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Dr. Gregory Gutt
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Dear Dr. Gutt:

In response to your letter of October 30, I want to assure you that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) strongly believes that there is a need for multiple and diverse PNT technologies for critical infrastructure applications.

In order to ensure that DOT may fully consider a diverse spectrum of Complementary Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (CPNT) technologies and to drive CPNT adoption, DOT published a Complementary PNT Action Plan in September 2023. Through the Volpe Center, we issued a Sources Sought Request for Information (RFI) seeking information from industry regarding their availability and interest in carrying out small-scale deployments of multiple very high technical readiness level CPNT technologies at field test ranges, as a next step in pursuing multiple CPNT adoption paths.

The October 3, 2023 RFI, "Commercial eLoran Capability" was issued specifically to inform U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) divestiture of their legacy Loran sites as required by Section 11211 of the FY 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA; 14 USC 914). Per the FY 2023 NDAA, if DOT expresses interest in obtaining any of the Loran-C properties, the properties will be transferred from USCG to DOT. The RFI specifically sought information on Federal assets required to provide a commercial eLoran service so that DOT could determine a need for USCG properties, and did not state a preference for eLoran as a preferred complementary PNT solution.

Please contact me if you need further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert C. Hampshire".

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