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Washington, DC 20515

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Chairman David Obey
House Appropriations Committee
H-218, the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Jerry Lewis
House Appropriations Committee
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Obey & Ranking Member Lewis:

I am requesting \$2,000,000 for Army Aviation Weapon Technology in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is Torch Technologies, located at 4035 Chris Drive, Suite C Huntsville, AL 35802. The funding would be used to transition Navy UAV weapons technology to Army aviation systems, both manned and unmanned, to enhance fielding and subsequent use by the war fighter in the next 48 months. Taxpayer Justification: The benefit to Department of Defense and military services with this unique approach is savings in cost and schedule for new weapons on all aviation platforms. Current estimates show as much as 50% in cost avoidance could be realized in future integration costs.

I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any direct financial interest in this project.

Also, I hereby certify that this request will be made publicly available on my Official Website as required by Chairman Obey's new Committee policy that only posted requests will be considered.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the Congressional Record describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Aderholt