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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 \$6,000,000 for Autonomous Cargo Acquisition for Rotorcraft Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is Advanced Optical Systems, Inc., located at 6767 Old Madison Pike, Suite 410 Huntsville, Alabama 35805. The funding would be used to demonstrate fully unmanned cargo pickup and delivery under operational conditions. The work will leverage current developments for manned systems, and will cooperate with TRADOC and logistics personnel at Ft. Rucker and Ft. Lee. Taxpayer Justification: The Army needs to leverage rotorcraft unmanned aerial systems to provide unmanned pickup and delivery for logistics supply and weapons placement. Unmanned cargo operations would reduce both aircrew losses and costs.

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