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MEMORANDUM:

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Subject: Federal Government Shutdown due to Absence of Appropriations

This memorandum provides notification that the continuing resolution providing appropriations under which the National Science Foundation (NSF) has been operating expired September 30, 2013. Effective October 1, 2013, there are no longer appropriations supporting NSF. Consequently, NSF will shut down its operations with limited exemptions for specifically excepted activities.

Recipients may continue to perform under their cooperative agreements for work where sufficient funds were obligated prior to the funding hiatus, and performance does not require Government support, including quality assurance oversight or other actions required of NSF staff. Please note that you will not be able to draw down on these monies during the funding hiatus. Additionally, the absence of NSF personnel to process administrative actions or provide needed authorizations during this hiatus does not constitute agency approval of any pending action.

For Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction (MREFC) activities, even if funds are available, recipients may continue work only through the next full monthly reporting period, not to exceed 30 days, but must not enter into any subcontracts, or other like arrangements, that require NSF prior approval. Recipients must minimize expenditures while taking such steps to orderly suspend these activities at the end of the monthly reporting period in a manner that does not threaten the safety of human life or the protection of property.

In all cases, recipients must take appropriate steps to ensure that property and equipment acquired in whole or in part with Federal Funds are protected and otherwise secured from harm during the funding hiatus.

Please be aware that, except as noted herein, NSF personnel will not be available to respond to e-mails or phone calls during the funding hiatus, but will respond to your inquiries as soon as practicable after normal operations resume. NSF is committed to minimizing the negative impacts this disruption may have on the science and engineering enterprise and, as necessary, will issue follow-on guidance after the funding hiatus ends. In the event that an emergency situation arises that endangers life or property, please contact Bart Bridwell, Chief, Cooperative Support Branch, by telephone at (703) 292-4593 or by e-mail at bbridwel@nsf.gov, or Tim Kashmer, Grants & Agreements Officer, by telephone at (703) 292-4818 or by e-mail at tkashmer@nsf.gov. Responses will not be provided in nonemergency situations.

The direction in this memorandum remains effective until an appropriation authorizing NSF to operate is signed by the President at which time this direction is rescinded.