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City Council Approves Construction for Advanced Manufacturing District

El Paso Sets Sights on Becoming a National Leader in Advanced Manufacturing and Innovation

EL PASO, Texas—The El Paso City Council has approved a contract to begin construction on the first phase of the Advanced Manufacturing District (AMD) at the El Paso International Airport.

The contract marks a considerable step toward making El Paso a hub for advanced manufacturing, aerospace, and defense industries.

The AMD will help grow local businesses and create more jobs in the region. Once completed, it is expected to serve as a launchpad for an estimated 300 new small and medium manufacturing companies and bring approximately 4,000 engineering and technology jobs and 13,000 high-skill technical jobs to Far West Texas by 2030, solidifying El Paso as a leader in innovation and workforce development.

“Creating high-paying jobs for our community has been one of my top priorities,” said Mayor Renard Johnson. “The Advanced Manufacturing District is a key investment in El Paso’s future, fulfilling that promise by opening doors to life-changing opportunities for our residents. This project will not only transform our local economy but also position El Paso as a national leader in advanced manufacturing and innovation.”

“This project highlights El Paso’s dedication to building a stronger, more innovative economy,” said City Manager Dionne Mack. “The Advanced Manufacturing District will boost our local supply chain, attract new industries, and create meaningful, high-quality jobs that will drive our region forward. It’s an exciting step toward a brighter future for our community.”

The AMD project began in September 2022 when the U.S. Economic Development Administration awarded \$40 million to the West Texas Aerospace and Defense Manufacturing Coalition through the Department of Commerce’s Build Back Better Regional Challenge. Of that, \$25 million was given to the El Paso International Airport to develop the 250-acre AMD.

The AMD will bring together aerospace and defense companies, manufacturers, and support services. It will also provide resources and training for manufacturing technology startups and small- to medium-sized manufacturers. Purpose-built with a shared physical, cyber, and digital infrastructure, the District will address significant barriers to entry by providing access to state-of-the-art facilities and resources.

Phase 1 of the project is envisioned to include the construction of a 50,000-square-foot stand-alone building and two 100,000-square-foot multi-tenant buildings. These proposed facilities would be tailored to the needs of small- and medium-sized manufacturers, fostering innovation and collaboration across industries.

For more information about the Advanced Manufacturing District and its impact on the region, visit the [City of El Paso’s Advance Manufacturing website](#).

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