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Title: Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences
Division Director
Employment Opportunities--Dear Colleague Letter

Date: August 18, 2005

Dear Colleague:

I am seeking your assistance in identifying potential candidates for the position of Division Director for Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS).

The Division Director, a key member of the SBE Directorate leadership team, provides leadership and direction for the support of research and education activities that develop and advance scientific knowledge focusing on human cognition, language, social behavior and culture, as well as research on the interactions between human societies and the physical environment. The Division Director provides overall direction and management to a division that includes a staff of approximately 20 employees and a FY 2005 budget of about \$76 million. Information about the BCS Division's mission and programs is provided on its Home Page (<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/bcs>).

I look forward to any help you may be able to offer in this search for candidates for this key NSF position. Employment for this Senior Executive Service (SES) position may be on a permanent or temporary basis in the Federal service. Alternatively, the selectee may be assigned under Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) provisions.

I am enclosing a copy of the position announcement, which includes information about appointment options as well as qualification requirements and application procedures. The announcement may also be accessed electronically at <http://www.nsf.gov/oirm/hrm/jobs/start.htm>. NSF Division of Human Resource Management (HRM) is assisting me in this outreach. Hugh Sullivan (hsulliva@nsf.gov; 703-292-4376) is the point of contact in the HRM Division. The application deadline is October 14, 2005.

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

Sincerely,

David W. Lightfoot
Assistant Director

Enclosures

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