



Orange County Government

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Interoffice Memorandum

DATE: February 18, 2026

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings and County Commissioners

THROUGH: N/A

FROM: Dennis Holste, Economic Development Director

CONTACT: Jessica Kinkle, Administrative Assistant

PHONE: 407-836-7366

DIVISION: Office of Economic, Trade and Tourism Development

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval and execution of First Amendment to Orange County, Florida and National Center for Simulation FY 2026 Grant Agreement in the amount of \$50,000. (Office of Economic, Trade and Tourism Development)

PROJECT: N/A

PURPOSE: Staff is requesting approval of an additional \$50,000 to be disbursed to the National Center for Simulation to support efforts to stop the current administration's efforts to relocate installations currently located in the Orange County Research Park. This effort will include community and coalition building to support the existing Metro Orlando Defense Task Force advocacy.

BUDGET: \$50,000

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
AND
NATIONAL CENTER FOR SIMULATION**

FY 2026 GRANT AGREEMENT

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THIS FIRST AMENDMENT, is made and entered into this ___ day of ~~January~~, 2026, by and between ORANGE COUNTY, a charter county and political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "County" and the Training & Simulation Technology Consortium, Inc., a Florida non-profit corporation whose FEI/EIN Number is 59-3239132, doing business as the National Center For Simulation, hereinafter referred to as "NCS" (the "First Amendment").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County and NCS entered into that certain FY 2026 Grant Agreement on October 14, 2025, with a term beginning on October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2026 (the "Grant Agreement")

WHEREAS, NCS is not for profit trade association comprised of governmental, academic and industry members which promotes modeling and simulation technology expansion, supports education and workforce development and provides business development support to its members; and

WHEREAS, NCS applied to the County for a donation of funds for the operations of such NCS programs; and

WHEREAS, the County determined that such programs serve a public interest and support the development of the modeling, simulation and training sector of the Central Florida economy through education, training, and promotion and to that end, the County appropriated funds to be donated to the NCS for such purposes via the Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, NCS has identified additional needs to allow it to continue to operate NCS programs and has requested an additional donation of funds from the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has agreed to provide additional funding in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the County and NCS desire to enter into this First Amendment whereby the NCS will receive and disburse said additional funds of the County in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement, as amended by this First Amendment (together, the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the NCS continues to have available the necessary qualified and trained personnel, facilities, materials and supplies to perform its obligations as set forth in this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

1. **RECITALS.** The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated as a material part of this First Amendment by this reference.

2. **AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENT.** Unless otherwise set forth below, the provisions of the Agreement shall be amended as follows with additions being underlined and deletions being ~~struck through~~:

A. Subsection 1.1 shall be amended as follows:

1.1 The County has appropriated for the period commencing October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, a total sum not to exceed ~~Seventy-One~~ One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Seven and 00/100 Dollars (~~\$121,497.00~~71,497.00) ("County Contribution") to reimburse NCS solely for the purposes set forth in Exhibit "A". The County Contribution shall be made in ~~up to~~ two installments, with each installment not to exceed ~~Sixty thousand Thirty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Eight~~ and 50/100 Dollars (~~\$60,35,748.50~~). Payments are scheduled based on the submission of two performance and financial reports, as outlined in Exhibit "A". The report for the first period (October 1 to March 31) is due no later than April 15, and the report for the final period (April 1 to September 30) is due no later than October 15, as described in Exhibit "B". The final report will determine compliance for future funding. Failure to submit these reports may result in termination of this Agreement and make NCS ineligible for future County contributions.

B. Exhibit "A" of the Agreement shall be replaced with Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

3. **REMAINDER OF AGREEMENT UNCHANGED.** Except as otherwise set

forth herein the remainder of the Grant Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This First Amendment shall become effective upon the later of the date of execution by County or the date of execution by NCS.

5. **COUNTERPARTS.** This First Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the dates set below.



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: *Jerry L. Demings*
Jerry L. Demings
Orange County Mayor

Date: 10 March 2026

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: *Jennifer Jan-Klimetz*
Deputy Clerk
Clerk/Deputy Clerk of the Board

Date: MAR 10 2026

**TRAINING & SIMULATION TECHNOLOGY
CONSORTIUM, INC.**

**d/b/a
NATIONAL CENTER FOR SIMULATION**

By: *George E. Cheros*
George E. Cheros
President and CEO

Date: 1/26/2026

EXHIBIT A

NATIONAL CENTER FOR SIMULATION

ACTIVITY FOR WHICH ORANGE COUNTY FUNDING IS PERMITTED

County funds in the amount of \$121,497.00 will be used as follows:

Funding in the amount of \$75,500.00 to address the possibility of cutbacks and closures of military installations through chairing the **Metro Orlando Defense Task Force**; to support the development and advocacy on behalf of the modeling, simulation, and training sector; and to support the design and implementation of local economic diversification strategies. Funding will also support efforts to stop current administration efforts to relocate installations currently located in the Research Park. This effort will include community and coalition building to support the existing Metro Orlando Defense Task Force advocacy.

Funding in the amount of \$45,997.00 will be used to fund **general operating expenses of NCS and support the following types of activities:** 1) using the County contribution as part of a local match for Florida Department of Commerce Defense Reinvestment and/or Defense Infrastructure grants; 2) collaborating with UCF, The Corridor, and the Orlando Economic Partnership on a booth at the Interservice/Industry Training Simulation and Education Conference (I/ITSEC) at the Orange County Convention Center; 3) working to secure additional research and development projects and grants for Central Florida; 4) supporting the convergence of digital media technology with the modeling, simulation, and training industry; and 5) membership development and community outreach.

Additionally, NCS will participate in Eight (8) meetings per year. Four (4) in-person meetings and Four (4) virtual group grantee calls with County staff.

NO FUNDS PAID UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE EXPENDED FOR PAYMENT OF ANY LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, DAMAGES, EXPENSES, FEES, FINES, PENALTIES, PROCEEDINGS, ACTIONS OR COST OF ACTIONS, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES OR ATTORNEYS ON APPEAL OF ANY PROCEEDINGS OR JUDGMENTS OF ANY KIND AND NATURE.

