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Title: Division of Ocean Sciences  
Division Director  
Employment Opportunities--Dear Colleague Letter

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Dear Colleague:

We are currently seeking candidates for the key leadership position of Division Director in Ocean Sciences. In the past five years, the ocean sciences have made exciting new discoveries and garnered increasing public awareness and support. The opportunities for the next five to ten years hold great promise. The Division of Ocean Sciences (OCE) supports basic research to further understanding of all aspects of the global oceans and their interactions with the earth and the atmosphere and is a key player in developing policy and future research agendas.

The disciplinary research programs, facilities, technology and education programs and administrative and technical support in the Division enable growth in the fields they support. OCE supports projects dealing with disciplinary studies of biological, geological, physical, and chemical processes in the ocean and ocean technology. The Division also supports the operation, acquisition, construction, and conversion of major shared-use oceanographic facilities needed to carry out oceanographic-related research programs, including projects funded from the Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction (MREFC) account. Information about the Division's mission and programs is provided on its Home Page at (<http://www.geo.nsf.gov/oce/start.htm>).

The Directorate for Geosciences is seeking your assistance in identifying candidates for the position of Division Director in the Division of Ocean Sciences. Employment for this Senior Executive Service (SES) position may be on a temporary or permanent basis in the Federal service. Alternatively, the selectee may be assigned under Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) provisions.

We look forward to any help you may be able to offer in this search for candidates with vision and outstanding leadership qualities involving research and education in the ocean sciences. We are especially interested in identifying women, members of minority groups and persons with disabilities for consideration.

The vacancy announcements, which include information about appointment options as well as the qualification requirements and application procedures can be accessed electronically at <http://www.nsf.gov/oirm/hrm/jobs/start.htm>. Mr. Hugh Sullivan (703-292-8755) is the point of contact in the Division of Human Resource Management (HRM). Hearing impaired applicants may call NSF's TDD line at 703-292-8044. Dr. Clifford Jacobs, Section Head in the Division of Atmospheric Sciences, is chairing the search committee and can be reached at 703-292-8521. Application materials are due in NSF's HRM Division by May 24, 2005.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

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