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Michael Triantafyllou
Director, MIT Sea Grant

RE: NOAA National Aquaculture Initiative RFP
Manna Fish Farms
Proposal Title: Offshore Marine Testing of an Economical Submersible Cage System for
Aquaculture

Dear Director Triantafyllou:

The Strategic Partnership for Industrial Resurgence (SPIR) at the State University of New York at Stony Brook (USB) will provide engineering expertise in support of Manna Fish Farms' tasks on this project. The SPIR Program will coordinate the efforts of the various academic units to ensure that the correct expertise is made available to complete the University's tasks. The SPIR program will provide matching funds of \$10K over the duration of this project dependent on the availability of funds.

These funds will be used to support a USB graduate student's work (salary and/or tuition) on this project. The actual commitment is dependent upon the scope of the University's tasks. Any funds committed are contingent upon the continued funding of the SPIR program by the state of New York. Dr. Lisa Chichura of the SPIR program will coordinate our efforts and she will support the program's technical requirements.

We are pleased to be able to offer the University's technical resources and expertise to support New York State business through the SPIR program.

Sincerely,

Imin Kao, Ph.D.
Director, SPIR Program
Professor, Mechanical Engineering
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