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AMEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUPPORT T-100 PROJECT

The Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (AMEA) Board of Directors recently approved a Resolution of Support for the Leonardo-DRS Trainer Aircraft project in Tuskegee, a project which could potentially create 750 new jobs for Macon County and the region.

Leonardo-DRS is a worldwide manufacturer of trainer jet aircraft and has selected and signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the state of Alabama and the Macon County Economic Development Authority to locate a production site at historic Moton Field in Tuskegee, should the manufacturer win the contract to build its 21st century T-100 trainer jet for the Air Force. The T-100 is currently being used by the United States' allies, including Israel, Poland, Italy, United Arab Emirates and Singapore.

The total capital investment of the project would be approximately \$250-\$300 million.

"The AMEA Board of Directors is excited to support the City of Tuskegee and Macon County in its quest to win the T-100 project," said Don McClellan, Chairman, AMEA Board of Directors. "The selection of Tuskegee as home to this project will bring great celebration to the accomplishments of the Tuskegee Airmen. We overwhelmingly support this project and wish the City of Tuskegee and Macon County much success in this endeavor."

"The T-100 project could be a huge economic success story for our communities and the entire state," said Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO. "AMEA is committed to improving the quality of life as well as growing sustainable, economically-stable communities through job creation. Not only would the T-100 project create new jobs, but the suppliers who locate and build in the region would bring additional new jobs as well. This project could also bring a renewed economic vitality to the I-85 corridor in east Alabama."

AMEA, located in Montgomery, is the wholesale power provider for 11 public power utilities in Alabama, which serve some 350,000 customers in Alexander City, Dothan, Fairhope, Foley (Riviera Utilities), LaFayette, Lanett, Luverne, Opelika, Piedmont, Sylacauga, and Tuskegee.

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