



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: April 18, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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SUBJECT: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding dated July 15, 2020, for Vandenberg Space Force Base; Authorization for the Mayor to Sign an Addendum Adding the City of Lompoc as a Participant in the MOU

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Space Industry Expansion Master Plan (attached) and direct the Mayor to execute an Addendum to the MOU in a form approved by the City Attorney in order to add the City.

Background:

On July 15, 2020, the 30th Space Wing, United States Space Force, entered into an MOU with the Regional Economic Action Coalition (REACH), the California Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development, Cal Poly State University at San Luis Obispo, and Deloitte Touche Consulting LLP, for voluntary cooperation in clarifying goals and objectives of the plan for commercial space industry and enterprises at Vandenberg Space Force Base (VSFB). The County of Santa Barbara joined the MOU in February 2021.

Discussion:

The parties to the MOU now wish to add new partners to include the City. Each new participant must commit to providing a senior staff member to participate in the VSFB plan project team. Participants will also coordinate as appropriate on implementation of the VSFB Master Plan. It is billed as an opportunity to strengthen cooperation with regional colleges and universities in areas such as research, education, and workforce development, and with local communities (Lompoc) in areas such as base-related housing and infrastructure needs.

As the closest municipal community to VSFB, the City's participation in the MOU will be an exciting opportunity to continue the strong ties that have been forged over many years.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no cost associated with joining the MOU. However, staff time will be required to participate in the task force.

Conclusion:

Joining with VSFB and other local agencies will benefit the City by continuing its strong ties with the base.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Albro, City Manager

Attachment: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Space Industry Expansion