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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to welcome you to the upcoming virtual meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Sciences Directorate Advisory Committee (MPSAC), scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, January 23rd. The agenda is posted on the [MPSAC website](#), and a copy accompanies this letter.

Once again, the agenda focuses on materials posted for your pre-meeting review, reinforcing our plans for the AC to provide the Directorate with advice from the community. I look forward to our discussions, some of which I preview here.

- NSF/MPS Budget: The FY 2015 Budget was approved, and the MPS budget is consistent with the requested amount.
- Staffing: We welcome Linda Sapochak as the Deputy Division Director for Material Research and Carol Bessel as Acting Deputy Division Director for Chemistry.
- Agenda:
 - Report: We will hear the report from the MPSAC subcommittee on the NSF Response to the P5 Report on Particle Physics.
 - Updates: We will hear several updates including Public/Private Partnerships and several NSF-wide advisory committees.

Eduardo Misawa is the liaison for the MPSAC. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact him at 703-292-5353 or at emisawa@nsf.gov. Sara Dwyer has sent you information concerning logistical arrangements for participating in the meeting, including registration (which you must complete for each day in order to receive payment). You may reach Sara at 703-292-4934 or at sdwyer@nsf.gov.

Please see the accompanying email message for more detailed instructions, including those for remote participation. You may contact Keith Bennett (kebennett@nsf.gov; 703-292-8802) if you need technical assistance.

I look forward to a productive meeting later this month.

Sincerely,

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