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Title: The Directorate for Engineering
Program Director for Diversity for Engineering
Employment Opportunity - Dear Colleague Letter

Dear Colleague:

The Directorate for Engineering (ENG) announces a nationwide search for a Program Director for Diversity and Outreach for Engineering from January 30, through April 1, 2008. This position is being offered on an Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA).

The Program Director for Diversity and Outreach provides leadership and direction in the area of broadening participation and workforce development within engineering. The ENG Directorate supports research in the following major program areas: chemical, biological environmental and transport systems; civil mechanical and manufacturing innovation, electrical and communications systems; engineering education and centers, and industrial innovation and partnerships.

The Program Director for Diversity and Outreach would serve as a principle member of the ENG management team responsible for visioning ways to accomplish NSF's strategic goals as it relates to increasing participation of underrepresented groups in the engineering community. The incumbent also serves as coordinator and leader of Directorate-wide activities focused on increasing representation within the Directorate and on expanding and creating new outreach opportunities.

Qualification requirements include a Ph.D. or equivalent professional experience in an engineering discipline, plus six or more years of successful research, research administration and/or substantial managerial experience in academe, industry, or government. In particular, it is desirable for the candidate to have a minimum of two years experience in running a proposal-driven competitive grants program. Also desirable is knowledge of the general scientific community, skill in written communication and preparation of technical reports, an ability to communicate orally, and several years of successful independent research of the kind normally expected of the academic rank of associate professor or higher. All appointees are expected to

function effectively both within specific programs, as well as in a team mode, contributing to and coordinating with organizations in the Directorate, across the Foundation, and with other Federal and State government agencies and private-sector organizations. Periodic assignments to leadership of interdivisional, inter-directorate and interagency initiatives may be made.

Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) Assignment. Individuals eligible for an IPA assignment with a Federal agency include employees of State and local government agencies or institutions of higher education, Indian tribal governments, and other eligible organizations in instances where such assignments would be of mutual benefit to the organizations involved. Initial assignments under IPA provisions may be made for a period of up to two years, with a possible extension for up to an additional two-year period. The individual remains an employee of the home institution and NSF provides funding toward the assignee's salary and benefits. Initial IPA assignments are made for a one-year period and may be extended by mutual agreement.

For additional information regarding IPA assignments visit our website at http://www.nsf.gov/about/career_opps/rotators/ipa.jsp

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