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Subject: AWIPS Data Rights

Dear Mohan:

This letter is to inform you that Unidata is free to distribute AWIPS software, including migrated NAWIPS functionality, to its community. Please note that the AWIPS software includes open source projects which are subject to open source licensing agreements.

For your information, the Government exercised its rights under its contract with Raytheon Technical Services Company LLC (Raytheon) and removed Raytheon's copyright markings from the AWIPS software. On April 24, 2009, the Government released the AWIPS software to the public. The Government has officially notified Raytheon of the action taken by the Government in this regard.

One of our primary objectives as we move forward is to strengthen our partnership with the university community to enable faster and more effective infusion of new science from research to operations in AWIPS. We look forward to our continued partnership with Unidata to meet this objective.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

Donald H. Berchoff
Director, Office of Science and Technology

