

**REQUEST FOR VERY LIMITED 8 DAY STA FOR DEMONSTRATIONS
AT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY (AUSA) ANNUAL MEETING**

1. Introduction

By the instant request (“Application”), DRS Sustainment Systems, Inc. (“DRS SSI”) requests that the Commission grant a very limited 8 day Special Temporary (STA) to operate the facilities specified in the Application at the Annual Meeting and Exposition of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) from October 20, 2012 through and including October 27, 2012. As explained in this Application:

- This STA is requested for a *very limited 8 day period* from 10/20-10/27/2012
- The facilities will be operated indoors, at *very low power levels*
- Operation is to support *limited duration demos* for potential military customers
- *Similar operations were recently authorized* for temporary demos at Ft. Leonard Wood

2. Purpose and Nature of the Operation

DRS SSI will be an exhibitor at AUSA Annual Meeting (<http://tinyurl.com/8beynwc>) and will be demonstrating its Adaptive Mission Payload (AMP) technology to potential military customers. To remove soldiers from harm’s way, unmanned ground vehicles (UGVs) are being leveraged for dangerous missions such as IED detection and neutralization. Since IEDs are a constantly evolving threat, any solution must have the ability to quickly evolve to stay ahead.

The Adaptive Mission Payload (AMP) is a system that provides an unparalleled level of field re-configurability and ease of new technology insertion for both platforms and peripherals through an advanced “plug and play” methodology. Thus, the AMP allows for the integration of navigation sensors, mission sensors, and mobility platforms to create an intelligent UGV. The AMP hardware is a synthesis of commercial off the shelf products including a communications module. This Application is filed to obtain transmitting authority for the communications module portion of the system.

While the conference is scheduled for October 22-24, 2012, obtaining a grant effective as of October 20 will permit DRS to conduct preliminary tests of the equipment prior to the start of the conference, and permitting operations through October 27 will allow DRS SSI sufficient time to package the system for transport after conclusion of the conference.

Expedited grant is requested for this very limited 8 day period is requested not only due to the short duration of the operating period, but also because:

- The facilities will be operated indoors, at very low power levels. As specified in the Application, maximum ERP of the operations will be 242 mW (for 4942.5-4987.5 MHz), 832 mW (for 4945-4985 MHz) and 1.82W for 4950-4980 MHz).

- Authority is requested for only limited and sporadic operation of the facilities only during the times the conference is session. Specifically, operation of the facilities will occur only between 8am-5pm (ET).
- The facilities operate using line of sight technology. As a result of operating indoors, the effective communication range of the facilities is reduced thereby decreasing the likelihood of interfering with other facilities.
- The facilities have the ability to select a communication channel within the permitted frequency ranges (4942.5-4987.5 MHz, 4945-4985 MHz, and 4950-4980 MHz). A channel is selected based on the usage of the other available channels, and the selection is generally made to reduce interference with other active channels.
- Similar operations were recently authorized for temporary demonstrations at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO pursuant to File No. 0665-EX-ST-2012, which should facilitate consideration and coordination of the instant Application.

3. Stop Buzzer

DRS SSI advises that the following will be available by wireless telephone as the “stop buzzer” if any issues regarding interference arise during testing:

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For the foregoing reasons, DRS SSI respectfully submits that expedited approval of this Application is in the public interest, convenience and necessity.