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(1) Foreword (optional)

The Deans of the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (JCAST), Fresno (Fresno State) mentioned in the support letter that GIS/GPS technology is key to developing next generation innovations in crop management, robotics, irrigation technology, and vehicle automation. Some of the Deans’ statements are mentioned. Besides the IT Department, the GIS/GPS equipment and instrumentation will be useful for faculty, staff, and students in the Plant Science Department, and the Viticulture and Enology Department. Particularly, the Deans envision that the Viticulture and Enology faculty will be pleased to have the equipment and instrumentation to study crop scouting and frost control. As per Deans’ the JCAST College has the expertise to maintain the equipment and instrumentation on a long-term basis. The JCAST College is proud to be on the cutting edge of agricultural research and education in the region: “We strive to be current with our instrumentation and equipment to enable our faculty to do groundbreaking research and experimentation in their fields.” The JCAST College strives to prepare the students for employment within technical industries. STEM education is very important and this grant augmented the College’s ability to provide up-to-date STEM education in a relevant technical area now and in future. Also, the CEO/General Manager of the International Agri-Center at Tulare, Central California (Mr. Jerry Sinift) wrote that he was familiar with the many research projects done by IT Department students at JCAST College. Mr. Sinift experiences conclude that GIS/GPS is a very relevant technical area in the region as it is relevant for precision agriculture, irrigation, transportation, manufacturing, surveying, and navigation. He mentioned that the equipment and instrumentation will allow the department to teach GIS/GPS-integrated technology to its students.
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Table 1: Strategic discussion, decision making sessions and meetings dates (DMS)
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(4) Statement of the problem studied

The Department of Industrial Technology (IT) is in the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (JCAST), California State University, Fresno (Fresno State), California. The IT Department offers a spectrum of courses across the fields of applied engineering and technology management. The curriculum focuses on areas such as automation and control, computer networking, information systems, manufacturing, precision agriculture, quality assurance, and transportation. The IT Department’s curriculum includes hands-on instruction, research, and scholarly engagements. Through the 2011 Industrial Technology Integration Plan, the IT Department at Fresno State has implemented a new curriculum to meet current needs of the workforce. As Fresno State and the JCAST College plan for the future, the IT Department intended to improve its visibility. The IT Department sets objectives, goals, and competency lists in terms of (i) professional growths of faculty members through research, (ii) research experience for every student, (iii) collaboration among faculty and stakeholders, and (iv) gap reduction between traditional and underrepresented student groups though the department’s needs enhancements. To achieve the enhancements, the IT Department needed research and education equipment and instrumentation systems for capacity building.

The IT Department had conducted a survey showing that transfer students (students coming from Community College to 4-year degree institutions, like Fresno State) prefer to receive hands-on, experiential-learning, and research-embedded education for their degrees leading to Bachelor’s programs. The Advisory Board of the IT Department suggested that the IT Department must have advanced GIS/GPS (Geographical Information Systems/Geographical Positioning Systems) related courses and topics in the curriculum. GIS/GPS, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), Mobile Robot (MR), and SCADA (Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition) components and systems are the equipments and instrumentation systems that are essential and were need to be used for applied research and hands-on instruction in these respect. Besides other areas, the two broad areas of interests were GPS-integrated hybrid Sensing, Surveillance, and Navigation (ISSN) and GPS-based Terrestrial System Modeling and Model Integration (BMMI).

A proposal for capacity building grant for the purchase of equipment and instrumentation systems was written and submitted to the Department of Defense (DoD) for funding. The title of the grant proposal as mentioned on the top of the report is “Capacity Building for Research and Education in GIS/GPS Technology and Systems”. The DoD funded the grant to build the capacity. The funding amount was $496,321. The above grant was used to acquire equipment for Fresno State. The main focus is to further the institution’s ability to teach and research integrated Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Geographic Positioning Systems (GPS) technology emphasizing sensing and control. The objectives of obtaining this equipment and instrumentation were to (I) establish an atmosphere for conducting research, (II) create a laboratory for students to improve STEM education, (III) demonstrate new and advanced scientific and technical research results, and (IV) provide interdisciplinary knowledge. The equipment and instrumentation systems will augment the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) instruction by including applied research and hands-on education that can increase critical thinking, data analysis, and instrument manipulation in applied engineering and technology. The equipment and instrumentation need to meet the current workforce demand and
educational need by enabling a curriculum including a great deal of applied science, engineering, and technology pedagogy.

(5) Summary of the most important results

As mentioned, the DoD funded the grant to build the capacity in the IT Department at Fresno State. The funding amount was $496,321. The above grant was used to acquire equipment and instrumentation systems for education and research. As per DoD award/contract, the final report is due 90 days after the end date of the grant. Also, the reporting requirements for Instrumentation Grants (Note: This is an Instrumentation Grant) is that “a final report shall be submitted within 90 days following the end of the specified performance period, or any authorized extension thereto, listing all items of equipment actually acquired by name, manufacturer where possible, cost, and a description of any special circumstances regarding the acquisition of the equipment. The report will also include a concise summary of the research projects on which equipment has been or will be used, including support of (i) the research work described in the proposal and (ii) other research work of interest to DoD.” (TECHNICAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: For reporting requirements see EXHIBIT B.). In this regard please note that the Performance Period was 1 February 2014 – 31 January 2015. As per EXHIBIT B of the DoD award/contract, this section presents the following sub-sections.

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(c) A concise summary of the research projects on which equipment has been or will be used including support of (i) the research work described in the proposal and (ii) other research work of interest to DoD.

(a) Listing all items of equipment actually acquired by name, manufacturer where possible, and cost

As mentioned in the proposal, the grant was used to acquire equipment and instrumentation for California State University Fresno (Fresno State) to further the institution’s ability to teach and research integrated Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Geographic Positioning Systems (GPS) technology emphasizing sensing and control. There are at least three departments that are interested in utilizing the equipment and instrumentation: Industrial Technology, Civil Engineering, Plant Science, and Viticulture and Enology. In summary, the objectives of obtaining this equipment and instrumentation were to (i) To establish a unique and integrated test bed for sustainable use of equipment and instrumentation systems for conducting high-class research in the areas of ISSN and deliver instruction in the topical areas of BMMI; (ii) To create a living laboratory for students and researchers to enable research and outreach programs to improve STEM education in the department, college and university, (iii) To demonstrate new and advanced scientific and technical research results at the national and global levels in real-time experimental settings, and (iv) To provide interdisciplinary knowledge bases in the areas of sensing and control in Command and Agriculture. The outcomes of the above objectives have been presented in appropriate section, especially in (c). Furthermore, the purchasing of the
equipment and instrumentation systems was carried out strictly (i) to meet the goal of the proposal, and (ii) following the policies and procedures.

