

eIPP Consortium Framework

eVTOL Integration Pilot Program Proposal

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1. Lead Applicant and Consortium Overview

Lead Applicant: Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) Serving as the American Air Advantage eIPP Consortium Lead Applicant

Consortium Partners: CalTrans Aeronautics · Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) · University of California (CITRIS, ITS, UCMBEST, RFS) · Joby Aviation · Archer Aviation · Wisk Aero · Elroy Air · MightyFly · Jump Aero · Pivotal · San Francisco International Airport (SFO) · San Jose International Airport (SJC) · Bell-Dancy Industries (BDI) · Skyway · ATAC · NASA Ames Research Center · Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District · Sonoma County EMS · KMRY · KSNS · KOAR · KKCI · KWVI

2. Consortium Mission and Vision

American Air Advantage (A³) aims to establish a continuous, multi-county low-altitude mobility corridor across North–Central California, enabling safe, scalable, and community-driven integration of:

Air Taxi Mobility

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- Autonomous Cargo & Logistics
- Medical Logistics & Emergency Response

The A³ Consortium builds on strong OEM presence, engaged local governments, UC research institutions, and a corridor-scale set of community partners. The resulting insights will support FAA policy development and contribute directly to **nationwide AAM readiness ahead of LA28** and beyond.

Our shared goal is to **generate operational**, **regulatory**, **and community insights** that will guide FAA policy and aggressively accelerate the national adoption of AAM.

3. Program Structure: 3-Track Framework (Years 1–3)

The A³ demonstration program includes **three coordinated operational tracks**, each progressing through Years 1, 2, and 3 with increasing complexity, scale, and policy relevance.

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Track 1: Air Taxi Mobility (Years 1-3)

OEMs: Joby Aviation, Archer Aviation

Counties Involved: Monterey · Santa Clara · San Benito · Santa Cruz · Contra Costa ·

Sonoma (future expansion)

Year 1 – Demonstration Foundations ("Crawl")

- Air taxi demonstrations serving large public events in Monterey/Santa Cruz/Santa Clara counties.
- Data collection on **community acceptance**, **noise**, **passenger flow**, and **temporary vertiport procedures**.

Year 2 – Regional Corridor Integration ("Walk")

- Development of an inter-county air mobility corridor connecting Monterey Bay to Silicon Valley and Contra Costa County.
- Integration with Class B airspace in Santa Clara County.

Year 3 – Multi-County Demonstration Network ("Run")

- Multi-leg, multi-county passenger operations across at least four counties.
- ATC, UTM, and community-engagement data to inform FAA integration guidance for LA28-scale deployments.

Track 2: Autonomous Cargo & Logistics (Years 1–3)

OEMs: Wisk Aero (autonomous) · Elroy Air · MightyFly

Counties Involved: Monterey · Santa Clara · San Benito · Contra Costa · San Joaquin

Year 1 – Initial Operations & Data Streams

- Piloted or hybrid pilot-autonomy logistics operations connecting industrial and agricultural counties.
- Development of multi-county cargo CONOPS for rural and peri-urban delivery.

Year 2 – Expanded Autonomous Operations

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- Wisk-led autonomous research flights with NASA Ames collaboration in Santa Clara, San Benito and Monterey Counties.
- Elroy Air and MightyFly demonstrations moving inter-facility payloads across multiple counties (Contra Coast/San Joaquin).

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Year 3 – Corridor-Scale Autonomous Logistics

- Cross-county cargo corridor spanning Contra Costa → San Joaquin → Santa Clara →
 Monterey/San Benito.
- FAA-relevant datasets for **BVLOS**, **IFR automation**, and **human factors**.

Track 3: Medical Logistics & Response (Years 1–3)

OEMs: Ampaire · Elroy Air · Jump Aero · MightyFly · Pivotal **Counties Involved:** Sonoma · Contra Costa · Monterey · San Joaquin · Merced · Kern

This track addresses **rural and underserved community access**, aligned with FAA's emphasis on **public-benefit operations**.

