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RE: Letter of Support for Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Todd:

It is beyond easy to write a letter of support for ATAMI's value to Amorphyx. Quite simply, Amorphyx doesn't exist without a resource like ATAMI.

What does that mean? Amorphyx has budgeted out what replacing the ATAMI resource with the company's own laboratory space and equipment would cost. The capital expenditure is more than \$2.5M and the ongoing monthly operating expenses range in the area of \$80-100k.


Amorphyx operates on a monthly budget of about \$100k. That employs about 15 full-time technical staff - mostly new undergrads from OSU's chemical engineering, materials science and electrical engineering programs - and supports over 50 patents in the US, China, South Korea, Japan and Taiwan.

Without ATAMI, we would have to double our monthly opex in addition to coming up with \$2.5M for capital equipment. In today's venture capital environment, materials science and semiconductor technologies have no place; venture capital has no interest in "deep science", "hard technology" or any of the other euphemisms for companies that manufacture physical things using new technologies. National Science Foundation grants are simply too small, take over a year from proposal to award, and have no interest in funding capital equipment at the level Amorphyx requires.

Amorphyx is on the verge of a set of major customer announcements in consumer electronics. The company simply doesn't exist without the equipment and services provided by ATAMI.

In addition, we've worked with yourself and ATAMI for a decade. The quality of the relationship we enjoy with ATAMI could not be higher. We will always maintain a presence at the ATAMI facility.

Kindest regards,



John Brewer
CEO and President