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**U.S. House of Representatives**  
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 \$5,820,000 for Remote Monitoring and Troubleshooting (RMAT) Project in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is Intergraph Corporation, located at 170 Graphics Drive Madison, AL 35758. The funding would be used to collectively support the entire Fleet with one office of experts, through the use of satellite uplinks connected to on board sensors. This provides a cost avoidance of redundant on-site support while raising the efficiency and effectiveness of the shore infrastructure. Taxpayer Justification: RMAT will increase the level of sensor data fusion, situational awareness, ship survivability, and the ability to successfully complete missions. The change from analog systems and manual data collection will save thousands of man-hours/year.

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