

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents

November 15, 2007

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Subcontract Agreement between the University of Michigan and ElectroDynamic Applications, Inc.

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into Agreement

Preamble:

A statutory conflict of interest situation was identified by the Division of Research Development and Administration while reviewing the Proposal Approval Form that then triggered a review by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. A plan for management of the possible risks associated with the conflict of interest will be developed by the Committee and agreed to by the parties involved.

The proposed agreement ("Agreement") falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Drs. Alec Gallimore and Brian Gilchrist are employees of the University of Michigan ("University") and co-owners of ElectroDynamic Applications, Inc. ("Company"), a Michigan corporation. In addition, Dr. Gilchrist is the President and Treasurer and Dr. Gallimore is the Chief Executive Officer and Secretary of the Company. The law permits such an agreement provided it is disclosed to the executive officers and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote of the Regents.

Background:

The Company has applied for and received a Phase I award from the U. S. Air Force under the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program for the purpose of augmenting on-going University NanoFET experimentation by exploring the dual-use counter-space utility of nanoFET. The Company wishes to enter into a subcontract agreement with the University to enable Dr. Joanna Mirecki-Millunchick, an Associate Professor in the Department of Material Science and Engineering, to assist in the performance of this funded research.

Agreement Terms:

The period of performance for the project is nine (9) months and the amount of funding support is \$50,104


Impact of the Agreement:

The Agreement will support an effort by Dr. Mirecki-Millunchick to use her expertise and University resources, such as test chambers and materials analysis facilities, to explore a variety of coating, erosion, and momentum transfer effects that will enable development of technologies used to protect critical U.S. space assets, as well as accelerate the development of the propulsion capability of nanoFET.

Recommendation:

This matter has been reviewed and approved by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee and by the Office of the Dean for the College of Engineering. In light of the disclosure made in this document and our finding that the agreement was negotiated in conformance with standard University practices, I recommend that the Board of Regents approve of the University's entering into this Agreement with ElectroDynamic Applications, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen R. Forrest". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Stephen R. Forrest  
Vice President for Research

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