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THE AVIATION TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER

In the year Two Thousand Ten.....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, the Aviation Technical Training Center (“the Center”) at Burlington International Airport will provide a permanent home for the Aviation Technology Program and the Vermont Flight Academy, providing state-of-the-art facilities for:

- *FAA 147 certification in Aircraft Maintenance (A&P: Airframe and Power Plant Certification)*
 - *FAA 141 Commercial Pilot’s License*
 - *FAA 141 Commercial Pilot’s License and Bachelor’s Degree in Aviation Technology from Vermont Technical College;*
- and

WHEREAS; the Center will consist of two major elements: a 12,000 square foot hangar and an adjoining three-level training facility with approx. 22,000 square feet of program space; and

WHEREAS; the Center will help alleviate a critical need in private industry and the military for trained Aviation Technicians and commercial pilots, and a regional shortage in Aviation Technology and commercial pilot instructional programs; and

WHEREAS; the Aviation Technology Program, serving secondary and post-secondary students, is currently housed in three different temporary locations: at Burlington High School, and in two outdated buildings at Burlington International Airport and is in critical need of a new location; and

WHEREAS; the Aviation Technology Program, in operation for ten years, serves secondary and post-secondary school students, active, Reserve, and retired military personnel, Air Guard,

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40 National Guard, and mid-career professionals providing skills highly transferable to other
41 industries, including high-tech manufacturing, research and development, and wind power; and

42 WHEREAS; the Vermont Flight Academy (VFA), a newly formed not-for-profit flight
43 school that provides quality, affordable walk-in and professional flight training at the secondary
44 and post-secondary level, as well as providing flight training for the general public requires a
45 space to operate; and

46 WHEREAS; Vermont Technical College (VTC) has developed a new Aviation Technology
47 Program allowing students the opportunity to gain a collegiate Bachelor’s Degree while
48 obtaining certification as a commercial pilot offered through the Vermont Flight Academy; and

49 WHEREAS; the new facility will being built and operated by the Burlington International
50 Airport, which has donated the land, runway apron, and access to the runway system; and

51 WHEREAS; the following entities have formed a comprehensive partnership in working
52 towards the goal of completing the development of the new facility:

- 53 • Burlington International Airport (supervising design/build team)
- 54 • Burlington Technical Center (staffing, administration, programming, oversight)
- 55 • State of Vermont CDBG Program (\$30,000 Planning Grant)
- 56 • Vermont Technical College (Aviation Technology Bachelors Degree Program)
- 57 • City of South Burlington (sponsor of State CDBG grant request, permitting/planning/logistical)
- 58 • NASA Vermont Space Grant Consortium (funds tuition and provides students to program)
- 59 • Vermont Chamber of Commerce (operates Vermont Aerospace and Aviation Association
- 60 linking the aviation community to the development)
- 61 • Burlington Community and Economic Development Office (project coordination); and

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63 WHEREAS, the Vermont State Legislature in its 2009-2010 session awarded \$150,000
64 Vermont State Capital Fund grant, to be administered by Burlington International Airport, for the
65 development of the Aviation Technical Training Center; and

66 WHEREAS, the Vermont State Legislature in its 2009-2010 session awarded \$150,000
67 Vermont Economic Development Allocation grant, to be administered by Burlington

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International Airport, for the development of the Aviation Technical Training Center; and

WHEREAS, with the help of U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy, a \$1,500,000 National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) grant, to be administered by Burlington’s Community and Economic Development Office (CEDO), for the maintenance, expansion and improvement of the Aviation Technical Training Program (including teacher salaries, marketing, equipment acquisition and project staffing), and

WHEREAS; a Project Coordinator, a development group, and a design/build team are in place (the architectural firm Freeman French Freeman is leading the design/engineering team, and DEW Construction is leading the construction team);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Burlington City Council hereby supports the development of the Aviation Technical Training Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes Larry Kupferman, CEDO Director, to execute all documents needed to accept the \$1,500,000 NASA grant referenced above, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council hereby authorizes Brian Searles, Director, Burlington International Airport, to execute all documents needed to accept the \$150,000 Vermont State Capital Fund grant referenced above, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council hereby authorizes Brian Searles, Director, Burlington International Airport, to execute all documents needed to accept the \$150,000 Vermont Economic Development Allocation grant referenced above, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.