Strategic discussion, decision making sessions (DMS) and meeting

In order to achieve the objective and goals of the project and facilitate the usage of the equipment and tools to be purchased (and/or purchased) through this grant, several strategic discussion, decision making sessions, and meetings (DMS) were conducted with the department, college, and university staffs, administrators, faculty members of associated departments, and the Director of the research centers for successful implementation of the project. The discussion and decision making includes securing space and necessary amenities, purchasing of the required equipment as per the project proposal that can fit to the curriculum for education and research, updating of the status of the project, usage of the equipment in the respective laboratories, developing platforms for collaborative education and research, development of new laboratories for the students and faculty members to use the equipment for education, research, and community engagements. The Project Investigator (PI) Dr. Nitaigour Premchand Mahalik coordinated all these DMS and meetings. The IT Department faculty members were fully involved in participating in the coordination process as well. The discussions were taking places in the weekly Departmental meetings and sometimes at other forums or meetings as needed. Table 1 lists the some of the important dates on which the strategic discussion, decision making sessions (DMS) and meetings were conducted. Please also note that this is a sample list of meetings and communications. There are several email based communications between the Project Investigator and the stakeholders which were not included in this report.

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<td>Chair of department of IT (Athanasios Alexandrou), Faculty members of the department if IT (Don Austin and Arun Nambiar) and Nitaigour Mahalik (PI)</td>
<td>Meeting to identify room IT118 as the storage room for the equipment and instrumentation systems.</td>
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<td>Discussion regarding development of new lab for the DoD grant project. It was discussed that the PI will use Room IT118 till the area in the new research building becomes available. Part of the AVG and other mobile equipment will be stored in other labs of the College including the Small Engines lab. The College will cover the cost of moving the equipment which is currently in IT118 into another room. The Dean agreed with this arrangement.</td>
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<td>Decision taken to collaborate on Unmanned Systems Laboratory initiative by Lyles College of Engineering and Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (This was the follow-up to meeting with the Dean of the Lyles College of Engineering on 01/23/2015)</td>
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Categories and the List of Equipment and Instrumentation Systems

The purchasing of equipment was carried out based on the request made in the grant proposal that was submitted to the Department of Defense (DoD). In the proposal, we wanted to purchase the type of equipment and instrumentation systems as per our program and curriculum needs. Therefore, in the proposal we had listed the needed equipments to be purchased. The purchasing is now over. All the purchases were achieved during the performance period which was February 1, 2014 to January 31, 2015.

The equipment and instrumentation systems thus already acquired are categorized under three groups as described as Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Geographic Positioning Systems (GPS) components and systems, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) and MR (Mobile Robot) components and systems, and SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) components and systems. Table 2 details the list of equipments and instrumentation systems purchased through this grant. We purchased the equipment only those have been listed in the grant proposal (See Appendix-2) that was submitted. This report also includes a Transaction Analysis Report in Appendix-3 that shows the vendors we have paid for the purchase of the equipment and instrumentation systems in a standard format that our University uses. At this point it is worth to mention that the University (Fresno State) has a Policy for Purchasing the Equipment and Auditing procedure. The existing Fresno State policy was followed throughout the purchases. It is detailed in the next sub-section (i.e., after the Table 2).

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B= Unit amount (quantity); C= Total price paid to that manufacturer/vendor as per one Invoice (some invoices exclude used taxes, freight, shipping, handling, and other fees). Detail report can be seen from Appendix 3 (Transaction Analysis Report)
Fresno State is one of the 23 campuses in the California State University System in the State of California. The purchasing is auditable through federal and state regulations. At Fresno State, in order to purchase equipment costing over $5,000 we need at least 3 Quotes from three different vendors with validity date for the Quote. The Quotes are compared and the decision is made in order to purchase the equipment based on the requirement. One of the roles of PI was to identify specification, features, characteristics (SFC) of the equipments and instrumentation systems to be purchased and make sure these SFC of the equipment and instrumentation systems from the manufacturers/vendors. Please also note that Fresno State Purchase and Procurement Policy required tagging the equipment with a Foundation (California State University, Fresno Foundation) asset tag for an item that costs more than $5,000. Appendix-4 lists all the equipments and the tag number that was pasted by the Foundation.

(b) Description of any special circumstances regarding the acquisition of the equipment.

(i) Appendix-2 mentions the list of equipment needed to be purchased as per proposal submitted to the DoD on July 7, 2013. At this point this report would like to mention that (1) we were able to purchase almost all the equipments (as listed in Table 2) that we had listed in Appendix-2 and some of them are integrated in nature and purchased from different vendors/manufacturers, and (2) we purchased additional dedicated laptop computers that was not requested as per Appendix-2 [The dedicated computers would enhance the capacity and scope of education and research. We then can have a full-scale dedicated living-lab room for the student researchers and faculty. These laptops will significantly enhance the DoD-relevant research program activities.]. The respective reasons (1. not purchasing all of the equipment and instrumentation systems from the manufacturer/vendors; and 2. additional computers) were that (1) a couple of vendors were either not supplying the equipment/system or the price is much higher than the requested amount. We solved this issue by purchasing integrated equipments (i.e., instead of purchasing multiple equipment we purchased one equipment containing the needed specifications of multiple items) from different vendor(s) without compromising the purpose and quality, (2) we had procured many equipment and software systems such as mobile robots, UAV, remote sensing systems, etc. as per the proposal. In the proposal, it was proposed to develop a living-laboratory. In the living-lab many of the DoD equipment and software systems will be interfaced with the computers for their use and operation. These equipments and software systems needed computers for their full-scale operation and usage. Earlier, the plan was to interface these equipment and software systems with our existing computers which are available in one of the labs in the IT Department. However, those computers are old, and being used for general purposes, and sometimes they are not available whenever the students or researchers need them to work with DoD equipment and software systems in the living-lab room. In that respect, it was required to purchase dedicated computers to interface with these equipments and software systems. It was therefore requested the ARO Grants Officer’s Representative (Dr. Liyi Dai, 919-549-4350, e-mail: liyi.dai.civ@mail.mil) and AFOSR Co-Grants Officer’s Representative (Dr. Tristan Nguyen, 703-696-7796, e-mail:
tristan.nguyen@us.af.mil) to purchase some laptop computers through this grant at a later time, i.e., after the grant was awarded. In the request it was assured that (i) the laptop computer will not be used for general-purpose activities (as per DoD requirement) but be used to support DoD-relevant research and education program purpose. Both of our requests (1) & (2) were approved. Please see Appendix-5. Note that we were not requesting for any additional cost for the above two requests. We were eventually successful in purchasing the equipments from different vendors without compromising the quality, the required purpose. We also purchased 12 laptop computers as additional equipment/system.

(ii) As mentioned, the University (Fresno State) has a Policy for Purchasing the Equipment and Auditing process. The existing Fresno State policy was followed. To purchase an equipment costing over $5,000 we need at least 3 Quotes from three different vendors with validity date. The Quotes are compared and the decision was made to purchase the equipment based on the requirement. Some of the equipments are unique in features and characteristics. So, quotations comparison is not applicable to those equipments. As a result, we answer “Sole-Source Justification” with the questionnaire (a) What are the unique performance features of the product or brand requested that are not available in any other product or brand? (b) Why are the unique features required?, and (c) What other items or brands were evaluated, rejected, and why? A sample of the “Sole-Source Justification” vs. Questionnaire is attached as Appendix-6 in this report.

