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MEMORANDUM FOR Bering Sea Eccotech, Attn: Mr. Kim "BT" Smith

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SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

1. I want to express my sincere appreciation to you and your Air Combat System O&M contractors for your recent professional assistance with Air Combat Command's P5CTS Program implementation at Eglin AFB. As the Air Force's newest combat training system, the P5CTS provides a real time and rangeless air combat training to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing and the 53<sup>rd</sup> Test Squadron at Eglin AFB.
2. Specifically, I want to thank Mr. Walter Smith and his team for their dedicated efforts to find a communications solution to enable P5CTS Real Time Operations (RTO). The P5CTS was fielded at the 33<sup>rd</sup> in late January 2007 but due to shortages/incompatibilities in existing radios and communications equipment, was unable to be used for live RTO operations. Mr. Smith and his team worked diligently with our P5CTS Program Office and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Communications Shop to obtain the necessary equipment and integrate it into the P5CTS to provide a workable solution. This solution allowed the 33<sup>rd</sup> FW to begin RTO operations and fully utilize the capabilities of the Air Force's newest Air Combat Training System. Our USAF resources are precious, especially during this time of enhanced combat operations, so the initiative and creativeness exhibited by Mr. Smith and his team certainly helped to ensure successful fielding of this critical new training capability to the warfighter.

  
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