Esteemed Colleague,

Program Directors in the Biology Directorate at the National Science Foundation and Arizona State University are planning a workshop specifically for relevant faculty members in and near the South Texas area. The goal of the workshop is to describe NSF funding opportunities and to facilitate the submission of research proposals for the faculty participants. Program directors will provide up-to-date information about specific programs and answer questions. The workshop will be held at The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College campus beginning at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 2nd. Breakout sessions are scheduled for the afternoon for participants to discuss individual interests with program directors from all four divisions within the Directorate. A map of the campus and additional information can be found here. We hope that you can participate. Please indicate your intent to attend the workshop by completing the registration form at UTB/TSC NSF Registration Page and returning it to by July 1, 2011. We look forward to your participation.

Selected participants will be awarded travel expenses covered through a travel grant from {**Arizona State University**}.

Please provide the name, job title, department, college/university, contact information (including daytime telephone number, email address, as well as postal mailing address), and a short (two sentences) description of your research interests. We apologize for the short notice, but we request that this information be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than {set date}. Registrations should be sent via email to <u>research@utb.edu</u>. Your support of this effort to broaden the participation of BIO investigators is greatly appreciated

Workshop Schedule

8:30 am Reception/Registration 9:00 am Welcome: Presentation: Background to NSF Opportunities and Programs within Biological Sciences

10:30 am Break
11:00 am Grantsmanship 101
12:00 Noon Lunch
1:30 pm Breakout Sessions with Program Directors
Division of Biological Infrastructure
Division of Environmental Biology
Integrative Organismal Systems
Molecular and Cellular Biosciences

3:30 pm Break 4:00 pm Presentation: Proposal Review at NSF

Please feel free to circulate this to other interested parties. If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the UTB/TSC Office of the Vice President for Research at (956) 882-7676 or via e-mail at research@utb.edu .