(iii) This award/grant includes purchasing of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV). Because of significant risks to the University and its Auxiliary Organization such as CSURMA (California State University Risk Management Authority) and AORMA (Auxiliary Organizations Risk Management Alliance), they are now making available a special aviation liability insurance program (Appendix-7). As a result, there is a Questionnaire that was required to be completed and returned to our insurance company. As the PI of the Project, I had completed the Questionnaire thoroughly addressing each question with respect to the newly purchased UAV's though this award/grant and had sent it to the Foundation/Auxiliary as can be seen from the Appendix-8. Several initiatives in this regard have already been taken and taking place at the institution levels. Please refer Appendix-9.

(c) A concise summary of the research projects on which equipment has been or will be used including support of (i) the research work described in the proposal and (ii) other research work of interest to DoD.

(i) The objectives (I) and (II) mentioned in the previous Section, (Section (4) Statement of the problem studied) have already been achieved. The objectives mentioned in (III) and (IV) are considered as the long-term achievements: meaning, the outcome of the objectives mentioned in (I) and (II) will be used to accomplished (III) and (IV).

The acquired (already purchased during the Performance Period of this grant award) equipment and instrumentation systems will advance research of interest to DoD. For
example, they will advance ARO relevant knowledge on the interaction between weather, terrain, and control systems. Similarly, the acquired equipment and instrumentation systems will advance AFOSR relevant knowledge on signals communication. Most importantly, the acquired equipment and instrumentation will enhance ability of our Department, College, and the University to have students pursue degree programs embedded with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) skill set or knowledge base. There were no special circumstances regarding the acquisition or installation of the equipment that were purchased. JCAST College routinely can maintain the equipment and instrumentation systems, and is committed. Also, as mentioned in the proposal, no special training was needed either for the PI or faculty member and staff to use the equipment and instrumentation systems. In summary, the tangible outcomes are listed below.

1. The purchased equipment and instrumentation systems (see Table 2) will increase department, college, and university’s capabilities to teach Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Geographic Positioning Systems (GPS) technology. The purchased equipment and instrumentation systems interfaced with existing resources and upgrade facilities and the equipment and instrumentation systems currently available. The acquired equipment and instrumentation will augment existing education and research capabilities. Fresno State’s IT Department now can prepare students for careers in the needed fields to add on to the workforce. Thus, the IT Department’s capabilities have been augmented. The IT Department has already planned to create GIS/GPS topic courses to introduce students to precision mapping and navigation technology. Other departments and institutions will have access to the procured equipment and instrumentation systems: Plant Science, Viticulture and Enology, and Civil Engineering departments’ capabilities will also be augmented.

2. The IT Department has already developed a Minor Program and it has been approved by the University and become available to the students since Fall 2014. It is called “Ag Minor” (Appendix-10) and includes the courses such as IT 52: Basic Electricity and Electronics; IT 116: Data Collection and Analysis; IT 156: Electric, Hydraulic and Pneumatic Motor Control; IT 186: Precision Agriculture/Site-specific Crop Management; and IT 19X: Project/Independent Study/Co-op (190/194/199). The PI of this Project had initiated to develop the Ag Minor program in the IT Department and it is now being implemented. The faculty members of the IT Department have full support of the program. The contents of some of the courses in the Ag Minor mentioned above include GIS/GPS technology and systems. Some of the contents are “Survey of geospatial technologies, e.g. geographical-information-system and global positioning system. Applications of GIS/GPS, remote sensing, imaging technology and geo-database in fields of logistics, agriculture and business. Spatial information management for precision agriculture, agriculture business, food system and public policy”. These are the modified courses with new contents and new research contexts that have been developed based on the suggestions outlined in the DoD proposal. The courses are taught to
undergraduate and graduate students. Our class size in each course is about 24-30. The above courses would be taught in every semester. Also, the graduate and undergraduate students will enroll in IT 190, IT 199, IT 290, IT 298/299 where they will have opportunity to use the equipment and instrumentation systems to pursue research in the fields mentioned in the proposal.

3. The areas of research and types of research projects on which the equipment and instrumentation systems will be used are (A) Multi-sensor, multi-algorithm, complex network based secured communication strategy (MMCC). In multi-sensor area Wireless Sensor Networking (WSN) fields will be explored. As a step forward the research to be conducted in WSN field is to develop range-based algorithms to deal with the optimal energy usage. This area will explore WSN in an integrated scenario (GPS-RFID-WSN integration) and inter-symbol interference modeling and handling through simulation and real-time dynamic environment, (ii) Security and data encryption algorithm for GPS-WSN platform in real-time dynamic environment, and (iii) Literature study and exploration of GPS-WSN in underwater communication scenarios. Multi-algorithm area will explore several fusion algorithms through bio-inspired data analysis methods, data mining approaches with performance studies. The concept of algorithm fusion will be explored for making a decision based on multiple sensor data in WSN and GPS-WSN. Also, it will include development of optimal collaboration algorithm and scheduling procedure for transmission of data in GPS-WSN. In complex networks area, literature study for the dynamic environment will be carried out. The parameters of complex network for the dynamic environment for various cooperative engagement applications will be attributed. Also, modeling of complex network for GPS-WSN will be accomplished. The research includes advanced cross-layer model and architecture. In regards to security and communication, low-bit high-performance encryption technique utilizing GIS database for the dynamic environment will be developed for improvement in security, and the development of multi-channel multiplexing algorithm, and SNR study for the dynamic environment will be accomplished; (B) Geo-referencing (GR), precision target tracking and noise elimination (PTTNE): The GR research and education will be on GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System) denied environments, position and orientation study for geo-referencing solution for remote sensing systems of dynamic environments (terrestrial, airborne and marine). The process will be modeled using geodetic co-coordinate system (GCS). In PTTNE, process and measurement noise elimination, and precision target tracking using families of Kalman filters (PEPT). Nonlinear constraints will be studied and tackled. Family Kalman filters techniques will be used to deal with process noise, measurement noise, nonlinearity in object tracking as well as navigation. GCS will be considered in the filtering process.

As per proposal, the PI of this Project has developed the basis for imparting education and research in the areas of GIS/GPS technology in the IT Department so that capacity will further be enhanced through interactive and collaborative processes and methods. Some of the collaborative efforts are listed in Table 1.
More courses and course contents will progressively be developed and augmented, respectively. As mentioned in the proposal, respective faculty members will allow the students to pursue education and research using the courses IT 191T, IT 284, IT 286, IT 290, and IT 298. Recently, courses IT 282 (Advanced Communication and Visual Presentation) and IT 280 (Research Methods) were used to pursue education and research in the areas of GIS/GPS technology and their applications as cited in the proposal or in other words, to meet the goals and objectives of the award/grant. Some of the topics that the students conducted preliminary research through these courses are listed below.

