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Kleos Technology Passes First US Air Force Hurdle – SBIR¹ Contract Award with AFWERX²

Highlights

- Kleos granted Phase 1 Award to prepare feasibility study
- Opportunity to progress into SBIR Phase II Award of ~US\$1.5M

Kleos Space S.A. (ASX: KSS, Frankfurt: KS1), (**Kleos** or **Company**), a space-powered Radio Frequency Reconnaissance data-as-a-service (DaaS) company, advises that it has been awarded a United States Air Force SBIR Phase 1 Contract with a focus on “Innovative Defense-Related Dual-Purpose Technologies/Solutions with a Clear Air Force Stakeholder Need” through Ithaca Solutions.

The Small Business Innovation Research (**SBIR**) program is a highly competitive program that encourages small businesses to engage in US Federal Research/Research and Development (R/R&D) that has the potential for commercialization.

The special US Air Force SBIR topics (AF192-001³), developed in partnership with the Air Force Research Laboratory, National Security Innovation Network and AFWERX², are experiments to increase the efficiency, effectiveness, and transition rate of the SBIR program.

Through a competitive awards-based program, SBIR enables small businesses to explore technological potential and provides the incentive to profit from commercialization.

Kleos was successful in its presentation of the Kleos’ Scouting Mission⁴ under AF192-001 and is participating in Phase I of the program. Phase 1 is to be completed by 23 Oct 2019 with delivery of a report including technical feasibility, financial sustainability and meeting defense needs serving as a gateway to a Phase 2. The Phase 2 (subject to successful proposal and contract) of the project would be delivered in up to 27 months with 4-1 matched funds from a Government customer, with SBIR funding up to US\$1.5M.

¹ Small Business Innovation Research

² A catalyst for agile Air Force engagement across industry, academia and non-traditional contributors to create transformative opportunities and foster an Air Force culture of innovation. The ultimate aim is to solve problems and enhance the effectiveness of the Air Force.

³ <https://www.afwerx.af.mil/resources/AF192-001-SBIR-Open-Topic.pdf>

⁴ The multi-satellite Scouting Mission system will form the foundation of a constellation that delivers a global picture of hidden maritime activity, enhancing the intelligence capability of government and commercial entities when AIS (Automatic Identification System) is defeated, imagery is unclear, or targets are out of patrol range. The first scouting mission is made up of 4x nano-satellites built by GomSpace in Denmark, each the size of a shoebox.

Kleos' Head of US Strategy; Karyn Hayes-Ryan said, "Participation by Kleos in the SBIR program is a welcome opportunity for the Company providing access to numerous Department of Defense entities."

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About Kleos Space S.A. (ASX: KSS)

Kleos Space S.A. (ASX issuer code KSS) is a Space enabled, Activity Based Intelligence, Data as a Service company based in Luxembourg. Kleos Space aims to guard borders, protect assets and save lives by delivering activity-based intelligence & geolocation as a service. The first Kleos Space satellite system, known as Kleos Scouting Mission (KSM), will deliver commercially available data and perform as a technology demonstration. KSM will be the keystone for a later global high capacity constellation. The Scouting Mission will deliver targeted daily services with the full constellation delivering near-real-time global observation – www.kleos.space.