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Ref: Request for Financial Support - Contractual Agreement for Services - Fiscal Year 2022

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this request for financial support to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Warrensburg under the annual Contractual Agreement for Services for the Fiscal Year 2022 on behalf of the Whiteman Area Leadership Council (WALC) Board of Directors.

The Whiteman Area Leadership Council (WALC) would like to take a moment and express its gratitude for your continued support over the last several years. Your financial contribution has had a significant impact in assisting WALC to represent our region at important functions and conferences, as well as meetings with influential leaders over the last year. WALC has used the information and knowledge gained from these interactions to reassess its mission, and strategic plan with the goal to position our organization and region to address the current and future needs of Whiteman Air Force Base (WAFB).

The FY2019 annual economic impact of WAFB was approximately \$770 million with a total base employment of 9,139. It is critical that we work together to ensure WAFB remains a valuable element of our region for the foreseeable future. Your continued financial contribution is an affirmation that you too understand the critical nature of our mission and efforts to be empowered and engaged in supporting WAFB!

**So, what has WALC been doing and where have we been over the last year?** We invite you to stay up to date on our efforts through our website [www.supportwhiteman.com](http://www.supportwhiteman.com), however, a few highlights include:

- Recipient of Missouri Military Community Reinvestment Grant Program in the amount of \$58,000 for region-wide housing assessment and work plan

- The pandemic has certainly hampered the ability to meet in person. However, through multiple virtual meetings and telephone conversations, WALC has worked to maintain relationships with key leaders and decision-makers
- Representation at key meetings and conferences in partnership with the Air Force such as Global Strike Command, Association of Defense Communities (ADC), Strategic Deterrent Coalition (SDC), and the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission (MMPEC)

All of these interactions help WALC stay informed on the goals, objectives and current issues facing the Air Force as a whole, and their impacts locally for WAFB. Most importantly it enables us to know what we can do here at home to make certain everything possible is being done to ensure that WAFB remains a positive asset for the Air Force and the region.

**What have we learned?** Based on what WALC has been able to learn over the last few months we realize that more needs to be done, and more is going to be expected at the State and local levels by the Air Force to support installations such as WAFB. There is an ever-increasing competitive environment among states and defense communities to recruit new and relocate existing military missions. In addition, the Air Force is trying to adapt to be an employer of choice, while at the same time trying to find solutions to address a backlog of approximately \$160 billion in infrastructure needs across all installations. Community partnerships are becoming increasingly more necessary to address these needs. If our region is going to be successful in the future in sustaining WAFB as the asset it has always been to our area, we are going to have to figure out how to be stronger innovators, and financial partners, for our base and its missions.

**How can you help?** WALC is confident that as an organization we are positioned and structured to be the leader and local representation to ensure that WAFB continues to remain a viable asset to the Air Force. As you consider donating in support of our efforts we encourage you to contemplate not only the current costs of being present at meetings and functions to gather crucial information and establish impactful relationships, but also the oncoming need to be able to finance integral infrastructure needs to adapt WAFB into one of the bases of the future for the Air Force. Always remember that your contribution is an investment into the future of WAFB. Thank you again for your ongoing support of WALC and its efforts.

In Support of WAFB,



Gregory V. Frencken  
President

### **History of Whiteman Area Leadership Council (WALC):**

Whiteman Area Leadership Council traces its roots to the Base Realignment and Closure process (BRAC). There were four rounds of BRAC since 1988. There was one in 1988, 1991, 1993, and 1995. During those rounds 451 installations and facilities were affected across the Department of Defense. The Department of Defense began asking for another round in 2003 with a goal of eliminating 20-30% excess capacity. Congress did approve another round of BRAC but delayed it until 2005.

In preparation for the anticipated BRAC round, the State of Missouri Department of Economic Development commissioned an assessment of Fort Leonard Wood and Whiteman Air Force Base.