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ii. Within the IT Department, as expected, faculty members, graduate and undergraduate students are benefiting from this award/grant. Research experiences and publications are already taking place at the local level. Our student enrollment has increased about 15%. As mentioned in the proposal, the estimated useful lives of the equipment and instrumentation systems are 10-15 years with proper updating. The mobile robots will last for 10-15 years. The equipment and instrumentation systems that have been purchased are of two kinds: hardware and software. The hardware components are of three types: mechanical, electronic, and combination of both. The mechanical parts (e.g., mobile robotic base platform) of the equipment are the bases on which the electronics and other devices such as camera, GPS, computer etc. are already integrated. The bases integrated with the devices already purchased through this award/grant are useful for research for at least 5 years. In the future, bases can be updated to accommodate the latest version of the devices (if needed) to conduct experiment and research. Similarly, the software will be upgraded as needed. While using the equipments and instrumentation systems to their fuller extent based on the existing programs, in near future (in 1-2 years) we will continue to update and augment new contents to our existing programs/courses for further enhancements. Some of the topics that we have decided to include are Geo-spatial technologies, GIS (Development of data dictionary and indexing project), GPS (Loading of dictionary and path into the GPS receiver), GIS/GPS tools (Resource check: satellite availability, link, etc.), Application of GIS/GPS to geo-database (Working with base station in real-time), Remote sensing: An application of GIS/GPS to precision agriculture (Gain knowledge on performing procedures for mapping points, lines and areas in crops field), Application of GIS/GPS to water and field mapping, Communications (Understand GPS communication theory on wireless networking and frequency standards and GSM), Imaging technology (Including spatial analysis and modeling), Electronics and Instrumentation, Automated systems, control and navigation, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), Application of GIS/GPS for SCADA, Real-time systems, instrumentation and control, Sampling, scouting and field mapping, and Yield monitoring and mapping. Please note that these topics are already there in our curriculum, however, our goal will be to update the contents to meet the state-of-the-art skill set and knowledge base (Please note that our Department has evolved from Industrial Arts to Industrial Technology).
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(6) Appendixes

Appendix 1: DMS meeting related documents (Appendix 1a – 1e)

Appendix 2: List of equipment submitted to Department of Defense (DoD) (as mentioned in the proposal)

Appendix 3: Transaction Analysis Report

Appendix 4: Tagging related information of the equipment

Appendix 5: Approval from the DoD to purchase equipment from different vendor/manufacture and computers

Appendix 6: A sample of a sole source justification [for the product SKR0001 (Seekur)]

Appendix 7: CSURMA and AORMA initiative for making available a special aviation liability insurance program

Appendix 8: Questionnaire addressing the usage of UAV purchased through this grant

Appendix 9: Initiatives at the University level in regard to usage of UAV.

Appendix 10: Approval information in regard to Ag Minor where GIS/GPS topics will be taught (as per proposal)
Call to order:  by Dr. A. Alexandrou, Department Chair

Members Present:  D. Austin, N. P. Mahalik, A. Nambiar, B. Seth, M. Yen, D. Zhang, C. Fitz Gibbon

Members Absent:  T. Au (FERP)

Approval of Today’s Agenda– approved with a few additional items.

Minutes of 12.2.14 – approved.

Minutes of Winter Retreat on 12.9.14 – A sentence was stricken out in the New Business.

Communications

- Dr. Alex reiterated items from Administrative Council meeting, i.e., Dean’s focus on Ag Commission’s recommendations, specifically improvements needed for JCAST to reach its potential: item f – Improve classroom quality, … Improve laboratory facilities. Renovate JCAST facilities… in the Grosse Industrial Technology Building. – Please respond action items before the next meeting on Thursday, 1/22/15.

- Dr. Alex has a meeting with Dr. Bushoven and Dr. Nef to review the IT labs and their usages; he is proposing to bring in AgM equipment to IT labs to consolidate space. He also requested faculty’s input on 1) the Jordan Research Center lab space policy modification and 2) equipment and other needs list – Action items 1 & 2.

- Farm Manager position announcement is being drafted and search committee is being formed; UAL vehicle policy modification is being made.

- Dr. Alex would like to request for a new search (deadline to Dean 2/5/15): 1 f/t faculty and 1 ½ time technician to share with Plant Sci. Dept. – Action item 3.

- Dr. Alex and Don will be meeting with Dr. Reid regarding IT program accreditation.

- IT Spring 2015 banquet is on Tuesday, April 14.

- IT 404 remodeling plan has been shared: it is to be a classroom/lab combination; old computers from IT 404B have been removed and the sink is to be covered; old equipment to be surplused; Dr. Mahalik would like all computers back on the tables in F15.

- IT 110D remodeling fund was approved by the Dean’s office – work is to be commenced soon.

- Don announced the upcoming UCAM Conference on May 7, 2015, location TBA.

- Dr. Seth announced that RSA Conference is on April 22nd.

- Dr. Nambiar explained the group of MSIT students who transferred last spring needs 200 level courses to graduate this spring and requested faculty to allow extra seats in their classes. Dr. Alex asked Graduate Coordinator to confirm that MSIT program admit transfers with min. 2.5 GPA in the future.

Old Business

- Faculty reviewed and recommended some changes on the new BSIT option – Agricultural Systems Management, i.e., add IT 117, add ‘W’ course (IT 198W or Plant 105W), require COMM 7 and MATH 45. Justification for the new option would be to provide students more hands-on, managerial/leadership, engineering technology, business management systems program at no extra costs.
• **Dr. Alex announced the LCOE/JCAST common lab, IT 158, is to be the Unmanned Systems Laboratory to house Dr. Mahalik’s DOD project equipment after 1/31/15.** He is proposing a meeting with Dr. Witte, Nuna, Seth, Kriehn and Mahalik to draft a policy. Dr. Mahalik recommended Dr. Seth be the Coordinator of the UAV project/initiative, since he is already coordinating the Process Control Initiative.

• Faculty discussed and reaffirmed the need to offer face-to-face course alternately with online courses; The Department decided that IT 131 will be offered in hybrid mode in F15.

• Dr. Mahalik mentioned the need to keep an identity for the Department.

**New Business**

• The Department has no comment on the memo by G. Andrew Jones’s related to UAV programs at CSU.

• As discussed in the Communications above, Dr. Alex requests faculty input on the lab usage analysis *(Action item 4)*, the Jordan Research Center policy modification and equipment and other needs requests.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:** Thursday, 1 p.m.

**Adjourned:** at noon

**Recorder:** C. Fitz Gibbon
The following meeting has been modified:

Subject: Unmanned Systems Laboratory Initiative - revised time/day [MODIFIED]
Organizer: "Christina Fitz Gibbon" <christif@csufresno.edu>
Location: IT 220
Time: Thursday, February 5, 2015, 3:00:00 PM - 4:00:00 PM GMT -08:00 US/Canada Pacific [MODIFIED]

invitees: rnunna@csufresno.edu; gkriehn@csufresno.edu; sandraw@csufresno.edu;
balajis@csufresno.edu; aalexandrou@csufresno.edu; nmahalik@csufresno.edu;
mpaggi@csufresno.edu

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Dr. Alexandrou is proposing a meeting between LCOE and JCAST. If you can't meet at this time, please let us know of your available time/day. Thank you.
Hello Alex,

I had a chance to talk to Dr. Mahalik today, and we walked over to IT 158 and I showed him how we are presently using the space. He also took me to his lab in the IT-tower building and showed me all the equipment that he has acquired through his grant. I learned more about the technical capabilities of the systems that he has acquired. There are many interesting projects that could be designed and there are many research opportunities.

