Subject: Re: IDL 5.5 jpeg and tiff

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> v5.5 comes with a form to request for JPEG and TIFF support.

That's GIF and TIFF, isn't it? JPEG works fine OOTB.

> Questions:

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> 1) Has anyone find out how much the licensing costs?

Not me. I imagine it would depend on what you were going to do with the images. You have to negotiate with Unisys, not RSI, to get the license. I should think that would be a royal pain.

> 2) Is it worth it?

I very much doubt it.

> 3) Better alternative(s) for achieving the same?

PNG for still images. It's widely supported these days and technically superior to GIF.

For animation there are several alternatives that have been discussed on this group. I like FLC, though it's limited to 8-bit colour.

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