



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**CONFERENCE MEETING**

**#22-0211**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** March 1, 2022

**TITLE:** Feasibility Study for Fort Lauderdale Aviation and Aerospace Training  
Program - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4**)

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The City of Fort Lauderdale Commission proposed the establishment of an aviation workforce training facility at the annual goalsetting workshop on January 31, 2020 and recommitted their dedication to the project at subsequent goalsetting workshops on January 29, 2021 and January 27, 2022. The project builds on the City's longstanding advocacy for aviation training and recent success supporting the launch of Atlantic Technical College's new Avionics Systems Technician program in January 2020.

Funding to hire a consultant was included in the fiscal 2021 budget, which became available October 2021. Following a competitive bid process, the City of Fort Lauderdale contracted with the Broward College Center for Applied Research to conduct the Feasibility Study for Fort Lauderdale Aviation and Aerospace Training Program. The consultant agreement was executed on May 6, 2021, at which point Broward College formally launched the needs assessment.

The Broward College Center for Applied Research presented preliminary findings on September 21, 2021 and will present an overview of the final report on March 1, 2022, followed by a discussion.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact of this item. The 2021 fiscal budget includes consulting fees for this project.

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a 2022 Commission Priority, advancing the Workforce Training and Education initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- Business Development Focus area

- Goal 5: Build an attractive global and local economic marketplace
- Objective: Create educational pathways and partnerships for workforce development.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Prosperous*.

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Feasibility Study for Fort Lauderdale Aviation and Aerospace Training Program - Final Report

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