I too invited Dr. Mahalik to join our meeting on exploring collaborative activities between LCOE and JCAST in unmanned systems.

Looking forward to our meeting that is coming up. I hope all the invitees can make it.

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CC: Dr. Witte, Dr. Mahalik
Call to order: by Dr. A. Alexandrou, Department Chair

Members Present: T. Au, D. Austin, N. Mahalik, A. Nambiar, B. Seth, D. Zhang, C. Fitz Gibbon

Member Absent: Dr. Yen (FERP)

Approval of Minutes of March 5, 2014 – approved.

Approval of today’s Agenda – approved with additions.

Communications

- TILT nomination of Dr. Nambiar for the Provost’s Award - Technology in Education.
- Non-Land Grant College of Agriculture Capacity Building Grants – Dr. Seth is submitting a proposal; however, only two applications will be funded by the sponsor.
- Dr. Alex reminded faculty that JCAST is preparing a policy on 50% online classes.
- Release Time request for research is due 3/14/14.
- From the JCAST Budget Committee - D. Austin informed that the College has fund for hiring technicians for lab intensity classes such as IT. Although the dept. is the recipient of the new computers in room IT 512, this would be a great opportunity to request for a full time technician to help prepare for labs and maintain equipment.
- Dr. Alex informed that the Dean would like the College to utilize the proposed Student Success fund ($100/yr. and student).
- CFG informed that there are 127 BSIT and 48 MSIT students in the program and for fall 2014, 27 BSIT students are admitted.
- Dr. Alex informed that the FFA contest advisors will be receiving jackets this year.

Old Business

- Faculty nominated Colton Andersen for the Dean’s medal (BSIT). For the Graduate Dean’s medal, the dept. has already nominated Minh Le.
- Lab cleaning – 5S Day – on two Fridays this spring to organize labs. Faculty to recruit student volunteers, lunch will be provided.
- Faculty were informed of the need to offer two sections of IT 115 this fall due to influx of the PBAC students this spring. They (15 students) all need IT 115 as prerequisite to MSIT program. Faculty suggested restricting one section just for the MSIT students.
- The dept. will offer IT 52 and IT 116 in F14 and offer IT 156 and IT186/286 next spring for the new Ag Precision Minor. Dr. Nambiar has agreed to teach IT 116 in the fall and release his section of IT 198W for a part time faculty.
- IT 106 in the fall will be a Tablet course in room IT 119. The conversion of the room may run into a problem changing from IT student office to a lecture room. The facilities office informed us that an architect will need to review the room and the conversion request will have to be approved by the Dean and the Provost. Also the cost of moving furniture from IT 118 and the remodeling of IT 119 may be as high as $2,000 which the dept. doesn’t have.
- Dr. Nambiar is offering an online IT 106 this summer in order to help minimize the class impaction this fall. Also the fall IT 106 section is a Tablet class which will be offered to the entire university and it would seem necessary to offer the summer session for IT students.
New Business

- Faculty agreed that it is a good idea to request students to submit supervision proposals (abstracts) a semester prior to their actual registration. This is to help students organize their class loads and to help balance faculty load before the semester begins.
- Dr. Alex expressed that he would like each faculty load to be no more than 12 WTUs.
- **Dr. Mahalik offered equipment purchase for the Ag Minor program from his DOD grant.**
- CFG requested faculty to nominate students for the banquet awards.

Next Meeting Date & Time:  Wednesday, March 19, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m.
Adjourned:  at 11:00 a.m.
Recorder:  C. Fitz Gibbon
1. Call to order

2. Communications
   - FFA Officers Luncheon – Tuesday, 4/15/14, @ Smittcamp
   - Other

3. Old Business:
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4. New Business
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   - Other

5. Adjourn
Dr. Mahalik,

Thank you for your clarification.

I do understand that shortly after the termination of the project the equipment will be transferred to the university at which point the university or its unit (College/Department) will be responsible and decide for its use and storage.

Best regards,

Alex

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Fax: 559-278-5081

Dr. Witte and Dr. Alexandrou,

As you know, we have now 500,000 worth of several high-tech equipments and tools that are recently purchased through DoD's Sense and Control using GIS/GPS Project grant, and they are currently housed in the Room IT 118. Now, the purchase of equipment is over and the Project is going to end on 1.31.2015. Once the project is over, the equipments needs to be installed for education and research purposes in the department/college. For this, adequate space is necessary. Some of the equipments (e.g., the big Mobile Robot and the Mini Zomby tank) can be
housed in the Jordan Research Building as directed by Dean Boyer. So, they will temporarily stay in the Room IT 118 until the Building is over. Besides Room IT 118, I need some bigger space to install other equipments to be used for the purpose.

I was wondering if Room IT 404 can be spared for this. If you have any other alternative that will also do.

Thank you.

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Appendix 2

List of equipment and instrumentation systems as mentioned in the Proposal

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I have reviewed this California State University, Fresno Foundation Equipment Inventory listing and certify this information is correct.

New Location (if applicable): ___________________________________________

Project Director Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________
Re: Grant W911NF-14-1-0069 Award (UNCLASSIFIED)

From: Prem Mahalik <nmahalik@csufresno.edu>  Thu, Nov 06, 2014 01:20 PM
Subject: Re: Grant W911NF-14-1-0069 Award (UNCLASSIFIED)

To: Liyi CIV USARMY ARO Dai (US) <liyi.dai.civ@mail.mil>
Cc: Tywanki Q CTR USARMY ARO Seegars (US) <tywanki.q.seegars.ctr@mail.mil>, Tristan CIV USAF AFRL RESEARCH Nguyen (US) <tristan.nguyen@us.af.mil>, Patricia A CIV USARMY USAMC Huff (US) <patricia.a.huff26.civ@mail.mil>

Liyi:
Thank you and best regards.
Sincerely,
Prem

Your re-budget request has been approved provided that the overall budget remains the same with no additional funding needed.

Please refer to the email below from Dr. Nguyen and Ms. Patricia Huff for
details.

Thanks,

Liyi

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-----Original Message-----
From: Dai, Liyi CIV USARMY ARO (US)
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 1:45 PM
To: Nguyen, Tristan CIV USAF AFRL RESEARCH (US); Huff, Patricia A CIV USARMY USAMC (US)
Cc: Seegars, Tywanki Q CTR USARMY ARO (US); Dai, Liyi CIV USARMY ARO (US)
Subject: RE: Grant W911NF-14-1-0069 Award (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

I concur.

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-----Original Message-----
From: NGUYEN, TRISTAN N CIV USAF AFMC AFOSR/RTC
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Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 1:24 PM
Hi Patricia,

I approve the PI's request.

