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Mr. William Burr
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Dear Bill;

With regard to the proposed mode of operation for block ciphers “Format-preserving Feistel-based Encryption Mode” (FFX), Semtek Innovative Solutions Corporation (Semtek) respectfully informs NIST of our United States Patent Application 20090310778: Mueller; Clay von; et al. “Variable-Length Cipher System and Method” Filed June 9, 2009 and published December 17, 2009.

Should a patent be granted to Semtek as a result of the above application and the proposed mode is approved by NIST, and the mode cannot be practiced without the use of the aforementioned patent, Semtek agrees upon request to grant a nonexclusive license under this patent on a nondiscriminatory basis and on reasonable terms and conditions.

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Semtek is pleased to be involved with the NIST modes development process. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate contact me.

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