EQUIPMENT FOR A HEAT TRANSFER WIND TUNNEL TEST FACILITY WAS PURCHASED UNDER THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INSTRUMENTATION PROGRAM (URIP).
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A University Research Instrumentation Program
Grant for Acquiring Equipment and Constructing
a Turbulent Heat Transfer Test Apparatus (Wind
Tunnel) and a Water Tunnel

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I. Introduction

This grant was for acquiring the equipment for and constructing a wind tunnel facility called the Turbulent Heat Transfer Test Apparatus (THTTA). The THTTA was designed specifically for providing quality heat transfer and fluid dynamics data for turbulent flow over rough surfaces. In April 1985, Amendment A to the original grant added funds to acquire the equipment for and construct a companion water tunnel facility which would use the same data acquisition and control system as the THTTA.

Both facilities have been constructed and research in the facilities is proceeding with funding from other contracts and grants.

In Section II, a listing of the major pieces of equipment (along with manufacturer and cost) is presented. In Section III, the circumstances and reasons for changes from the equipment list in the original proposal are discussed. In Section IV, a brief summary of the research being conducted using the THTTA and the water tunnel is given.

II. Equipment Acquired

The equipment is listed within the general categories identified in the Grant as follows:

A. Air Flow System

Blower (Buffalo Forge Model 45 AW without motor) $1,967.00

Motor/Eddy Current Clutch Units with Clutch Controllers (Eaton Model AS-280-11 25 hp unit for use with blower and Eaton Model ED-251504-1 15 hp unit for use with pump in water tunnel) 10,332.00
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<td>Honeycomb (Hexcel Corp.)</td>
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<td>Stainless Steel Screens (Western Wire)</td>
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<td><strong>B. Water Flow System</strong></td>
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<td>Heat Exchanger (Trane Co.)</td>
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<td>Motor-driven Dump Valve</td>
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<td>Water Pump (Bell &amp; Gossett)</td>
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<td><strong>C. Test Section/Support Structure</strong></td>
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<td>Test Surfaces (5 sets of test plates--1 smooth, 3 with hemispherical roughness elements at different spacings and 1 with conical roughness elements. Manufactured by Hye Precision Products, Perry, Georgia)</td>
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<td>Precision-ground support rails for test surfaces (Starrett)</td>
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<td><strong>D. Test Plate Power Supply/Heater System</strong></td>
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<td>Motor-driven variable voltage transformers - 25 ea. (Superior Elec. Co. Model M-21)</td>
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<td>Flexible silicone rubber coated plate heaters - 27 ea. (Watlow)</td>
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<td><strong>E. Transducers &amp; Calibration Equipment</strong></td>
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<td>Precision AC watt transducers - 2 ea. (Ohio Semitronics Model EW5-1B)</td>
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<td>Differential Pressure Transducers (5 ea. - 2 for wind tunnel system, 3 for water tunnel system. Validyne Model P305D)</td>
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<td>Thermistors - 65 ea. (Fenwall Model UUT-45J1)</td>
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<td>Micromanometer (Meriam Model 34FB2TM)</td>
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<td>Quartz Thermometer (Hewlett-Packard Model 2804A with 18111A Probe)</td>
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Constant Temperature Bath (Blue M Co.  
Model MR-3210A)  
\[1,562.00\]

F. Hot Wire Anemometry System

Two channel hot wire anemometer (TSI  
Model IFA100-2)  
\[9,891.00\]

Hot wire probes - 6 ea. boundary layer type  
and 6 ea. slant wire type (Dantec  
Models 55P05 and 55P03)  
\[1,600.50\]

Three custom probe holders/traverses for  
hot wires and thermocouple probe (Crafted  
by Mr. Robin Birch, Stanford, CA)  
\[3,474.00\]

Two Unislide traverses for Pitot probes  
(Velmex, Inc.)  
\[412.45\]

G. Data Acquisition and Control/Microcomputer System

Hewlett-Packard 3054S System  
\[47,357.00\]  
consisting of the following:

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<td>Option 456 56&quot; Cabinet with fan</td>
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(The following items are the Series 200 microcomputer and related peripherals in the 3054S system).

