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To Whom It May Concern:

Members of the faculty at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey, California routinely apply for research support through existing agencies from across the federal government. NPS is a federally chartered graduate school whose function is to provide education to Naval officers and to conduct research in support of those curricular programs (10 U.S. Code § 7041). Furthermore, the compensation model for NPS faculty is set by the Secretary of the Navy (10 U.S. Code § 7044) and implemented through the Secretary's guidance on Appointment, Promotion, Salary, and Tenure of the Civilian Members of the Faculty at the Naval Postgraduate School (January, 2015; copy available on request).

As a condition of employment and promotion, civilian members of the NPS faculty are expected to conduct reimbursable research projects in their expertise areas. As such, they routinely compete for awards from federal agencies as well as conduct research for various elements of the Department of Defense. NPS faculty, together with the officer-students, are uniquely qualified to address problems in many research areas spanning technical, management, and policy disciplines.

If a faculty member is successful in the proposal process, funding for the work is normally handled through an interagency agreement under the Economy Act (31 U.S. Code § 1535) for all federally funded research unless the agency has its own organic authority (e.g., National Science Foundation). Funding from a non-federal entity is handled project-by-project through a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA; 15 U.S. Code § 3710a), through a work-for-others technical service agreement (10 U.S. Code § 2939b(4)), or by a grant from a corporation, fund, foundation, educational institution, or similar entity that is organized and operated primarily for scientific, literary, or educational purposes (10 U.S. Code § 7050).

If you have any questions about NPS or whether or not NPS faculty are eligible to compete for support from you agency, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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