

Supplemental Statement to STA Applications
File Number 0509-EX-ST-2014 & 0480-EX-ST-2014

INTRODUCTION

The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL), FRN: 0004954970, is applying for these special temporary authorizations (STA) pursuant to Part 5 of the Commission’s Rules for work under a military contract. Attachments 1 and 2 are letters confirming to FCC that this work is part of such a contract. This program is the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency’s (DARPA) “Advanced RF Mapping (RadioMap)”.

The reason for 2 separate applications is to speed processing:

- **0509-EX-ST-2014** deals with frequencies that only have non-federal government (NG) allocations and thus appear to be subject solely to FCC review. We request quick turnaround, if possible, so we can commence the many coordinations that are needed with NG licensees to seek their consent.
- **0480-EX-ST-2014** deals with frequencies that are shared with federal (G) allocations and thus appear to need coordination with NTIA. Included in this second application is also a request for very limited use of the FIRSTNET 700 MHz spectrum that is subject to special coordination.

The following table summarizes the frequencies requested:

File Number	File Number
0509-EX-ST-2014	0480-EX-ST-2014
470 – 608 MHz	608 - 614 MHz
614 - 758 MHz	758 - 768 MHz
768 - 788 MHz	788 - 798 MHz
798 - 902 MHz	902 - 928 MHz

Thus we are seeking very limited access to 470 – 928 MHz, as described below, for a test of a new passive system that is being developed – RadioMap.

WHAT IS RADIOMAP?

Three problems facing different user communities motivate this research:

- Spectrum managers, and Dynamic Spectrum Access systems that perform automatic spectrum management functions, lack real-time awareness of spectrum usage variations across frequency, geography, and time. This reduces the efficiency of spectrum allocation and sharing, and thus reduces the total achieved mission benefit from the RF spectrum.
- Small tactical units such as platoons or companies rarely have Electronic Warfare/Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (EW/ISR) capability. A system that provides RF situational awareness and the ability to control the immediate RF environment as needed will offer significant benefits for mission effectiveness and force protection.
- EW and ISR coverage is limited in some operational contexts by the high cost of current EW/ISR systems and platforms. An affordable system that provides broad coverage to cue and support the more focused high-capability EW/ISR systems would offer significant value.

The vision of the Advanced RF Mapping program (RadioMap) is that these problems can be solved if deployed RF devices support RF situational awareness and other EW/ISR functions in addition to and without harm to their primary mission. In particular, flexible and tunable devices such as software-defined tactical radios can offer high benefits through their ability to perform a range of scanning, monitoring, and transmission functions. Employing existing RF devices will reduce the cost and delay of deploying new networked EW/ISR functions while making EW/ISR functions more widely available on the battlefield.

The primary goal of the present funding opportunity is research on RF situational awareness oriented towards addressing the problems of the three user communities described above. ¹

Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL) is supporting DARPA in this program. They will be conducting testing of RadioMap systems developed by two contractors. A STA is needed to produce test signals that will be used to assess the performance of the two system implementations. This testing is planned to take place in Arlington County, Virginia during the month of August 2014. During this test period a variety of short transmissions are needed to verify the capability of the prototype systems to detect selected signal types. A more limited brief demonstration is expected in October for military observers.

UNUSUAL NATURE OF EXPERIMENT LIMITS INTERFERENCE RISK

The Radiomap technology is a purely passive system. The testing of this technology requires controlled testing which incorporates a set of brief test signals in the operating area over the operating frequency range that are known to the evaluators but unknown to the prototype operators. This STA deals with the authorization to transmit those brief test signals. There is no intention of the applicant or its sponsor to seek long term access to this spectrum for this program.

