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UML UAV/UAS Test Facility

\$6,000,000

This earmark request is for the 2010 fiscal year.

Rep. Tom Cole (OK-4) requests \$6,000,000 for:

University Multispectral Labs

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Summary

The Army and other military requires greater access to test ranges where less restrictive UAV test flights may occur. The OSU University Multispectral Laboratories (UML) is establishing a National Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) Test Facility adjacent to Fort Sill restricted airspace. This facility provides unique opportunity to conduct UAV flight testing while remaining within restricted airspace where UAV flights are exempt from FAA regulations. A wide variety of UAV testing, fully coordinated with Army authorities, becomes possible for all government entities. This facility also supports the Army Fires Center of Excellence and fosters a positive economic impact on surrounding areas.