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A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)

Dear Colleagues:

The National Science Foundation, the University of Wisconsin System, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee will be holding a one-day workshop on Friday, March 6, 2009 at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. This workshop is primarily designed for researchers and educators less experienced in proposing to the NSF; however, more experienced proposers and NSF grantees may well find the workshop useful and informative. It is our hope that events such as this will stimulate new interest in NSF programs at institutions that have not been among our traditional customers, as well as at premier research institutions. We want to extend an invitation to you and to anyone else at your institution who would like to attend this workshop and learn more about the NSF and its programs.

The workshop will provide an overview of the Foundation, its mission, priorities, and budget. It will cover the NSF proposal and merit review process and NSF programs that cut across disciplines. Additionally, representatives from the seven NSF directorates and the Office of International Science and Engineering will make presentations on their programs and will also be available informally and in breakout sessions for discussions of potential research proposals.

The National Science Foundation is charged with keeping our nation's science and engineering enterprise healthy, dynamic, and relevant and with advancing science, mathematics, engineering, and technology education at all levels from pre-K through postdoctoral.

The workshop will be held at Lubar Hall, 3202 North Maryland Avenue, Milwaukee. There is no registration fee; however, **preregistration is required. Please register by Friday, February 27, 2009.** A registration form is attached. You can register through the UWM NSF Day web site at <http://www.graduateschool.uwm.edu/research/researcher-central/workshops/nsf/>, by sending the requested information by email to gwilson@nsf.gov, or by faxing or mailing the registration as indicated on the form. **Registration is limited, so please register early.** We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,



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