Year 1 – Policy Memorandum & Medical Logistics Framework

- Delivery of a Policy Memorandum for Rural EMS and Medical Logistics.
- Establish the operational justification and technical foundations for first-responder eVTOL deployment.
- Ampaire: Demonstrate regional medical logistics hybrid-electric drive train efficiency and deployment.

Year 2 – Safety Demonstrations (Ampaire, Jump Aero, Pivotal, Elroy Air, Mighty Fly)

- Jump Aero: Simplified Flight Control (SFC) and paramedic deployment tests.
- Pivotal: lightweight responder access demonstrations (e.g., rapid delivery of AEDs, Narcan, trauma kits).
- MightyFly & ElroyAir: medical supplies logistics between rural communities.
- Ampaire: long-range medical goods movement demonstrations

Year 3 – County-Integrated EMS Demonstrations

- Multi-county emergency response exercises: Sonoma ↔ Napa/Contra Costa, Monterey
 - ↔ San Benito, and Ventura ↔ Kern

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- Integration with 911 dispatch systems, rural fire districts, and county health agencies.
- FAA data deliverables on rural EMS ops, SFC, low-altitude emergency access, and UTM integration.

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The consortium's demonstration plan is structured around **three interrelated use cases**, each designed to produce actionable policy and operational data within a three-year eIPP performance period.

4. Core Cross-Cutting Components

| Domain | Lead Contributors | Outputs |
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| Airspace & UTM | NASA Ames, Skyway, Skygrid, ATAC, BDI | Multi-county airspace management, UTM data exchange |
| Data Science & Policy | UC CITRIS, ITS, RFS | Noise, safety, emissions, equity, workforce analytics |
| Workforce Development | DART, Community Colleges | Technician, dispatcher, and EMS-adjacent flight operations pipeline |
| Community Engagement | Counties + TAMC + CCTA + CalTrans | Equity outcomes, public briefings, EJ mapping |
| Infrastructure Planning | Counties + CCTA + TAMC + CalTrans | Vertiport/launch pad siting, corridor planning |

5. Alignment with FAA eIPP Evaluation Criteria

| Evaluation Criteria | Consortium Response Summary |
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| U.SBased Aircraft & Technology | All OEMs (Joby, Archer, Wisk, Elroy, MightyFly, Jump Aero, Ampaire) are U.Sbased and engaged in FAA Type Certification projects. |
| Economic & Geographic Representation | Multi-state and multi-airport deployment (rural, coastal, metro) with economic benefits for the Central Coast, Bay Area, and Central Valley. |
| Operations Representation | Comprehensive integration of Air Taxi, Cargo, and EMS use cases providing a full spectrum of AAM applications. |

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| Evaluation Criteria | Consortium Response Summary |
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| Policy/Regulatory Insight Potential | Direct data contribution to FAA on MOSAIC, BVLOS, SFC, and rural access regulatory development. |
| Aircraft & Operational Readiness | All aircraft in advanced prototype or near-certification phase; early operational readiness within 90 days post-award. |
| Support for Operations | Broad consortium with formal commitments from OEMs, airports, UC system, and local agencies, ensuring data, land, and operational access. |

6. Three-Year FAA-Relevant Deliverables

Year 1

- Event-based air taxi demonstrations
- Initial cargo operations
- Rural EMS Policy Memorandum

Year 2

- Regional air taxi corridor
- Autonomous cargo expansion
- Jump Aero + Pivotal safety demonstrations

Year 3

- Multi-county passenger and cargo networks
- Medical logistics and emergency response demonstrations
- Unified A³ data package to FAA covering:
 - BVLOS
 - SFC/paramedic operations
 - o corridor-scale UTM integration
 - o equity and noise outcomes
 - inter-county emergency mobility

7. Summary Statement

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The American Air Advantage (A³) framework delivers a replicable, data-driven model for national AAM deployment—linking rural access, regional mobility, and emergency response to inform urban scalability for LA28.

Through three coordinated tracks—Air Taxi, Autonomous Cargo, and Medical Logistics— the consortium ensures the FAA receives **diverse operational data**, advancing **policy guidance** on airspace management, automation safety, and workforce transformation consistent with Executive Order **14307 – "Unleashing American Drone Dominance."**

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