



TEXAS SPACE COMMISSION

June 15, 2026

Ms. Nora Velasco
Deputy Director
Legislative Budget Board
P.O. Box 12666
Austin, Texas 78711-2666

Dear Ms. Velasco:

Pursuant to Section 482.302, Government Code, the Texas Space Commission (Commission) must provide written notification to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) not later than the thirtieth day after a grant award is made from the Space Exploration & Aeronautics Research Fund (SEARF) [Trust Fund #1203, Manual of Accounts – Texas Comptroller’s Office].

Accordingly, this letter serves as notice to the LBB that the Commission has made a grant in an amount of up to \$9,270,000.00 to The University of Texas at Austin for costs regarding construction, capital equipment, training equipment, as well as research and development.

Specifically, this award will fund the development of a Space Domain Awareness (SDA) Tools, Applications and Processing (TAP) Lab – a U.S. Space Force (USSF) initiative through Space Systems Command (SSC). Both parties fully executed a Grant Agreement dated 12 June 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 512-463-8575 or Norman.Garza@space.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Norman R. Garza, Jr." in a cursive script.

Norman R. Garza, Jr.
Executive Director

cc: KJ Curtiss, Budget Analyst, Legislative Budget Board
Turner Brown, Chief Compliance Officer, Texas Space Commission
Suzanne Johnson, Director of Administration, Office of the Governor
Warren Collier, Director of Financial Services, Office of the Governor