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Akihiko Kuze
Chair, Working Group on Calibration
and Validation
Committee on Earth Observation Satellites
Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

Dear Kuze san:

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) would like to nominate Mr. Cody Anderson for the role of the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS) Working Group on Calibration and Validation (WGCV) Vice Chair/Chair, beginning in November 2022. The USGS understands the nomination comprises a four-year commitment to support Mr. Anderson as WGCV Vice Chair for two years (commencing at the close of CEOS Plenary in November 2022), followed by a further two years as WGCV Chair (concluding at CEOS Plenary 2026). USGS has a deep and longstanding commitment to WGCV's goals and objectives, and extensive experience successfully chairing and substantively supporting other CEOS working groups.

As WGCV has a cross-cutting role within CEOS, we understand that this commitment would be to support Mr. Anderson's participation in major relevant CEOS meetings (Strategic Implementation Team [SIT], SIT Technical Workshop, and CEOS Plenary) and the meetings of WGCV itself, as well as interaction and support of other CEOS Working Groups and Virtual Constellations. During the two-year term as WGCV Chair, USGS would commit to the provision of the WGCV Secretariat functions.

Mr. Anderson has more than 15 years of experience in calibration and validation of civil and commercial satellite systems. During his career, Mr. Anderson has been a key member of the USGS Landsat Calibration Team, the RapidEye Calibration Team. He currently serves as the lead of the USGS EROS Cal/Val Center of Excellence (ECCOE). Mr. Anderson has worked with U.S. and international partners to support calibration and validation methodologies and standards leading the ECCOE Annual Calibration Workshop, co-leading the Analysis-Ready Data (ARD)/Interoperability Annual Workshops, and being a member of the WGCV Infrared Visible Optical Sensors (IVOS) subgroup, RadCalNet acceptance panel, and CEOS ARD for Land (CARD4L) review panel. Mr. Anderson is the USGS lead for calibration and validation work areas with the Landsat International Cooperators (IC) ground station network, and in bilateral collaboration agreements with other international partners.

We understand that the WGCV nomination will be voted on at the WGCV-51 in October 2022 and presented to CEOS Principals for decision at the 36th CEOS Plenary in November 2022. In conclusion, we thank you for your leadership of the WGCV and reaffirm that we fully support Mr. Anderson as a nominee for WGCV Vice Chair and subsequent Chair.

Sincerely,



Timothy Stryker
USGS Principal to CEOS

cc: Selma Cherchali, CEOS Chair, CNES
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