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## **Ridgetop Group Announces Record Five NASA SBIR Contract Wins**

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Ridgetop Group, a Tucson-based developer of advanced prognostic health management and integrated circuit technologies, has been awarded a record five new contracts with the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The five contracts are the highest number of single-period Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) awards in the company's 10-year history.

According to Vice President of Research and Principal Investigator Justin Judkins, Ph.D., who will be heading up a rotorcraft diagnostics project, "This opportunity to develop advanced diagnostic monitoring that can collect and process critical diagnostic data will be very advantageous for manufacturers and operators, and, once integrated, will significantly improve operational safety."

Under the programs, Ridgetop will develop innovative technologies related to aircraft anomaly prognostics, rotorcraft diagnostics, advanced integrated circuits, and advanced electromechanical actuator (EMA) prognostic monitoring for existing and Next Generation systems. The contracting agreements, which are for Phase 1 research and development work that has potential value and application to both NASA and private industry, are valued at roughly \$500K.

"These wins signify not only a strong start for the new year at Ridgetop, but a positive step in the development of revolutionary technologies that will improve safety and operation of today's systems and vehicles," noted Ridgetop Group CEO Douglas Goodman.

### **About Ridgetop Group**

Ridgetop Group Inc. is the world leader in providing advanced electronic prognostics and health management (ePHM) solutions, semiconductor IP blocks, and built-in self-test (BIST) solutions for critical applications. Founded in 2000 with the purpose of introducing revolutionary tools to improve performance of mission-critical electronic systems, Ridgetop has built an impressive list of government and commercial customers in North America, Europe, and Asia.

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