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Dear Colleague:

The Directorate for Engineering (ENG) announces a nationwide search for a number of Program Director positions at the National Science Foundation (NSF).

NSF Program Directors bear the primary responsibility for carrying out the Agency's overall mission: to support innovative and merit-reviewed activities in research and education that are fundamental to the nation's capacity to perform. To discharge this responsibility well requires not only domain knowledge in the appropriate disciplines, but also a commitment to high standards, a considerable breadth of interest and receptivity to new ideas, a strong sense of fairness, and a high degree personal integrity.

A Ph.D. or equivalent professional experience; and at least six years of a successful research and education career in academe, industry, or government; and substantial management expertise are essential. All appointees are expected to function both within specific program boundaries, as well as in a team mode, contributing to and coordinating with virtual organizations in the Directorate, across the Foundation, and with other Federal and State government agencies and private-sector organizations as necessary. Periodic appointments to leadership of interdivisional, inter-directorate and interagency programs may be made. We are particularly interested in attracting women and under-represented minority candidates to these positions.

Program Directors recruited under this announcement will be appointed either as temporary government employees, or on temporary assignment from a research or education institution under the Intergovernmental Personnel Assignment (IPA) Act. The specific arrangement will be decided on an individual basis.

In addition to addressing current openings, our intention is to develop a candidate pool for consideration as other Program Director openings become available in ENG. I ask your assistance in conveying this information to those of your colleagues who, in your judgment, have a compelling interest in the opportunities facing engineering education and research, would make a strong contribution to the work of the Directorate, and could meet the stimulating challenges of an appointment with the Foundation.

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The anticipated Program Director needs of each division are detailed and regularly updated on the NSF website <http://www.eng.nsf.gov/JobOpportunities/> Applications, nominations, and questions concerning anticipated Program Director positions should be directed to relevant divisional members of the Personnel Search Committee (same address; room numbers below):

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Formal consideration of applications will commence immediately and will continue until successful candidates have been identified.

Sincerely,

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