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Subject: Re: gif license

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Stein Vidar Hagfors Haugan <shaugan@esa.nascom.nasa.gov> writes:

> Dennis Boccippio <djboccip@hotmail.com> writes:

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>> Update: we got hit with the \$475 'processing fee' as well (NASA/MSFC

>> for their 'governmental use' agreement) but no other fees.

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> Shouldn't NASA simply pay up \*one time\* for the agreement? Sounds like \$475

> for an agency-wide agreement is not a huge expense. The paperwork involved in

> actually getting it done by NASA might cost two orders of magnitude more,

> however.

If the LZW patent was developed with federal research dollars, then the patent may be available to the US Government royalty-free. Of course it may be against Unisys's interests to tell you that. Or, they may still charge their "processing fee". It keeps the lawyers in employ.

Craig

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