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Re: NOAA Sea Grant 2017 Aquaculture Initiative Proposal entitled “**Aqua-Manna 2.0:  
An Integrated Offshore Finfish Feed Buoy and Information Center**”

Dear Professor Ge,

The Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology (CEWIT) is a next generation research and educational facility established in 2003 by Governor of New York. The mission of the Center is three-fold: become recognized as a world leader in interdisciplinary research in the emerging, critical technologies of the information age, address the skilled technology worker shortage, and foster new enterprise development. Since its inception, the Center has worked hard to build strategic alliances and business partnerships among the academic, scientific, and business communities. The Center’s research areas are diverse and cover distributed robotics, expressive and hybrid networks, mobile computing, wireless networks, cyber security, computer vision and image processing, RF systems, microwave sensors, wireless sensor networks, computational genetics and protein docking, computational neurobiology, virtual reality, effective bandwidth utilization, wireless protocols, wireless ad hoc networks and wireless gateways. Our research topics range from materials to components to systems and address devices and communications, networking, software systems, and solutions/applications for vertical markets.

I am pleased to offer strong support for your proposal titled “Aqua-Manna 2.0: An Integrated Offshore Finfish Feed Buoy and Information Center,” which is in collaboration with University of New Hampshire and Manna Fish Farms. We would be glad to collaborate with you on wireless and information technology aspects of the project, providing technical expertise and equipment access. If the collaboration leads to a subcontract to the Center, we will be happy to offer an additional financial leverage, as a partial match of the industrial funding.

Yours sincerely,



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