Reference: Review of Grant Application Number 80405S06☐I, "Bandwidth Aware Network Interface Card"

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Dear Dr. Rechenmacher:

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the technical review of Phase I research proposals submitted to the Department of Energy s FY 2006 Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business

Technology Transfer (STTR) Program Funding Opportunity.

The referenced grant application that has been designated for your review may be found at www.science.doe.gov/sbir/grantapp/reviewer_new.htm. In order to access the application, you must enter the following Proposal ID 42b-80405S and your Access ID ron@fnal.gov.

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By proceeding with the review, we will assume that you agree to abide with important notes 1 and 2 listed above.

The SBIR/STTR office greatly appreciates your time and effort in reviewing this application. You are helping us ensure that the funds mandated by law to support SBIR and STTR projects are spent wisely.

Thanks again,

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1) Technical Topic Description
2) Review Form