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Autonomous Control Systems Laboratory Ltd.

Notice of Adoption of the "Technical Base Development for Secure and Reliable Drones" Project

Autonomous Control Systems Laboratory Ltd. (ACSL) hereby announces that the company's proposal to "Technical Base Development for Secure and Reliable Drones" project has been adopted by the National Research and Development Agency New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO).

1. Objective of the project

The project aims to strengthen competitiveness of the drone industry as well as nurture related business ecosystems in Japan through designing and developing of standard drones and flight controllers and supporting activities towards mass production while ensuring safety and reliability. This will contribute to expanded use of drones for government procurement in fields such as disaster response, infrastructure inspections, monitoring and surveying and others.

2. Contents of the project

In this project, as a consignment part, development of a standard drone that realizes high flight performance, maneuverability, and security assuming government procurement will be conducted. Cooperation with related ministries for performance tests and receiving error information and feedback will be conducted for agile development.

As a subsidy part, system establishment of a system for mass production, provision and maintenance of drones and key drone components, and system establishment of a system for continuous performance and functional updates will be supported.

3. Project period

End of February 2021

4. Project budget

Consignment part: Up to 968 mn JPY

Subsidy part: Up to 600 mn JPY

(Note that this is the overall budget of the project, whereby the proposal is set forth together will multiple entities. This is not ACSL portion of the budget)

5. Company

Autonomous Control Systems Laboratory Ltd., Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd., NTT DOCOMO, INC., Xacti Corporation, Advanced Simulation Technology Of Mechanics R&D, Co., Ltd

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