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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 \$2,000,000.00 for Characterization Techniques for Advanced High Temperature Materials in Space Launch Applications in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is Southern Research Institute, located at 757 Tom Martin Drive Birmingham, AL 35211. The funding would be used to develop modeling, testing and characterization techniques for advanced composite materials in extreme environments. Taxpayer Justification: SRI has identified several gaps in current NASA technology that if filled, will greatly assist analysts and designers to successfully utilize composites in advanced structural and thermal protection system applications and reduce overall program risk.

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