Regards,
Tristan

-----Original Message-----
From: Huff, Patricia A CIV USARMY USAMC (US) [mailto:patricia.a.huff26.civ@mail.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 12:43 PM
To: Dai, Liyi CIV USARMY ARO (US)
Cc: NGUYEN, TRISTAN N CIV USAF AFMC AFOSR/RTC; Seegars, Tywanki Q CTR USARMY ARO (US)
Subject: RE: Grant W911NF-14-1-0069 Award (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Hello Dr. Dai,
If you concur with Dr. Nguyen on the re-budget request as outlined in the email below, and the budget remains the same with no additional funding needed, then it is ok to proceed with the changes indicated in the 10/28/14 email (with no further OSD approvals needed).

More specifically, the answers to the questions posed are:
1) Yes, the PI can purchase the equipment from another vendor given the reasons indicated.
2) Yes, the 15 laptop computers can be purchased. They will be dedicated to the DoD focused research and not general use computers.

Hope this is helpful. Thank you for your inquiry.
Have a great day.
Patricia

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-----Original Message-----
From: Dai, Liyi CIV USARMY ARO (US)
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 7:16 AM
To: Huff, Patricia A CIV USARMY USAMC (US)
Cc: Nguyen, Tristan CIV USAF AFRL RESEARCH (US); Dai, Liyi CIV USARMY ARO (US)
Subject: RE: Grant W911NF-14-1-0069 Award (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Patricia,
Such change of purchase or vendors is allowed as long as the overall budget remains the same, right? Please advise.
Thanks,
Liyi

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-----Original Message-----
From: Prem Mahalik [mailto:nmahalik@csufresno.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 8:12 PM
To: Dai, Liyi CIV USARMY ARO (US); Nguyen, Tristan CIV USAF AFRL RESEARCH (US)
Subject: Re: Grant W911NF-14-1-0069 Award (UNCLASSIFIED)

Dear Dr. Dai and Dr. Nguyen,

I introduce myself as the Principal Investigator of the above grant award (Proposal Number : 64768-CS-REP) from DOD.

I have some queries in regard to adjustment in purchasing the equipment through this grant.
1. In our proposal, I had mentioned the name of the vendors from where a piece of equipment/system would be purchased. Now, a couple of vendors are either not supplying the equipment/system or the price is much higher than the requested amount. So, it would be good if I purchase similar equipment but from different vendor(s) without compromising the purpose and quality. My query is can I purchase similar equipment but from another vendors?

2. I have already procured many of the equipment and software systems (mobile robots, UAV, remote sensing systems, etc.) as per the proposal. In the proposal, I had proposed to develop a living-lab. In the living-lab many of the DOD equipment and software systems will be interfaced with the computers for their use and operation. The DOD equipments and software systems purchased through this grant actually need computers for their full-scale operation and usage. Earlier, my plan was to interface the DOD equipment and software systems with our existing computers which are available in one of the labs in our department. However, those computers are old, and being used for general purposes, and sometimes they are not available whenever the students/researchers need them to work with DOD equipment and software systems in the living-lab room. In this respect, it will be really best and also advantageous if dedicated computers are available to interface with the DOD equipments and software systems. I am therefore proposing to purchase 15 laptop computers through this grant. These laptops will not be used for general-purpose activities (as per DOD requirement) but be used to support DOD-relevant research and education program/purpose. As such, the dedicated computers will enhance the capacity and scope of education and research. We then can have a full-scale dedicated living-lab room for the student researchers and faculty. These laptops will significantly enhance the DOD-relevant research program activities. My second query is that can we purchase the laptop computers for the purpose mentioned above through this grant? There is no additional cost involved. That is the purchase of laptops will be within the granted budget. It will be an internal adjustment. Also, the purchase of computers will not compromise the purchase of other equipments needed for the project.

Please let me know if you approve the above requests.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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From: "Brandon S CIV Hill (US)" <brandon.s.hill24.civ@mail.mil>
To: "Office of Research & Sponsored Programs" <orsp@csufresno.edu>
Cc: nmahalik@csufresno.edu, "Grace Liu" <gliu@csufresno.edu>, "Liyi CIV Dai (US)" <liyi.dai.civ@mail.mil>, "Tristan CIV Nguyen (US)" <tristan.nguyen@us.af.mil>, "L Nicole CTR USARMY ARO Elliott-Foster (US)" <latrietha.n.elliott-foster.ctr@mail.mil>, "Patricia A CIV USARMY USAMC Huff (US)" <patricia.a.huff26.civ@mail.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2014 12:36:28 PM
Subject: RE: Grant W911NF-14-1-0069 Award (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Good Afternoon,

Please see attached Grants Officer Representative appointment letter. Please sign and date at the bottom and return back to me at your earliest convenience.
Thank you

Brandon Hill
Contract/Grant Specialist
U.S. Army Contracting Command - APG - RTP Division
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-----Original Message-----
From: Hill, Brandon S CIV (US)
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 11:34 AM
To: 'Office of Research & Sponsored Programs'
Cc: nmahalik@csufresno.edu; Grace Liu; Dai, Liyi CIV (US); Nguyen, Tristan CIV (US); Elliott-Foster, L Nicole CTR USARMY ARO (US); Huff, Patricia A CIV USARMY USAMC (US); 'onr_seattle@navy.mil'
Subject: Grant W911NF-14-1-0069 Award (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Good Morning,

Please see attached signed and fully executed award for Grant # W911NF-14-1-0069 with California State University - Fresno. No more action is required on your part.

Thank you

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Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE
Sole source justification for the product SKR0001 (Seekur)

Date: 3.6.2014

This sole source justification is written for the product SKR0001 (Seekur) to be purchased from the Adept MobileRobot LLC based on company’s Quote# 9365.

The Quote received from Adept MobileRobot LLC mentions that the Adept MobileRobots LLC is sole manufacturer and sole US source of Adept MobileRobots LLC robots. All Adept MobileRobots are designed for teaching and research environments. The robotic platform is fully accessible from a control perspective, so we are free to customize the hardware and software as needed or just use the basic features to teach, research, and demonstrate robotic concepts.

1. What are the unique performance features of the product or brand requested that are not available in any other product or brand.

The SKR0001 (Seekur) is a Mobile Robot base which includes (a) on-board computer [the computer has multiple roles: (i) it serves as computing platform, (ii) serves as an interface for external RF system, (iii) it serves as a controller,] with Operating System, (b) wireless Ethernet, (c) laser mapping and navigation system, (d) front and rear sonar, (e) front bumpers, (f) gyroscope, (g) color status indicator, (h) 13-hr run battery, (i) autonomous docking and charging station, (j) joystick, (k) speech synthesizer and speaker, (l) Geographical Positioning System, (i) accessory mounting deck. This product is capable of providing autonomous functions with a feature called skid-steering to be used in indoors as well as some outdoor research environments. It can also provide basis of developing algorithms for avoidance of collision through integrated sonar and software library. These unique features are necessary for this project. In other words, these features are exactly required for this project. We did not find these performance features in other products from other manufacturers.