It is anticipated that testing will involve only 5 days over the period of the proposed STA and that about 10 frequencies are needed for short transmissions of

¹ Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Strategic Technology Office Broad Agency Announcement, "Advanced RF Mapping (RadioMap)", DARPA – BAA- 12-26, February 29, 2012. (<https://www.fbo.gov/utills/view?id=6abd9ba7e59f6aab73a3a963a9822229>)

less than 10 minutes each day. Most frequencies will be only needed for 3 days, one setup day, and a 2 days of testing for a given prototype system. Different frequencies will be used for each prototype to ensure fair testing. A few narrow band channels will be needed for an additional 2 days of demonstrations late in the STA period, thus some narrow band channels will be needed for a total of 5 days although their use will be limited to less than 10 minutes/day.

While we are applying for a 10W transmitter power, we expect to keep most transmission to less than 1W. The higher power is required for signals with bandwidths up to 10MHz. The lower power is required for signals less than or equal to 50 kHz bandwidth.

DURATION OF OPERATION

We are requesting an STA that covers the period 7/1/2014 to 11/30/2014. The reason for this duration is to cover the testing period and any unexpected program delays. Our present plans are to conduct testing for 5 days in August on all frequencies where we can obtain coordination. 2 additional days of tests/demonstrations in October will be conducted for military observers. These tests will use a smaller group of frequencies with simpler coordination requirements.

For the 5 day test period, each frequency will only be used on 3 days and each use will only be 15 minutes at various power levels. This is summarized below in Table 1:

Test	Frequencies	Duration
1st Test Nominal date – 8/14	20 channels needed both narrow band and broadband	<15 minutes/channel/day 3 days for each channel
2nd Test Nominal date - 10/14	10 channels needed mainly narrowband	<15 minutes/channel/day 2 days for each channel

Table 1: Frequency access that is sought for the test

COORDINATION WITH PRIMARY USERS

The frequency band of interest is 470-928 MHz. We request that the STAs cover that entire bandwidth and expect that the license be conditioned on coordination with any incumbent licensee that might be affected by these transmissions. We agree with such a condition and have already initiated contacts with representatives of primary users.

In our discussions with primary users we will consider the possibility of real time coordination during the tests for frequencies that are part of continuously used systems. That is we will offer to confer with the primary user in real time to confirm the channel is free and is expected to be free for the required 10 minutes. We will also be willing to stay in contact during the 10 minutes of emissions and vacate immediately if the frequency is needed.

AREA OF OPERATION

While we are applying for a circular license area for our mobile test signals to meet the limits of the application process, we will not be using the whole circular

area. All proposed operating sites are within Arlington County and the operating area is shown below in Figure 1:

