The M17 Project

M17 Project
Wojciech Kaczmarski
ul. Partyzantów 16/13
05-100 Nowy Dwór Mazowiecki
Poland
https://m17project.org

November 11, 2020

ATTN: Michelle Thompson
Open Research Institute

Dear ORI,
This is a request for fiscal sponsorship of the M17 Project from Open Research Institute, Inc.

The M17 Project is an open source Amateur Radio community dedicated to the design and implementation of a new digital radio protocol called "M17". Existing digital radio protocols are not compatible with the experimentalist and open source nature of Amateur Radio because they use patent encumbered voice codecs, closed protocols, or proprietary hardware and software designs. These existing protocols and standards are antithetical to the true spirit of Amateur Radio. M17 aims to create an open alternative, and has already made significant strides towards this goal since starting two years ago.

I understand the Open Research Institute is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to open source research and development efforts. The M17 Project would like to apply for funding grants from other 501(c)(3) organizations like Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC) which require fiscal sponsorship to disburse funds.

We would like your sponsorship and any other help you can offer.

Yours,
Wojciech Kaczmarski
M17 Project Founder, Lead

WK/mm/sm