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Julius Knapp
Chief
Office of Engineering and Technology
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Knapp

Booz Allen Hamilton requests approval of this Experimental Special Temporary Authorization in order to conduct developmental testing and operational demonstration of Long Term Evolution (LTE) broadband communications in the 700 MHz Band 14 spectrum in support of maritime and port force protection and tactical security operations. The work is to be conducted through May 31, 2016 sequentially at locations in Melbourne, FL; Alameda, CA; San Diego, CA; and Tampa, FL. The proposed operations will be conducted on a short-term, itinerant basis at each location to meet the individual test and demonstration goals involving data communications and video surveillance to and from maritime assets. The proposed system will not be used for mission critical or safety of life communications.

The frequency ranges involved, 758-768 MHz and 788-798 MHz are licensed on a nationwide basis to the First Responder Network Authority. We understand that concurrence from FirstNet will be required to obtain this authorization.

Information from the use of LTE will be shared with FirstNet and other interested parties, including the propagation performance of the 700 MHz band in the maritime environment.

As such, we believe that granting this STA is in the public interest.

Booz Allen Hamilton has thoroughly searched the FCC ULS database and has found no co-channel licensees within 50 km of the proposed operational locations.

The technical demonstration will consist of up to two deployable LTE macrocells using base station equipment from General Dynamics, and one portable microcell using experimental equipment built by Booz Allen. In addition, commercial user devices such as dongles, modems, and routers made by General Dynamics and others will be used.

Booz Allen Hamilton understands that operation under this STA would be for a temporary time period of four months duration, is non-renewable, and that no other rights to this spectrum are conferred through the granting of the STA. Should testing be required after expiration of the STA, a new application would need to be filed. It is also understood that all operations under this STA are secondary to use by FirstNet and that the test will be terminated should FirstNet, the FCC, or any other licensed user report harmful interference. Booz Allen will maintain control of the system at all times and be able to promptly turn it off in the event that it causes any interference.

Sincerely,

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