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**Dear Colleague Letter to Polar Research Community concerning the
"Cyber-enabled Discovery and Innovation (CDI)" solicitation**

Preliminary proposal deadlines:

- *Type I:* December 8, 2008
- *Type II:* December 9, 2008

Dear Colleagues:

I would like to call your particular attention to the new "Cyber-enabled Discovery and Innovation (CDI)" proposal solicitation, which has just been announced.

It is available at: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf08604

CDI seeks ambitious, transformative, multidisciplinary research proposals that utilize computational thinking within or across the following three thematic areas:

1. From Data to Knowledge: enhancing human cognition and generating new knowledge from a wealth of heterogeneous digital data;
2. Understanding Complexity in Natural, Built, and Social Systems: deriving fundamental insights on systems comprising multiple interacting elements; and
3. Building Virtual Organizations: enhancing discovery and innovation by bringing people and resources together across institutional, geographical and cultural boundaries.

Some highlights of the changes since last year's solicitation are:

- Letter of Intent is no longer required or accepted
- Preliminary and full proposal deadlines were revised:

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Full Proposal Deadline (by invitation only): May 20, 2009

- The description of the theme "Designing, Building, and Understanding Virtual Organizations" has been revised.
- Changes in preliminary and full proposal preparation instructions, under single copy documents:

PIs are required to send by e-mail two Excel files: one file with list of PIs, Co-PIs, and other senior personnel and their conflicts of interest (CoI), and another file indicating primary and other relevant CDI themes, and keywords relevant to the proposal; both Excel files are to use templates made available through NSF CDI web site; keywords should be selected from the CDI keyword list provided on <http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/cdi/> or of the PI's own choosing;

the Excel files are to be e-mailed to cdi@nsf.gov. PIs are to include a PDF file of the Col information as a single-copy document in the preliminary or full proposal itself.

If you have any questions, you can reach us at dlubin@nsf.gov (703-292-8030) or cdi@nsf.gov (703-292-8080).

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