

**File No. 0089-EX-ST-2006**  
**Clarification to Pending Request**

Gibbons Systems, Inc. ("Gibbons") herein responds to the OET's request for additional information regarding its application for extension of Special Temporary Authority ("STA"). Gibbons submitted its initial STA in order to commence testing of a proposed combat rescue system on the basis of a grant from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency ("DARPA") within the Department of Defense. The initial tests have proven successful, with the result that DARPA is planning to extend the contract through August 2007. Accordingly, Gibbons has filed for an extension of its STA, permitting it to continue its testing while it prepares and submits an application for permanent experimental authority, in which it will seek authority for up to two years to continue its program.

Under the conditions of STA, Gibbons will continue its testing, as before, in Redwood City, CA and in Lowell, MA. Testing and demonstrations for the government will still involve small numbers of units and small amounts of time.

Gibbons is developing the technology as a combat rescue system, and its operational use would be in combat zones. There is no intention of adopting the technology for commercial use.

This program is authorized and funded by the Advanced Technology Office of DARPA, where it is known as the Rescue Transponder (RT) program, under Contract No. HR0011-04-C-0049.

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