Regarding Whiteman Air Force Base, the consultants concluded that the base would remain open because of the B-2 and its expensive, one-of-a-kind support facilities. They correctly observed that the tenant units of AF Reserve, US Navy Reserve, and Army National Guard were potentially vulnerable to force structure draw down or mission changes. The study erroneously concluded that land and facilities were near maximum and could not absorb new missions without land acquisition.

Early in 2004, several strong supporters of Whiteman Air Force Base commenced the grass roots level effort to organize and defend the base in the coming BRAC. They concluded that a new organization was needed. Whiteman Area Leadership Council was chartered by the State of Missouri as a not for profit corporation on May 14, 2004. On September 2, 2004, WALC received its 501 (c) (3) tax exempt status from the IRS.

The new organization realized the need for a Study, or Assessment, of Whiteman Air Force Base. The study was needed immediately because it would become the baseline for all efforts. In less than six months over \$130,000 was raised from public and private donations and grants.

The initial mission, surviving BRAC, was achieved without loss of mission or personnel. Implementation of some of the recommendations of the Study that WALC had commissioned resulted in the Johnson County Zoning Commission which is a valuable tool in preventing future encroachment. The creation of the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission was also a result of those efforts.

With the overall goal of doing everything it can to ensure that Whiteman Air Force Base stays and grows, WALC has demonstrated the strong local support of the Base. It continues to educate stakeholders on the importance of WAFB and its mission to national security and its economic impact on the state and local economy.

### **Today's Whiteman Area Leadership Council (WALC):**

Currently, WALC has a Board of Directors comprised of 16 members representing a wide variety of leaders from across the Region. In recent years, WALC has been fortunate to have 22 to 25 annual investors which comprise approximately \$30,000 per year.

In Q4 2020, WALC was awarded a \$1 for \$1 matching grant, Missouri Military Community Reinvestment Program (MMCRP) Grant, in the total amount of \$58,000 from the Missouri Department of Economic Development. These grant funds were for the purpose of completing a regional Housing Assessment and Workplan that encompassed a 30-mile radius around WAFB. Phase 1 of this Housing Assessment is planned for a May 28, 2021 completion.

**Whiteman Area Leadership Council Agreement 2022**

**THIS AGREEMENT** made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 by and between the Whiteman Area Leadership Council, 300 North Holden Street, Suite 301, Warrensburg, Missouri, 64093, hereinafter called WALC, and the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, City Hall, 102 South Holden Street, Warrensburg, Missouri 64093, hereinafter called THE CITY, and collectively referred to as THE PARTIES.

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, Whiteman Air Force Base is a strategic component of the United States defense system and home to the B-2 Stealth Bomber. In addition to being vital to the national defense, Whiteman Air Force Base plays a key role in the economic health of the region's economy. With more than 9,100 employees, Whiteman is one of the largest employers in the State of Missouri delivering an annual economic impact of more than \$769,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, WALC keeps its focus on aiding the retention and expansion of the missions and physical plant of Whiteman Air Force Base, The work of the Whiteman Area Leadership Council is funded through the financial support generously given by the individuals and organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, WALC is engaged as an independent contractor and is not an officer, agent or employee of the CITY. WALC has rendered and will render services hereinafter contemplated and do hereby agree to accept such engagement and has and will discharge its duties in accordance with the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth:

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Parties do hereby agree as follows, to wit;

1. WALC will provide resources to efforts that further enhance and expand the mission of Whiteman Air Force Base, thereby generating economic benefit to the City of Warrensburg and Johnson County.
2. In return, the City will provide WALC with three thousand dollars (\$3,000); payment due by April 15, 2022. This contract will be in effect October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.
3. It is understood and agreed that either party may terminate this contract by giving to the other party notice in writing of said termination sixty (60) days prior to termination date.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have hereto set their hands and seals on the year and day first above written.

**WHITEMAN AREA  
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

**CITY OF WARRENSBURG**

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
President Greg Frencken

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Danielle Dulin, Interim City Manager

ATTEST:

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Secretary Randy Alewel

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Cindy Gabel, City Clerk