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RE: Video Link Project Letter

Dear Sir/Madam

This attachment is to certify that the Operator Performance Laboratory (OPL) is a unit in the University of Iowa which is a State of Iowa Regent institution of higher learning. As such, we are exempt from the filing fee. Please let us know as soon as possible if this assumption is incorrect. We will be happy to pay the fee, if necessary.

Furthermore, I would like to point out the importance of this experiment in that we are demonstrating a research project to the US government (US Navy) as part of an ongoing study that assesses pilot performance in various flight conditions. This is a government funded experiment performed by a state government entity.

This demonstration is of essential importance to our government stakeholders and the video link is an integral part to convey pilot performance to the stakeholder audience during test flights. The aircraft has only two seats and thus, we require alternate means to provide the stakeholder audience with an ability to "fly" along. The demonstrations will be relatively infrequently and only for a short period of time of about 1 hour per day, one to two days per weekday, normally during daytime business hours.

We very respectfully request expedited approval of this STA so that we can work with our government stakeholders toward accomplishing these demonstration flights. We would like to start equipment integration as soon as possible, preferably on October 12 and start operating the video link as soon as possible, starting October 15.

You may reach me for further information at 319 631 4445.

Best Regards,

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