# FLITE

Innovative Solutions to Airport Challenges







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#### GOOD IDEAS NEED A PLACE TO LAND.

Start-ups want an open door.

Partners want to try before they invest.

# FLITE is the landing zone for innovators and partners to create together.

#### **Core Project Partners**













#### **Review Committee**



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# Michigan's Office of Future Mobility & Electrification (OFME)

Michigan's Vision for Mobility and Electrification: A stronger state economy through safer, more equitable and environmentally-conscious transportation for all Michigan residents.

#### **Six Core Objectives:**

- 1. Grow Mobility Industry in Michigan
- 2. Engage More Mobility Startups
- 3. Expand Michigan's Smart Infrastructure
- 4. Accelerate EV Adoption in Michigan
- 5. Enable Michigan's Mobility Workforce
- 6. Bolster Michigan's Mobility Manufacturing Core





#### **Regional Collaboration**

The Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority looks for FLITE to be a regional and state asset to attract new and emerging tech, attract talent and support Michigan's efforts to remain ahead in mobility innovations and solutions.

#### Access to Insights

FLITE has built in progress reports and final reports as part of the grant process. Each round builds upon itself with new insights opportunities for demos of emerging new tech.

#### **Strengthens Partnerships**

The program provides a way to deeper engage existing partnerships like WMAA and Southwest Airlines but also provides new pathways for engagement with different communities, national and global partnerships.

#### Attraction and Development

By providing a live environment for testing, the region and state become more attractive to startups to begin or relocate to and creates connections to conferences and events to promote the airport and state.



#### **How It Works**





#### **Building a Platform that Works**

01

# Proactive Collaboration and Resource Allocation

FLITE has a team of partners committed to moving projects forward and ensuring deliverables are achieved.

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# Intentional Project Planning

There are airport industry specific projects that pose challenges to run.

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## **Maximize Project Testing**

Learn fast. If deliverables have been met successfully, identify opportunities to gain additional insights. 04

#### **Stackable Learnings**

Each round, FLITE gains insights to the tech space as well as the challenges the tech faces to penetrate the air travel market.

Additionally, FLITE continues to learn best approach for learnings (ie: demo, research, full project)



#### WHAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR.

## **Automation & Analytics**

Improving operational efficiency and optimization of workforce and other resources through automation and analysis of data



WHILL
Autonomous Wheelchair



Renu Robotics
Autonomous Lawn Mowers



**Cyberworks Robotics**Autonomous Cleaning



## **Safety and Security**

Strengthening passenger and worker safety and security throughout the airport campus





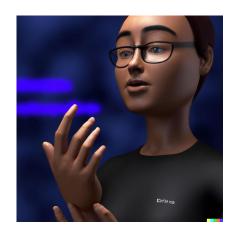


**Dataspeed**Autonomous Service Vehicles



#### **Enhanced Guest Experience**

Improving the pre-boarding experience



**Deaf Al**Digital Interpretation



**UV Angel**Health and Wellness Service



#### **Door-to-Door Experience**

Improving the experience and efficiency of getting to and from the airport



**Spotter**ID Open Parking Spots

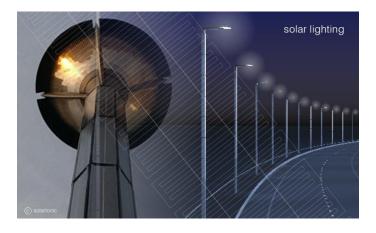


**Aircraft Data Fusion**Real Time Passenger Forecasting



# **Sustainability**

Switching fossil fuel vehicles and infrastructure to electrics and other decarbonization projects



**Solar Tonic**Solar powered lighting and security



## **Advancing Aviation**

Exploring the enabling infrastructure and implications of emerging commercial aviation use cases



**Aurrigo**Digital Twin Simulation



**EVA**Drone Baggage Delivery





# **Ways to Engage**



**Connect Us to Innovators** and Potential Projects



Join Us as a Partner

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**Attend Demo Day** 

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