2. Why are the unique features required?

The product SKR0001 (Seekur) is an ideal platform for outdoor research projects. It is the latest rover type mobile robot and is designed based on open-architecture concept. The open-architecture is very important as this feature facilitates plug-and-play concept where other required and standardized equipment and tools can be integrated as and when needed. One of the project objectives is to purchase such a platform which should sustain for longer period of time. In this respect, SKR0001 (Seekur), which is an open-architecture platform, is the best fit. It has the capability and the required features as described in (1) above. The robotic platform has required functions and example resources for our education and research needs per proposal goals and objectives. The components that are attached to this product are minimal in numbers, extensive capability, and compact in nature for which it is best suited for a higher education work environment. The platform is compatible to standardized interfaces and connections. Multitude of research accomplishments (as per project objective) can be achieved by using this platform that has configurable and scalable capability.

3. What other items or brands were evaluated, rejected, and why? A minimum of three vendors must be surveyed.

We explored for other options and possibilities. We could not find any contemporary brand with required performance and features that are in SKR0001 (Seekur). No other supplier offers the depth of
platforms, features, accessories, and software for teaching and research purposes. They have been in
business for more than 15 years and have a reputation for ongoing technical support for any of their
newer and older robots. This product offers high power and autonomous functionality all in a
weatherized outdoor package. It includes laser and GPS localization and mapping capabilities through
Adept MobileRobots proprietary ARNL and MOGS software libraries. The unique combinations of
features mentioned in (1) allow the robots to operate autonomously in various environments. They can
be used for precise positioning, mapping and object/collision avoidance. They include unique software
library that offers pre-coded functions to control the robot’s microcontroller and to interface with other
sensors and apparatus, and will allow us to code our own unique software. This robot will allow us
reverting focus from building and troubleshooting the basic robotic hardware and software
functionality to teaching and researching targeted topics and applications.
December 17, 2014

To:        CSU Presidents

From:    G. Andrew Jones  
        Associate Vice Chancellor and Deputy General Counsel

Re:  Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (aka Drones)

Recently, a growing number of faculty, staff and students have expressed keen interest in using Unmanned Aerial Vehicles ("UAV") in connection with or as part of their official university activities. You may have also heard UAVs referred to as Unmanned Aircraft Systems ("UAS"). They are most commonly called drones. As the cost of UAVs drops substantially, and the versatility and experience in their multiple possible uses increases, interest by CSU personnel and students in UAV use is both exciting and understandable. We in the OGC share in the excitement and potential that UAVs offer. That said, we also are working hard to assure that CSU's UAV use is legally compliant so as to best position us to leverage UAV use in the near future as legal restrictions begin to ease - a process that we are not just monitoring, but in which we are working hard to be an active participant. In the meantime, this short memo provides a current lay of the land in UAV use.

The operation of UAVs by public universities such as CSU is regulated and controlled by the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA"). Violations of FAA rules and regulations can result in stiff federal penalties. For that reason, we want to dispel misconceptions that may exist about what is or is not allowable or required under current FAA rules and regulations. Under current FAA rules and regulations:

- All UAVs are subject to FAA rules and regulations. This includes UAVs used or operated by a public university such as CSU.

- Any UAV operated by CSU within United States civilian airspace is subject to FAA rules and regulations. There is no 400 feet or other distance limit to the FAA's jurisdiction.

- In order for a public university such as CSU to operate a UAV, it must apply for and be granted a Certificate of Authorization ("COA") from the FAA. When granted, the COA allows the UAV to be used only for the limited purpose or activity specified in the application. There appears to be no likelihood of a systemwide application for a COA. Rather, this will be a use-by-use and campus-by-campus process.
• There is absolutely **no** public university exemption or exception to the COA requirement. Any faculty, staff or student operating or using a UAV in connection with or as part of his/her official CSU activities must obtain a COA, even if it is intended to be used solely for research purposes.

• The FAA will grant a COA to a public entity only if the UAV is being used for a non-commercial purpose. The FAA is the ultimate decider of whether a particular activity is commercial or non-commercial in nature.

• Only public entities are eligible to receive a COA. For example, auxiliary organizations are not public entities within the meaning of the FAA's rules and regulations and, therefore, are not eligible for a COA. Auxiliary organizations are regarded as civil operators subject to a different and more stringent set of rules and regulations. With a few narrow exceptions, the FAA has not authorized the use of UAVs by civil operators.

• Hobbyists and recreational users are not required to obtain a COA before operating a UAV. They are subject to a different set of guidelines and rules. CSU and individuals operating a UAV in connection with their employment capacity do not qualify as hobbyists or recreational users.

We hope this information proves useful for you. Your campus should not be operating a UAV in any capacity unless you have obtained a COA from the FAA. If you are operating a UAV without a COA and believe you are exempt from that requirement, please contact the Office of General Counsel so we can discuss your situation in detail.

Again, we are aware and understand that several campuses are highly interested in UAV use, and applying for a COA. We also are aware and understand that this is a significant and important subject for campuses. Please be assured that we in the process of determining how best to help campuses successfully apply for a COA in this complicated and developing regulatory area, and also how CSU can provide input to and influence the development of FAA policy in this area. In that spirit, I am leading a UAV working group at the OGC to pursue these purposes. If you have either questions or information that you would like to share regarding CSU and UAVs, please don't hesitate to contact us.

c: Timothy P. White, Chancellor
Steven Relyea, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer
Ephraim Smith, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer
Framroze Virjee, Executive Vice Chancellor and General Counsel
Garrett Ashley, Vice Chancellor, University Relations and Advancement
Lori Lamb, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources
Larry Mandel, Vice Chancellor and Chief Audit Officer
CSU Vice Presidents of Administration & Finance
CSU Provosts
CSU Risk Managers
From: Prem Mahalik <nmahalik@csufresno.edu>
Subject: Re: Unmanned Aerial Vehicles used for Sponsored Projects | Questionnaire | Please Return

Mon, Jul 14, 2014 04:15 PM

2 attachments

Hello Kris,

I have attached the Questionnaire. The answers are given just below the Questions.

Please let me know if I am missing any.

Thanks.

Prem

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From: "Kristopher Westcott" <kwestcott@csufresno.edu>
To: "Np Mahalik" <nmahalik@csufresno.edu>
Hello Dr. Mahalik,

**RE: Unmanned Aerial Vehicles used for Sponsored Projects**

Because of significant risks to the University and its Auxiliary Organization, CSURMA and AORMA are now making available a special aviation liability insurance program. As a result, there is a questionnaire that is required to be completed and returned to our insurance company. Please find it attached to this email.

Please complete this questionnaire, thoroughly addressing each question with respect to your newly purchased UAV's. Understanding that you are currently out of the county, please return it to us electronically as soon as possible.

