

CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST FOR EXHIBIT 4

1. Identification of the specific information for which confidential treatment is sought:

The information which requires confidential treatment is Exhibit 4.

2. Identification of the Commission proceeding in which the information was submitted or a description of the circumstances giving rise to the submission:

An Experimental License Request has been submitted to the Office of Experimental Technology in support of testing prior to the sale of the Multi-role Electronically Scanned Array (MESA) radar/identification, friend or foe (IFF) as installed on a 737 airborne early warning and control (AEW&C) aircraft to the Government of Australia.

3. Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial, or contains a trade secret or is privileged:

Development of a new airborne early warning radar/IFF and associated mission systems for use on a 737 aircraft provides a competitive advantage to Boeing and its partner Northrop Grumman.

4. Explanation of the degree to which the information concerns a service that is subject to competition:

The development of the new MESA radar/IFF capability provides a competitive advantage in the world-wide market for new AEW&C aircraft.

5. Explanation of how disclosure of the information could result in substantial competitive harm:

Boeing and Northrop Grumman, its partner that is developing the MESA radar/IFF, consider the research and development of the new radar/IFF for use on the 737 AEW&C aircraft a trade secret providing a competitive advantage in the world-wide market for new AEW&C aircraft.

6. Identification of any measures taken by the submitting party to prevent unauthorized disclosure:

Boeing has marked the information as "BOEING PROPRIETARY" which makes the information available only to Boeing, its authorized subcontractors, and US government agencies on a need to know basis.

7. Identification of whether the information is available to the public and the extent of any previous disclosure of the information to third parties:

IFF frequencies 1030 and 1090 and IFF power are available to the public. All information in Exhibit 4 is shared by Boeing and Northrop Grumman.

8. Justification of the period during which the submitting party asserts that material should not be available for public disclosure:

Boeing will continue to market this capability to other world-wide customers and wishes to maintain its competitive advantage so this information should be held confidential indefinitely.

9. Any other information that the party seeking confidential treatment believes may be useful in assessing whether its request for confidentiality should be granted:

The new MESA radar/IFF antenna design is Boeing and Northrop Grumman intellectual property and patent sensitive.