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RE: POSITION AND ENDORSEMENT ON ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY (AAM)

The Department of Economic Development and Commerce of Puerto Rico (DDEC in Spanish acronym) recognizes Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) as a strategically important emerging sector with significant potential to strengthen Puerto Rico's aerospace, advanced manufacturing, technology, logistics, and innovation ecosystem.

DDEC endorses the development of Puerto Rico as a regional hub for AAM, including the research, development, testing, demonstration, manufacturing, commercialization, operations, and maintenance of next-generation aviation technologies such as electric conventional and vertical takeoff and landing aircraft (eCTOL/eVTOL), advanced propulsion systems, batteries and energy-storage technologies, avionics, autonomous systems, and related digital technologies.

Puerto Rico's strategic geographic location, as well as its established aerospace industry, skilled workforce, industrial infrastructure, and access to U.S. markets provide a strong foundation for attracting AAM original equipment manufacturers, technology developers, infrastructure investors, operators, suppliers, and research organizations. DDEC supports leveraging applicable provisions of Act 60-2019, including available incentives for qualifying research and development, advanced manufacturing, aerospace activities, and MRO operations, subject to applicable requirements.

DDEC also recognizes the potential of AAM to enhance island-wide passenger and cargo mobility, regional logistics, emergency response, disaster resilience, and connectivity with Vieques and Culebra, while positioning Puerto Rico as a potential gateway for AAM activities throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.

Accordingly, DDEC supports continued public-private collaboration with industry, academia, investors, airports, municipalities, and other stakeholders to establish the workforce, infrastructure, investment environment, and economic conditions necessary for the responsible growth of the AAM sector in Puerto Rico.

This endorsement represents DDEC's economic-development and strategic policy position regarding AAM and does not replace or preempt any federal or Puerto Rico regulatory, safety, certification, permitting, or airspace requirements.



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