Subject: Re: IDL Shareware -- Gov't Labs Posted by Andy Loughe on Thu, 13 Jan 2000 08:00:00 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

How would this shareware concept work for those who work in Government Laboratories... can the Gov't cut you a check?

## Struan Gray wrote: Ronn Kling, ronn@rlkling.com writes: > >> So why don't we hear from the rest of the newsgroup on this? > > I think it's a great idea, and would gladly pay shareware-level > fees, especially for things like postscript configuration which are useful and help me write better applications but which are not > directly related to my research and therefore spend their entire life on my back-burner. > My own code is typical research-oriented stuff, blown together in > a hurry for unique occasions. There is little incentive to polish my routines to a level where anyone can use them. Having done it once > for my surface plotting routines (happily - I'm not wingeing) I know > how much work it is and admire people like you and D.F. who do it all > the time. TI tend to end up using and contributing ideas and code snippets rather than finished packages. > That said, if there were a semi-established shareware market for > code I might be tempted to spruce up some stuff for public > consumption. I'd say go for it and see what develops (assuming this fits both your business models). > > Struan Andrew F. Loughe email:loughe@fsl.noaa.gov phone:303-497-6211