March, 2016.

ATTEST:

  
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Danette Dunlap, City Secretary

  
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Norm Archibald, Mayor

APPROVED:

  
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Stanley Smith, Interim City Attorney