RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, the NCTCOG’s Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2020, is hereby submitted in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:


Section 2. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

J.D. Clark, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Wise County

I hereby certify that the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments adopted this resolution on July 23, 2020.

Curtistene McCowan, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of DeSoto
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK WIRED FOR EDUCATION, INC.  
DBA METRIX LEARNING AND SKILLSOFT CORPORATION FOR A CAREER PATHWAYS PLATFORM (WEB BASED EDUCATION)

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals (RFP) #2020-079 for a Career Pathways Platform (Web Based Education) was advertised and proposals received were opened on June 17, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, following evaluation, staff recommends award of a contract to New York Wired for Education, Inc., dba Metrix Learning and Skillsoft Corporation; and,

WHEREAS, the contract will be available for use by NCTCOG, its member governments and other participating entities as part of NCTCOG’s Cooperative Purchasing Program; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has complied with Federal and State regulations regarding contract and procurement proceedings for this procurement # 2020-079.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. A contract between NCTCOG and New York Wired for Education, Inc., dba Metrix Learning and Skillsoft Corporation, to provide a Career Pathway Platform for a maximum five (5) year term, be and is hereby approved.

Section 2. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute contractual agreements necessary to carry out this program, including agreements with member governments and other entities wishing to participate in NCTCOG’s Cooperative Purchasing Program, in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

J.D. Clark, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Wise County

I hereby certify that the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments adopted this resolution on July 23, 2020.

Curtistene McCowan, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of DeSoto
RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with the North Central Texas Council of Governments, and has been and continues to be the regional forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the federal law, Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act assigns the MPO the responsibility for carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process, in cooperation with the State and operators of publicly owned transit services; and,

WHEREAS, the FAST Act assigns the MPO the responsibility for developing and approving the metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and its periodic updates; and,

WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth area is a federally designated nonattainment area for the pollutant ozone, and air quality conformity of the TIP shall be determined by the MPO; and,

WHEREAS, all regionally significant surface transportation improvements, regardless of funding source, within the Dallas-Fort Worth ozone nonattainment area must be inventoried and included in the TIP and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the conformity analysis requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and,

WHEREAS, the TIP was developed in cooperation with the local governments, Texas Department of Transportation, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Denton County Transportation Authority, Fort Worth Transportation Authority (Trinity Metro), North Texas Tollway Authority, and other transportation agencies; and,

WHEREAS, all projects in the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas were developed in conjunction with Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas in a manner consistent with the federal regulations found in 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 450 and 49 CFR 613; and,
WHEREAS, the planning process used in development of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas was conducted in accordance with NCTCOG’s approved public involvement procedures and is consistent with the FAST Act Public Participation Plan requirements, including presentation at public meetings and the allowance of a 30-day comment period prior to Regional Transportation Council approval of the TIP; and,

WHEREAS, the air quality conformity review has indicated that the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas meets the transportation conformity-related requirements of the State Implementation Plan, the Clean Air Act as amended on November 15, 1990, and the conformity rule as specified in the US Environmental Protection Agency’s Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG’s Regional Transportation Council approved the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas on June 11, 2020, as evidenced by Regional Transportation Council Resolution R20-03.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board endorses the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas.

Section 2. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

J.D. Clark, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Wise County

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on July 23, 2020.

Curtistene McCowan, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of DeSoto
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS RECEIVING FUNDING UNDER THE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT PURCHASE 2020 CALL FOR PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth region is in nonattainment of the federal air quality standard for ozone and NCTCOG is actively involved in the development and implementation of the State Implementation Plan for air quality; and,

WHEREAS, Subtask 5.05 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program, provides for Traffic Incident Management Training as part of the Congestion Management Planning and Operations Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Traffic Incident Management Training Program is designed to initiate a common coordinated response to traffic incidents that will build partnerships, enhance safety for emergency personnel, reduce secondary traffic crashes, improve the efficiency of the transportation system, and improve air quality in the Dallas-Fort Worth region; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2019, NCTCOG opened the Incident Management Equipment Purchase 2020 Call for Projects with $1.5 million of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds to assist local governments in obtaining equipment and technology designed to facilitate quick incident clearance; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2020, the RTC approved the project selection recommendations from the Call for Projects funded through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and approved the use of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds as part of the available funding utilized; RTC Transportation Development Credits were approved to satisfy the local match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. Agreements between NCTCOG and recipients receiving funding under the Incident Management Equipment Purchase 2020 Call for Projects in an amount not to exceed $1,242,942 total award, as outlined in Attachment 1, be and are hereby approved.
Section 2. To minimize subrecipient risk, the Executive Board supports the steps outlined in Attachment 2.

Section 3. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute Agreements in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments to carry out the initiatives described herein.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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J.D. Clark, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Wise County

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on July 23, 2020.

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Curtistene McCowan, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of DeSoto
SUBRECIPIENT RISK MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Retain project-specific federal commitment

Aggregate equipment from multiple jurisdictions

Meet requirements through federally compliant cooperative purchase

Substitute RTC-eligible local funds

Not advance the award due to inefficient oversight cost
RESOLUTION ENDORSING DEFENSE MANUFACTURING COMMUNITY DESIGNATION SUBMITTAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, Subtask 5.10 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning includes the planning and implementation of programs to support regional military and community coordination; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense (DOD) Office of Economic Adjustment released a notice of funding opportunity to obtain a Defense Manufacturing Community Designation under the Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program; and,

WHEREAS, DOD is employing a two-step grant submittal process whereby applicants submit an initial proposal for a Defense Manufacturing Community Designation and applicants that receive such a designation will be requested to submit a more detailed proposal to DOD; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG submitted its initial proposal for the Defense Manufacturing Communities Designation to DOD prior to the July 12, 2020 submittal deadline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Executive Board endorses the Defense Manufacturing Community Designation submittal to the Department of Defense with a request for $5,000,000 in Department of Defense funds. The application included $1,250,000 local match commitment for grant purposes and approximately $4,250,000 of additional local contributions from consortium partners to support the program.

