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## **Innovega Awarded National Eye Institute Grant Supplement**

Bellevue, WA, January 30, 2018 — The National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health has awarded [Innovega Inc.](#) a supplement to its previously obtained Small Business Innovative Research Phase I Grant. Innovega is a Washington-based company that earlier won National Science Foundation and Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency grants for the development of stylish, lightweight, wearable display technology with high resolution and a wide field of view.

The supplement supports a project directed to testing the use of the Innovega eMacula™ system with visually impaired subjects. The clinical trials will be conducted in the near future by Dr. Bradley Dougherty at The Ohio State University.

“Innovega selected the first application for the visually impaired to extend the benefits of the wide display field of view delivered by the eMacula system,” says Dr. Jerome Legerton, Innovega Co-founder and Chief Clinical and Regulatory Officer. “The wide field of view from the contact lens-enabled display system is an imperative for providing required magnification of camera video feed and other digital content while maintaining a useful angular content for the visually impaired.”

“The funded clinical research will include comparison of the eMacula system with performance by the subjects with their habitually used low vision aids for driving simulation, reading and mobile phone use,” continued Dr. Legerton. “Results from this clinical research will be used to optimize the system for use in a substantially larger clinical trial in the next phase of the program.”

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### **About Innovega**

Innovega is developing the world’s first human-friendly, panoramic-field-of-view system for augmented reality and virtual reality. Its eMacula™ combination of stylish glasses and smart contact lenses provides the user with a discreet, high performance entertainment and information experience that goes beyond any available system.

The company was co-founded by prominent inventor and optometrist Jerome A. Legerton and Stephen Willey, former CEO of augmented reality pioneer MicroVision. Innovega has been funded by grants from the National Science Foundation, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the National Institutes of Health National Eye Institute and from private investment.

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