Thank you,

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Memorandum

To: [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Re: Unmanned Aerial Vehicles used on a Sponsored Project

Auxiliary Organization: California State University, Fresno Foundation

Complete the following information for unmanned aerial vehicles used on a sponsored project

1. For each UAV, please provide Make, Model, Value (or cost).

There are two identical UAVs.
Distributor/Make: Robot Shop
Model/Product No: RB-Cro-01
Value: $6648.05

2. Size and Weight (include detailed specifications).

• Length = 4 foot
• Wing Span = 8 foot
• Weight = 6 pounds
• Engine (electric) = Axi Brushless
• 2.4 Ghz radio modem, range is 3 km or 2 miles
• Duration = 55 minutes
• Batteries = 4 Thunder Power L-Polymer 2100 mah / 11.1 volts (3 cell)
• Surfaces = Rudder, elevator and ailerons
• Average speed = 60 kmh
• Maximum Winds = 30 kmh

3. Fixed wing or Rotor wing?

Fixed.

4. Annual hours of operation?

Not known. These UAVs will be used in an education setting. Students will learn about its components and the way it works. Occasionally, the UAVs will be used for testing, demonstration and experiment. 10-20 hours could be a good estimate.
5. Describe purpose and use.

Educational, learning.

6. Experience of operator (operated by staff only, pilot qualification)?

Pilot is not required. These are remote controlled (RC) small UAVs and Auto-Pilot based. No personnel or pilot needed for operation.

7. Describe others including students who are allowed to operate UAVs (include qualification, experience, and supervision).

Not known at this point. As this is a remote controlled (RC) UAV, anyone who knows how to use a standard RC will be able to control. No personnel or pilot needed for operation.

8. Airports/Airfield where you launch and return UAVs (location of take-offs and landings)?

Not needed. Not applicable.

9. Is coverage for Physical Damage to the UAV itself needed? If YES, please provide value.

No.

10. Maximum Altitude flown and general location / air space of operation?

Maximum Altitude: 100 meters. The UAVs will be used within Fresno State’s farm area within the campus.

11. Are all UAVs equipped with take-off point return or parachute deployment technology?

Not applicable as this is a small UAV for education.
Re: E-mail from G. Andrew Jones - Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (aka Drones)

From: Ram Nunna <rnunna@csufresno.edu>  
Subject: Re: E-mail from G. Andrew Jones - Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (aka Drones)  
To: Prem Mahalik <nmahalik@csufresno.edu>  
Cc: Gregory Kriehn <gkriehn@csufresno.edu>

Wed, Jan 07, 2015 05:17 PM

I think we have already applied. Waiting for a decision. Check with Dr. Kriehn. I have cc'd him on this email.

Ram.

From: "Prem Mahalik" <nmahalik@csufresno.edu>  
To: "Ram Nunna" <rnunna@csufresno.edu>  
Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2015 5:15:43 PM  
Subject: Re: E-mail from G. Andrew Jones - Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (aka Drones)

Dean Nunna,

Thank you for the information.

As I read, it seems COA should be obtained campus-by-campus basis. Have your college or any department already obtained/applied for COA from FAA? If no one has applied yet and planning to apply, please include us.

Thanks.

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Colleagues,

Please see attached memo regarding drones.

Please let me know if you have any comments.

Best regards,

Alex

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FYI....
This Conference Call is overlapping with our department meeting.
Thanks.
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FYI - Please see e-mail below regarding the conference call on Friday, January 16th at 10:00 AM Pacific if you're interested.

FYI... If you know of any PIs working with UAVs (drones) you may want to let them know about this conference call.
Thanks,

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To: racsu@googlegroups.com  
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 3:36:39 PM  
Subject: [RAC] FW: CGA & CRPGE Announcement (1-14-15): Conference Call Regarding sUAS Proposal

All,

I’m not sure how many campuses are using UAVs, but the info. below may be of use for those looking to get FAA approval.

Thanks,

Scott

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--Sí se puede--
Dear Colleagues,

APLU and AAU will host a conference call **Friday, January 16 at 1pm** to share more details about and to answer questions you have regarding our collective effort to file Section 333 sUAS exemption petitions. The goal of this call is to help explain this effort, including providing more details about the potential value to universities of filing a 333 petition.

Lisa Ellman and Mark McKinnon of McKenna Long & Aldridge, LLP will be on the call to answer your specific questions. In the interest of efficiency, **please submit your questions to us by 5:00 pm EST on Thursday, January 15** so we can forward your questions to Lisa and Mark in advance.

Please use the following call-in information:

Dial-In: **1-800-768-2983**
Passcode: 627-8668

Best regards,

Jennifer Poulakidas
Madeline Nykaza
Toby Smith
Jessica Sebeok
CGA & CRPGE ACTION REQUEST
(1-9-15)

To: Council on Governmental Affairs
    Council on Research Policy and Graduate Education

From: A·P·L·U Congressional and Governmental Affairs Staff

Because many universities operating small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) for research and educational projects are having difficulty securing approval to do so, APLU and the American Association for Universities (AAU) are partnering to coordinate filings for Section 333 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) petitions for exemption. A Section 333 exemption petition, once approved, would provide authority for a university to conduct research projects using sUAS, under certain conditions. Currently, only a few private sector companies have received Section 333 exemptions to fly sUAS. We are contacting you to gauge your institution’s interest in participating in such a coordinated approach.

The Section 333 process is complex and technical, requiring the submission of an operations manual as well as information specific to each university. Several of our members have expressed interest in pursuing a coordinated approach, which would benefit substantially from legal expertise in the field, as well as economies of scale.

Accordingly, APLU and AAU solicited proposals from law firms with established sUAS practice groups and experience submitting Section 333 exemption requests. We have determined that the proposal from McKenna, Long & Aldridge (MLA) is most appropriate for our collective needs. Depending on how many universities are interested in filing for a Section 333 exemption, the cost will be approximately $7,000-$10,000 per university (the cost will be more for university systems if multiple campuses are involved), with the cost
decreasing as the number of universities joining the effort increases. The cost would include developing a common template and voluntary standards for all universities applying, customizing a Section 333 petition and manual for each university, and any necessary follow up with the FAA on each individual petition. The primary point of contact at McKenna Long would be Lisa Ellman. Lisa is Counsel in the Washington, D.C. office and serves as co-chair of MLA’s sUAS Practice Group. She has significant federal government experience in the UAS field. For further information about her background, please click here. For further information on MLA’s sUAS practice group, please click here.

It would be in the best interest of universities seeking approval to use sUAS for research and educational purposes to apply as soon as soon as possible – the queue for such applications is rapidly growing longer. Moreover, we feel the information gathered to file for 333 exemptions will be helpful as we prepare to respond to newly proposed federal rules guiding sUAS use, expected to be released sometime in the next couple of months. Please let us know your definite (or even potential) interest in having your institution join this collective effort to file Section 333 exemption petitions with the FAA by COB on **Tuesday, January 20**. This information will give us a better sense of the cost per university; we will seek firm institutional commitments shortly thereafter.

If you have any questions or to let us know your interest, please contact Jennifer Poulakidas (jpoulakidas@aplu.org) or Madeline Nykaza (mnykaza@aplu.org).

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FYI!

Please let all JCAST students, staff and faculty know that IT's new minor, Precision Agriculture Technology, has been approved by the University and it will be offered in Fall 2014.

Thank you,

Alex

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or Semester III (Summer/Fall): IT 190/194/199

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