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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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(U) Maryland TEDCO and MRASC Cooperative Agreement (U) (MCMR-AAU).

On 20 September 2007, the US Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity signed a Cooperative Agreement entitled the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) - Maryland Research and Applied Sciences Consortium (MRASC) Applied Research and Development Project in the amount of \$936,000.00.

The overall goal of this first-of-its-kind Cooperative Agreement is to increase the MRASC institution's participation in USAMRMC programs for advanced and applied sciences as an essential component of its research and development mission. The MRASC, which consist of the 5 Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions within the State of Maryland, was created in part through the recommendations of the Commanding General, USAMRMC and Associate Director, Office of Small Business Programs during 2004. In the ARDP, the MRASC institutions will focus on capacity building and critical infrastructure to assist USAMRMC in meeting its primary science and technology objectives; help HBCU/MI develop on-going medical research and support entrepreneurial development among minority small businesses. An official signing ceremony and Public Affairs office Press release is being planned.

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