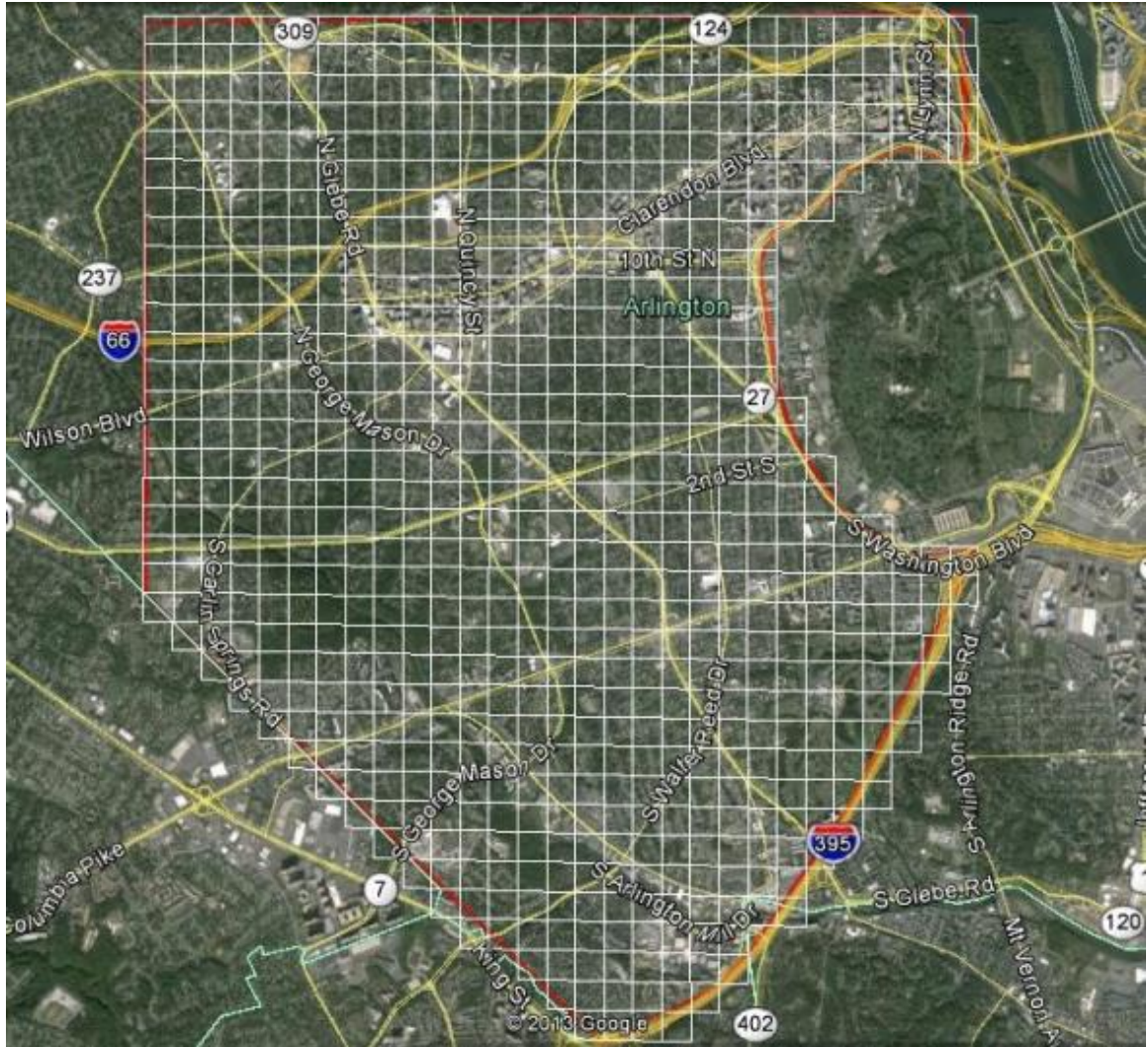


Figure 1: Proposed Operating Area in Arlington County, VA

TRANSMITTER

All tests will be done from a vehicle mounted transmitter that will be parked during all transmissions. The equipment used will be the Agilent Signal Studio, combined with an Agilent Vector Signal Generator, followed by a power amplifier and omni antenna.

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STOP BUZZER and Contact Information

During the period of operation of these tests, the following phone number can be used as a “STOP BUZZER” in order to order an immediate cessation of transmissions:

443-928-9004

APL contact during test is Steve Jones, Steven.Jones@jhuapl.edu; Office:240-228-6349 Mobile: 443-928-9004

Contact for matters concerning STA application and review: Michael Marcus, mjmarcus@marcus-spectrum.com, Office 301-229-7714 Mobile: 301-980-3563

Attachment I – Certification of DoD Contract for File 0509-EX-ST-2014

(Original application was 0416-EX-ST-2014, but that is now missing from FCC filing systems. 0509-EX-ST-2014 is identical to this missing application.)



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22 May 2014

Mr. Nnake Nweke
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445 12th Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Nweke,

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JHU/APL is applying to your branch for a Special Temporary Authorization for brief low power radio transmissions in the 470-928 MHz band in Arlington County, Virginia to cover the time period July 2014 to November 2014. This license will be used to support testing RadioMap technology. This application is STA File Number 0416-EX-ST-2014.

I certify that this work is needed in support of this military contract and request your timely consideration. For further information, please contact the DARPA Program Manager, Dr John Chapin, john.chapin@arpa.mil, 703-248-1533.

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9 May 2014

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I certify that this work is needed in support of this military contract and request your timely consideration. For further information, please contact the DARPA Program Manager, Dr John Chapin, john.chapin@darpa.mil, 703-248-1533.

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