



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1875

1. Title of Project: Elite Transportation AV Research Program at JU

2. Senate Sponsor: Aaron Bean

3. Date of Submission: 02/08/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Elite Transportation Services, a minority owned business based in Northeast Florida working with Jacksonville University in Duval County, will initiate an automated driver-less advanced technology transportation shuttle program. The autonomous electric minibus would be used to help transport the public, students, and faculty at Jacksonville University while helping to create an advanced technology program opportunity for the state.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	12,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,350,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,362,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,362,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	2,362,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		



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Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Maintenance Costs	12,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovation of research and vehicle storage building, research scientist offices, campus safety and transportation signage for the vehicles, and the acquisition of three autonomous vehicles.	2,350,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,362,000

11. Program Performance:

a. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?

The funds will be spent to invest in innovative transportation technology by bringing three shuttles to NE Florida and the JU complex to create the first working laboratory and research center of this technology anywhere in Florida. To further promote and accelerate the state and NE Florida's leadership in this technology, JU and Elite Transportation will share the data and research with other colleges and universities in the area. The results of this investment in research and a working laboratory will help Florida and the Southeast become leaders in this technology

b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

The University and Elite Transportation will work together to pay for and support all faculty and for the physical structure to host and house this new initiative.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

The research will provide economic impact by direct, indirect, and induced means as well as provide a working testing ground for the most advanced transportation technology. Citizens will benefit from the sharing of data and research as it will help accelerate and promote the wider use of this technology statewide.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The general population of the area will benefit as this will create a technology hub that will draw attention from across the country.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

The public, students and faculty at Jacksonville University, as well as the regional colleges and universities. This will help establish Northeast Florida as a leader in artificial transportation technology.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?



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Refund of any funds that are appropriated.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

Jacksonville University.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Jacksonville University
- b. **County:** Duval
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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