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<u>24-077</u> <u>AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH MASS VIRTUAL</u>

INC. FOR MASS VIRTUAL HANGER SYSTEMS FOR

AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY

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STRATEGIC THEME: Delivery: Redefine time, place, and systems of educational

delivery to create a more learner-centric ecosystem.

REPORT: The Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) program is

required to properly prepare the students for the commercial aviation industry. This is hindered due to the extremely high cost of technologies used by airlines. The virtual reality (VR) equipment purchase will allow the College to bridge that gap, exposing students to equipment and technologies that are otherwise cost prohibitive. It will also separate the College AMT from all other AMT schools in the nation, and offer education

directly applicable to industry/workforce needs.

Following a vendor search, the College has made a

determination and approved the Sole Source documentation, based on written findings subject to ORS 279B.075(2), that the

goods are available from only one source as outlined in

CCR.325.

There are currently no firms registered with Oregon COBID that

provide Mass Virtual Hanger systems.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Directors authorizes the College to enter into a

Contract with Mass Virtual Inc for a total of \$266,814.56. The source of funds will be the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery

Fund (CSFRF) Grant.