Report of Recipient's Progress on Economic Development Assistance Agreement

Province of Nova Scotia

(subsection 5(2) of the Accountability in Economic Development Assistance Act, and the Accountability in Economic Development Assistance Regulations)

Under the Act, the Minister is responsible for publishing a report that documents the progress made by a recipient of economic development assistance in meeting the targets or timelines defined in their economic development assistance agreement. Progress must be published on a 6-month cycle and is summarized below for the reporting period for this report, as specified in Part 2 of this form.

| Company | Atlantic Canada Aerospace and Defense Association |
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| Fund name | Invest Nova Scotia Fund |
| Type of assistance | Non-repayable contribution |
| Agreement date | March 26, 2019 |
| Agreement business activities | Launch a three-year project to develop and pilot a supplier training program (the MACH Atlantic Initiative) to advance productivity and competitiveness for SME's in the aerospace and defense sector. |

Part 1 – Recipient Company Details

Part 2 – Reporting Period for this report

A recipient of economic development assistance from the Province of Nova Scotia is required by law to submit a report every 6 months on their progress in meeting the targets or timelines defined in their agreement with the Province. The reporting period for this report is indicated below.

| Reporting Period | Due Date | Year |
|-----------------------------|----------|------|
| [X] October 2021-March 2022 | May 1 | 2022 |

Part 3 – Progress of Recipient for Reporting Period

The following table summarizes the recipient's progress report to the Minister for the reporting period for this report, as specified in Part 2. The information contained in this Table was submitted by the recipient and the recipient is responsible for its accuracy.

| Table 2 | | | | |
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| | Progress made during Reporting Period | | | |
| Targets / Timelines | | Comments | | |
| Development and program promotion | The MACH Atlantic program development process is completed to appropriate benchmarks. In the period since interprovince travel has been restricted, program activities are limited to engagement and assessments with program creator and Licensor Aero Montreal and other partners for future launch of program. Recruitment of participant companies has been postponed until public health directives permit reasonable engagement of the program. | | | |
| Recruitment of SME cohorts and mentors | ACADA members are interested in MACH and continue to express eagerness to participate once appropriate. Project enrollment will not be opened until the program audits may be conducted. | | | |
| Audit performance of participants companies | Audits have not been started due to pandemic related travel restrictions. ACADA is continuing to work with Aero Montreal to determine how portions of the assessments can be conducted virtually with a lesser burden on travel to member company facilities. We expect road blocks preventing audits will be removed as restrictions are being lifted. | | | |
| Project Development Assistance | ACADA is working with Aero Montreal to ensure the program is ready for the first cohort to begin improvement cycle one. | | | |
| Project Implementation | ACADA is working with Aero Montreal to ensure the program is ready for the first cohort to begin improvement cycle one. | | | |
| Follow-up Audit of participant companies | To be executed upon completion of program activities | | | |

Table 2

Part 4 – Status of agreement with recipient at end of this reporting period

The status of the agreement between the recipient and the Province, as determined by the Minister, is:

- [] Open undisbursed
- [X] Open partially disbursed
- [] Open fully disbursed

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Completed Cancelled / Withdrawn

Amount disbursed: \$175,856

Comments (if applicable)