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Advancement Through Technology: Enabling the 21st Century Workforce

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Mr. Jonathan Corso
Economic Development Representative
Economic Development Administration
401 West Peachtree Street, NW
Suite 1820
Atlanta, GA 30308-3510
Dear Mr. Corso:

The Hines Family Foundation for Education, Innovation, and Service strongly supports the application for assistance to Camden County from the Economic Development Administration being prepared by the Coastal Regional Commission. It is hoped that funding can be provided for necessary infrastructure improvements which will enable Camden County to rapidly develop Spaceport Camden and hopefully bring significant economic and capability investment through high paying jobs and skills training for this area.

The Hines Family Foundation for Education, Innovation and Service (HFF) is an Atlanta, GA 501(c)(3) based Private Operating Foundation dedicated to creating and applying STEM4.0 learning tools and strategies to empower underserved, under-represented students with the skills and expertise necessary to thrive in the 21st century workforce. HFF uses space destinations and missions, space technologies and products, and real space experiences as motivators to support and encourage student and teacher interest and involvement. In 2021, we established the HFF STEM Education and Training Alliance (H-SETA), a collaborative partnership with the aim to integrate the skills, expertise, and resources of diverse and distributed organizational units in support of our HFF Mission of helping under-represented students and communities advance their 21st Century career capabilities through STEM4.0 based learning, innovation, and experiences. We have so far made significant progress in this area, now having Executive Partners, Outreach Partners and Sponsors, Research Investigators, and now recently, Fellows and Interns.

HFF is especially honored to partner with the Camden County Board of Commissioners and the planned Camden Spaceport Innovation Center to collaborate on mission-aligned STEM/STEAM outreach and related technology initiatives in support of underserved and under-represented students and population groups. We believe that this teaming positions us well to make powerful and positive impacts on the next generation in the Camden County region. We hope to develop cutting edge learning tools, courses, experiences, and learning and training packages to be deployed via the CSP Innovation Center and the Camden Regional STEM Node.

Spaceport Camden will also provide an opportunity for further partnership between the Hines Family Foundation, H-SETA, and Camden County in the areas of Ag-Climate-Space STEM learning packages and hands-on-project-experiences derived from the 5 HFF Initiatives: Space, Sustainability, Product Development, Life-Health, and Advanced Learning.

The Hines Family Foundation is excited to be in partnership with a County that recognizes its role in leading the development of a resilient community to the benefit of all citizens. HFF fully supports this request for federal funding, recognizing the benefits associated with Camden County building a sustainable, resilient, economic center that will benefit the citizens of Camden County, and the region.

Respectfully,

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