1 9920S Model 220 Development System (Option 630)  
1 Option 805 Large Keyboard  
1 82913A 12-inch Monochrome Display  
1 9133D 14.8 Mbyte Win. Disc with built-in 9122S  
1 98620B Two channel DMA board
1 98640A Option 630 7-channel ADC interface
2 98644A RS-232C Serial Interface
1 98256A 256 Kbyte RAM boards
1 2225A 150 cps Thinkjet Printer
1 99261B Print Head Cartridges
1 92261N Ink-Jet fan-fold paper
1 7550A Plotter
1 07550-60210 Plotter Dustcover
1 09872-60066 Plotter Digitizing Sight
1 98820B Statistics Library (Part I)
1 10834A HP-IB to HP-IB Adapter
2 10833A 1 m HP-IB cables
1 10833D 0.5 m HP-IB cable
2 10833C 4 m HP-IB cable

H. Water Tunnel

Water Pump (Bell & Gossett Size 3E Series 1510) without motor. $1,405.00

Turbine Flow Meters
(Hersey 1" SST Series and 3" SST Series) 1,710.50

Fluid Wafer Switch and accessories
(Scanivalve Model W1266/2P-12T) 1,082.10

The other large expenditure was approximately $10,400.00 paid for labor and materials to the Raspet Flight Research Laboratory at Mississippi State University. The craftsmen there fabricated the custom fiberglass pieces for both tunnels. These were the nozzle for the wind tunnel and the transition sections and test sections for the water tunnel.

In addition to the large items above, there were purchases of thousands of feet of electrical wiring, many electrical relays, switches and connectors, steel angle and tubing for support structures,
plywood and wood framing for portions of the wind tunnel; innumerable screws, bolts and other fasteners; and PVC piping and associated fittings.

III. Special Circumstances of Note

The primary change in the expenditure of funds from that in the original proposal was the deletion of some items of equipment and the use of the funds saved to pay for manufacturing the test plates.

The "savings" were:

(a) facility modifications cost $5,200 rather than the budgeted $9,450

(b) the three hot wire anemometry system linearizers ($8,535) were omitted—this will be handled with software rather than hardware

(c) the oscilloscope ($3,800) was omitted—an existing oscilloscope owned by the department will be used

(d) two precision watt transducers ($480) were purchased rather than 26 ($5,746)—a relay system will switch one transducer in and out of the plate power circuits and the second one is a backup.

These savings, added to the $10,900 originally in the budget, almost totalled to the $33,500 encumbered for the manufacture of five sets of test plates. These five sets are: one smooth set for baseline studies, three sets with hemispherical roughness elements at different spacings, and one set with conical roughness elements.
Considerable thought and time was spent on the design of the test plates. Dr. E. William Jones, the mechanical designer associated with this project, talked with literally dozens of potential manufacturers and investigated a wide range of methods for manufacturing the plates to the desired specifications. An acceptable set of specifications and price quotation was finally agreed upon with Hye Precision Products of Perry, Georgia. They proposed to develop a cold-forming process to produce the plates using aluminum and then finishing them with an electroless nickel coating.

The set of smooth plates (for baseline studies) has been delivered. Problems have been encountered in developing the manufacturing process so that the rough plates meet the required specifications. Work is continuing, and it is felt that a satisfactory solution will be achieved and the plates delivered. (This has not impacted the schedule of the research using the THTTA, since the debugging process on the facility and the initial sets of data use the set of smooth test plates.)

IV. Research Programs Using the THTTA and the Water Tunnel

THTTA

Research using the THTTA is currently funded for a 24-month period (May 1986-May 1988) under grant AFOSR-86-0178. This grant also includes $10,000 for purchasing 2 additional sets of plates with
conical roughness elements. It is anticipated that an order will be placed with Hye Precision Products as soon as the manufacturing problems have been satisfactorily resolved.

Water Tunnel

The test surfaces (molded silicone rubber sheets) for use in the water tunnel test sections were to be provided by the Aeromechanics Division of the Flight Dynamics Laboratory. Skin friction data on twelve different surfaces were to be obtained under the experimental task of Contract F33615-84-K-3014, which had been extended through 15 May 1986. However, the subcontractor was slow in manufacturing and delivering the test surfaces (only 4 of the 12 were on hand by 15 May 1986) and the research funds which had remained in the contract were exhausted in the qualification and debugging efforts on the water tunnel systems.

Following telephone discussions with Mr. Mel Buck (AFWAL/FIMG), it has been proposed that Contract F33615-84-K-3014 be extended to 31 December 1987 and an additional $37,309 in research funds be added to allow the objectives of the research program to be achieved.
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