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Dear Colleagues,

I'm writing to inform you that the National Science Foundation Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (NSF/SBE) Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for November 14-15, 2013 has been cancelled. As you probably know, NSF has just resumed operations following a 17-day, partial government shut-down, during which the vast majority of staff were furloughed. The agency's focus right now is on re-establishing core functions, such as receiving, reviewing and awarding/declining proposals, as well as oversight and management of existing awards. As a result, with rare exception, all Advisory Committee (AC) meetings are cancelled through December.

Please go ahead and cancel all travel/hotel arrangements you have made to attend the November SBE AC meeting. I encourage the various AC Subcommittees to continue your efforts and look forward to hearing from you at our next in-person meeting. We will be in touch with you shortly about completing any time-sensitive business via teleconference or email, and about scheduling the spring 2014 meeting.

I know that the November, 2013 meeting was to be the last one for several of you who are completing your term of service on the AC. I welcome any of you who were scheduled to rotate off the AC to remain on through the spring, 2014 meeting. Please let me know as soon as possible if you're interested in doing so.

Finally, I wish to apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. SBE values your service tremendously, and I look forward to seeing you at our next in-person meeting.

Sincerely,

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