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DATE: October 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, Land Lease, and Sublease for SOWELA
Technical Community College

FOR BOARD ACTION

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the LCTC System Board of Supervisors authorize the System President and Chancellor of SOWELA Technical Community College (SOWELA) to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, land lease, and sublease to facilitate the construction of a Flight Training School on property owned by the Chenault International Airport Authority. The land lease and sublease shall be recorded with the appropriate Clerk of Court and the State Land Office.

Background: During the June 2024 meeting of the LCTC System Board of Supervisors Executive Committee, and through subsequent ratification by the full Board at its August 2024 meeting, the Board approved an Act 959 project for SOWELA to construct a Flight Training School. Because the funding initially available for the project was insufficient to meet the requirements necessary for the Flight Training School, additional funding through Act 35 was approved by the Board during its August 2026 meeting. SOWELA proposes to construct the Flight Training School to provide education and training opportunities for individuals interested in pursuing careers in the aviation industry. The new facility will provide aspiring pilots with comprehensive private and commercial flight training programs and will include a state-of-the-art flight simulator, hangar facilities, and meeting space. The project is intended to provide a comprehensive, high-quality flight training environment that supports the workforce needs of the region. The Chenault International Airport Authority has offered to provide SOWELA with a minimum 25-year, no-cost land lease for the Flight Training School. Because the project will be administered by the LCTC Facility Corporation, a lease of the property to the LCTC Facility

Corporation is required to facilitate construction of the facility. The Chenault International Airport Authority has agreed to allow the LCTC Board, on behalf of SOWELA, to sublease the property to the LCTC Facility Corporation for this purpose.

The Flight Training School project will be partially funded through a \$2 million allocation from the City of Lake Charles bond referendum and a \$3.5 million Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant awarded to SOWELA. Because the LCTC Facility Corporation will administer the project, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement among the parties providing funding, the LCTC Board, and the LCTC Facility Corporation will be required to establish the framework for the receipt and use of project funds.

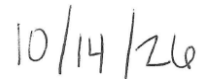
Fiscal Impact: The Flight Training School project will be funded through a \$2 million allocation from the City of Lake Charles bond referendum and a \$3.5 million Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant awarded to SOWELA.

History of Prior Actions: The LCTC System Board of Supervisors approved the Flight Training School project as an Act 959 project during its June 2024 meeting and subsequently approved additional funding for the project through Act 35 during its August 2026 meeting.

Benefits to the System: The construction of the new Flight Training School will support the growing demand for skilled pilots and aviation professionals, provide opportunities for individuals to pursue careers in the aviation industry, create aviation-related support jobs, and expand access to career advancement opportunities throughout Southwest Louisiana.



Approved for Recommendation to the Board
Richard Nelson



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Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, Land Lease, and Sublease for SOWELA Technical Community College

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