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TO: South Dakota Aeronautics Commission

FROM: Jack Dokken, Office of Aeronautics

DATE: November 14, 2019

SUBJECT: SDSU Grant Request

The South Dakota State University Aviation Program requests financial support for the 2020 ACE camp in the amount of \$5000. ACE camp is tentatively scheduled for July 12-15th, 2020.

November 12th, 2019

Office of Aeronautics
SD Department of Transportation
700 E Broadway Avenue
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RE: 2020 Aerospace Career and Education Camp

Dear Chairman Odenbach:

The ongoing support from the Office of Aeronautics for the Aerospace Career and Education (ACE) Camp is greatly appreciated. We would like to once again thank the SD Aeronautics Commission for their efforts to promote aviation and encourage students to pursue majors in aviation, engineering, and aerospace studies.

The SD Aeronautics Commission is one of the primary sponsors for the camp and the campers benefit from additional funds by our generous benefactors, without which the camp would be too costly for many students to attend. We would not be able to support the camp without the help of the commission and for that we thank you!

Last year we did not ask for money from the SD Aeronautics Commission due to additional funding sources, however this year we do not have the same level of funding and are asking for a \$5,000 grant. This is the same level of support that we have asked for in the past, even though our costs have gone up, we are committed to cost saving measures.

Many positive outcomes and relationships have been built through the years because of ACE camp. The camp coordinator, Sam Bjornestad reported that 12 campers participated in camp last year and we do expect more this coming year. While not every student uses the camp as a bridge to a career in the aviation industry, we feel it opens their eyes to the very important part that aviation places in South Dakota and equips them to provide a positive light on the industry. The money provided by the Aeronautics Commission ensures that the tuition for the camp remains within reach for students attending camp.

On behalf of ACE Camp, I ask the SD Aeronautics Commission to consider a sponsorship of \$5,000 to help provide camp oversight, general expenses, and advertisement for ACE Camp 2020, which is tentatively scheduled for July 12-15th, 2020

Again, we thank you for your ongoing support and hope for its continuation. If you would like any additional information, please feel free to contact the ACE Camp 2020 coordinator or myself.

Sincerely,

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