

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 6.6 Joint Use Agreement for \$300,000 between the Ohio Board of Regents and the Ohio Aerospace Institute

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the 122nd Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 850 which includes an appropriation of \$300,000 to the Ohio Board of Regents for the Ohio Aerospace Institute; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents' Rule 3333-1-03 requires that a joint use agreement between the institution for which funds are appropriated and the organization which will own or lease and operate facilities to be constructed or improved with such funds must be approved by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents and the Ohio Aerospace Institute are desirous of achieving the goals of higher education by allowing Ohio colleges and universities to utilize space, facilities and staff at the Facility for aerospace education, technology, and research; and

WHEREAS, the agreement has been reviewed and its format is found to be appropriate, its description of extent and nature of use has been specified, and the commitment extends no less than fifteen years and it is, in all other respects, in conformity with Rule 3333-1-03; and

WHEREAS, the parties have determined that the value of the use of the Facility is reasonably related to the amount of the appropriation;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the joint use agreement between the Ohio Board of Regents and the Ohio Aerospace Institute, attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

BACKGROUND

House Bill 850 of the 122nd General Assembly appropriated \$300,000 for the Ohio Aerospace Institute, a non-profit consortium of nine Ohio universities, NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, and several private companies. To release this \$300,000, a joint use agreement between the Ohio Board of Regents and the Institute is required. The agreement proposed here will provide funding for miscellaneous capital repairs and to replace portions of network cabling throughout the facility and to partially replace a pneumatically controlled damper system.

The Institute's mission is to serve as a collaborative network of university, industry and government, focused on the creation, integration, application and communication of aerospace related knowledge and the commercialization of related technologies. The Facility is located at the NASA Glenn Research Center, which since 1941 has worked to define and develop advanced technology for high priority national needs. The work of the Center is directed toward new propulsion, power, and communications technologies for application to aeronautics and space, so that U.S. leadership in these areas is ensured. To that end, NASA Glenn has developed a set of core competencies in which it conducts world-class research to develop and transfer technology to U.S. industry.

Throughout the entire 15-year term of the joint use agreement, the staff at the Ohio Aerospace Facility will work in conjunction with Ohio colleges and universities to supervise and coordinate faculty and graduate student research activities and offer special graduate-level courses. Additionally, the Facility will provide resources necessary to conduct special summer programs for faculty and students, continuing education programs, teleconferencing programs, and collaborative projects with focus groups composed of university, government and industry participants.