

CALIFORNIA ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY CORRIDORS INITIATIVE (CAAMCI)



Serving the Central Coast Monterey Bay region of San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey counties

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BUDGET REQUEST | \$9.5M

The California Advanced Air Mobility Corridors Initiative (CAAMCI) of the **Monterey Bay Tech Hub** will launch testing corridors for clean-energy-powered defense drones and other advanced aerospace systems — **boosting R&D, filling infrastructure gaps, and supporting job growth.**

TRI-COUNTY REGION OF SANTA CRUZ, SAN BENITO, AND MONTEREY

Rural | Underserved | Majority Minority



THE PROMISE OF CALIFORNIA ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY CORRIDORS INITIATIVE (CAAMCI)

- ❖ Rooted in Equity
- ❖ Scalable Economic Growth
- ❖ Transformational Innovation
- ❖ Advancing California's Leadership in Defense and Aerospace

YOU CAN'T SOAR IF YOU'RE GROUNDED

PROBLEM: California lacks a dedicated testbed with coordinated flight corridors.



- ❖ CA has the largest concentration of Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) in the US – but **they have to test and certify aircraft elsewhere**.
- ❖ Other states – Ohio, New York, Nevada, Texas, Florida, Colorado, and Georgia – are **significantly** ahead in this race.

WARNING! California risks losing competitive edge and economic opportunities if we don't act.

BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME

SOLUTION: CAAMCI will establish California's first FAA-compliant testing corridors for clean-energy powered defense drones and advanced aerospace vehicles.

- ❖ Boost R&D, infrastructure, innovation, and workforce
- ❖ Build on the existing presence of OEMs by attracting international manufacturers, investors, and increasing recruiting capabilities
- ❖ Drive innovation, training, and economic growth