Section 2. The Executive Board authorizes a submittal of a more detailed grant proposal if requested by the Department of Defense.
Section 3. NCTCOG is authorized to receive approximately $5,000,000 from the Department of Defense and contributions from consortium partners for these activities.

Section 4. These funds shall be incorporated into the appropriate fiscal year budgets and Unified Planning Work Program.

Section 5. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments to carry out the initiatives described herein.

Section 6. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

J.D. Clark, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Wise County

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on July 23, 2020.

Curtistene McCowan, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of DeSoto
RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATIONS TO THE FY2020 AND FY2021 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, federal law, Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, assigns the MPO the responsibility for carrying out the metropolitan planning process, in cooperation with the State and operators of publicly owned transit services; and,

WHEREAS, the FAST Act assigns the MPO the responsibility for development of a Unified Planning Work Program which addresses the planning priorities of the metropolitan area and describes the metropolitan transportation and related air quality planning activities to be undertaken and capital purchases to be made to support the planning process; and,

WHEREAS, the FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning was approved by the Regional Transportation Council in July 2019 and endorsed by the NCTCOG Executive Board in August 2019; and,

WHEREAS, new initiatives, updates to existing projects and funding adjustments have resulted in the need to amend the FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed modifications to the FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning were approved by the Regional Transportation Council on July 9, 2020.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Executive Board approves the July 2020 amendments to the FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning.

Section 2. The appropriate fiscal year budgets are hereby amended to incorporate the resources associated with the approval of this resolution.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

J.D. Clark, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Wise County

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on July 23, 2020.

Curtistene McCowan, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of DeSoto
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH NEARMAP TO PROVIDE RECURRING AERIAL AND OBLIQUE IMAGERY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, through its Spatial Data Cooperative Program, has experience and expertise in facilitation of collaborative acquisition of digital orthophotography and related products; and,

WHEREAS, member governments requested recurring aerial and oblique imagery services not currently provided by NCTCOG’s existing vendors; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG conducted Request for Proposals (RFP) #2020-078 for these services and, following evaluation, is recommending Nearmap as the selected vendor; and,

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments has complied with federal and state regulations regarding contracting and procurement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. A contract between NCTCOG and Nearmap for aerial and oblique imagery services, for a maximum five (5) year term and in an amount not to exceed $5,000,000, be and is hereby approved.

Section 2. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements to carry out the initiatives described herein in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

J. D. Clark, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Wise County

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on July 23, 2020.

Curtistene McCowan, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of DeSoto
RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY’S GRANT OPPORTUNITY, "SUPPORTING ANAEROBIC DIGESTION IN COMMUNITIES"

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is the designated regional solid waste management planning agency for the North Central Texas 16-county region; and,

WHEREAS, the NCTCOG Executive Board has adopted an updated regional solid waste management plan, Planning for Sustainable Materials Management in North Central Texas, 2015 – 2040, that has specific goals and objectives for achieving state, regional and local solid waste management strategies; and,

WHEREAS, one of the regional goals of the updated regional solid waste management plan is to promote the creation and expansion of waste management programs, which includes waste diversion programs, such as those that manage food waste; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. EPA’s Office of Land and Emergency Management issued a request for applications that increase or enhance anaerobic digestion capacity and infrastructure in the United States to manage food waste and divert it from landfills; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has received support letters from thirteen stakeholders in the region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG submitted an application to the grant opportunity, “Supporting Anaerobic Digestion in Communities” on July 9, 2020, in collaboration with the University of Texas at Arlington.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The NCTCOG Executive Board endorses submittal of the grant application to the EPA’s grant opportunity, “Supporting Anaerobic Digestion in Communities.”

Section 2. NCTCOG is authorized to receive grant funds in an amount of approximately $300,000. Local match is not required for this grant opportunity.

Section 3. If awarded, these funds shall be incorporated into the appropriate fiscal year budget.
Section 4. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute contractual agreements necessary to carry out the initiatives described herein, in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on July 23, 2020.

Curtistene McCowan, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of DeSoto
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL STAFF POSITION TO SUPPORT NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation, organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG, in its capacity as the North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD), receives funding through the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) that is designated for the provision of economic development technical and administrative management services to local governments and non-profit businesses; and,

WHEREAS, EDA has provided NCTCOG supplemental CARES Act funding for a performance period of 24 months to support a scope of work and authorized activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and respond to economic injury as a result of coronavirus; and,

WHEREAS, the enhanced and additional scope of work requires additional staffing and an additional full-time equivalent (FTE) staff position is recommended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The NCTCOG Executive Board authorizes one (1) new full-time equivalent (FTE) staff position for the Executive Director’s Office to support NCTEDD activities.

Section 2. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

J. D Clark, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Wise County

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on July 23, 2020.

Curtistene McCowan, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of DeSoto