

Application for Special Temporary Authority (STA)

This application for Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation (NGSC) is to enable development and testing of a small mobile robotic system pursuant to a contract with the U.S. Navy (information below). The robotic system is composed of an Unmanned Ground Vehicle (UGV) and a handheld control (OCU) that will be used in remote locations or in support of forces anticipating an incident involving, for example, an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). The system will be used for initial reconnaissance and threat characterization as well as to transport and place small disrupters or countercharges, or to physically engage a threat item.

Communications between the UGV and OCU will use 20 MHz wide channels in the 1350-1390 MHz range based upon WiFi 802.11 technology shifted in frequency to the requested band. Channel centers will be located between 1360 and 1380 MHz. The antennas to be used are manufactured by Linx Technologies, ANT-1.4-CW-HW-SMA on the OCU (0.7 dBi gain) and ANT-1.4-CW-HWR-SMA on the UGV (2.4 dBi gain).

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