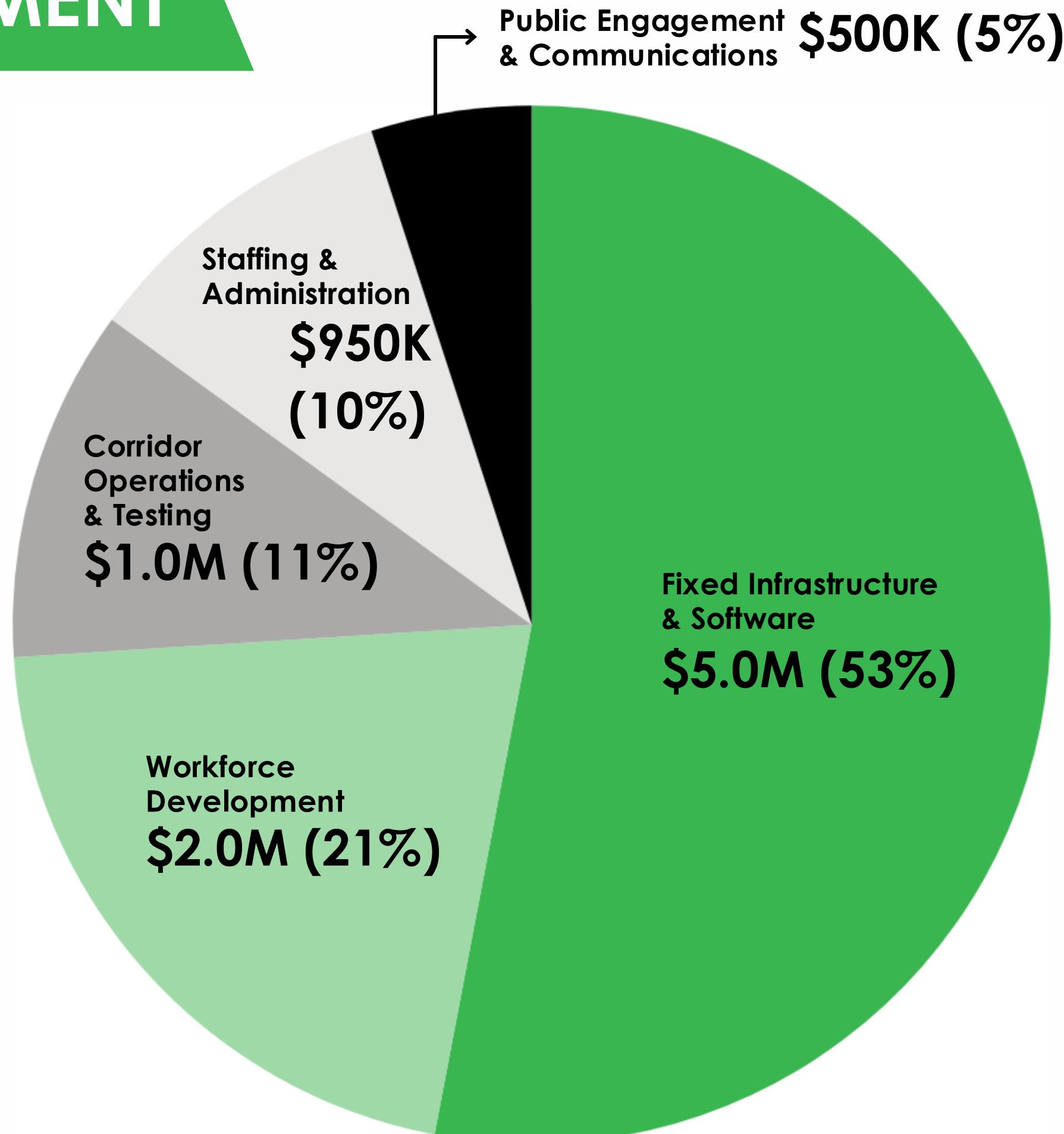


A SMART AND SCALABLE INVESTMENT

\$9.5M CAPITAL REQUEST

Leveraging \$1B+ in Private Investment

- ❖ Multi-tiered access model
- ❖ Self-sustaining by Year 3
- ❖ Diverse revenue sources
- ❖ High-impact, high return



STRATEGIC RISKS RENDER JUST REWARDS

RISKS

- ❖ Supply Chain Disruptions
- ❖ Community Resistance
- ❖ Shifting National Priorities

MITIGANTS

- ❖ Diversification
- ❖ Inclusive Engagement
- ❖ Public-Private Partnerships

REWARDS

- ❖ Stronger Networks
- ❖ Deepened Stakeholder Trust
- ❖ Community Buy-In



THIS IS US. WE ARE CAAMCI.

MONTEREY BAY TECH HUB LEADERSHIP



TAHRA GORAYA

President & CEO, Monterey Bay Economic Partnership

SUPER POWERS:
Regional Bridge Builder
Cross-Sector Convener
Inclusive Workforce



DR. LAWRENCE SAMUELS

Sr. Advisor to the Chancellor,
UC Santa Cruz



SUPER POWERS:
STEM Talent Accelerator
Applied Research Leader
Clean Tech R&D Catalyst



JOSH METZ

Executive Director,
Monterey Bay DART



SUPER POWERS:
AAM Sector Mobilizer
Workforce Pilot Lab
Advanced Tech Integrator

CAAMCI PARTNERS BY THE NUMBERS

4

Airports

9

Local Governments

11

Educational Institutions

7

AAM Leaders

9

Organizations/
Financial Institutions

100+

Local CBOs

KEY PARTNERS OF MONTEREY BAY TECH HUB:



CALIFORNIA IS READY FOR CAAMCI.

CAAMCI IS READY TO LAUNCH!

THE CENTRAL COAST HAS:

- ❖ Talent
- ❖ Technology
- ❖ Topography
- ❖ Collaboration
- ❖ Will
- ❖ Moment

ALL WE NEED IS YOUR COMMITMENT



THE NEXT ERA OF AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE IS TAKING OFF — NO BETTER PLACE FOR IT TO LIFT OFF THAN CALIFORNIA'S CENTRAL COAST.

