Dear Colleague:

We are initiating a national search for the National Science Foundation’s Assistant Director for Mathematical and Physical Sciences (MPS) and seek your assistance in the identification of candidates. Dr. Fleming Crim has served in this position, with distinction, since January 2013.

The Assistant Director, MPS, leads a directorate comprised of five divisions — Astronomical Sciences (AST), Chemistry (CHE), Materials Research (DMR), Mathematical Sciences (DMS), Physics (PHY) — and the Office of Multidisciplinary Activities (OMA). An information sheet summarizing the directorate's activities and the responsibilities of the position, together with the criteria that will be used in the search, is available at http://www.nsf.gov/od/searches/mps-160307/nsf_ad_mps_search_letter.jsp.

We are very pleased to announce that Dr. Saul Perlmutter, Franklin W. and Karen Weber Dabby Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, will head the search committee. We seek your help in identifying candidates with the following qualifications: outstanding leadership; a deep sense of scholarship; a grasp of the issues facing the mathematical and physical sciences in the areas of research and education; experience developing and overseeing complex scientific facilities; and the ability to serve effectively as a key member of the NSF management team. Recommendations of individuals from any sector — academic, industry, or government — are welcome. The National Science Foundation is an equal opportunity employer committed to employing a highly qualified staff that reflects the diversity of our nation.

Please send your recommendations, including any supporting information that you can provide, to the AD/MPS Search Committee via e mail (mpssrch@nsf.gov) or at the following address: National Science Foundation, Office of the Director, Suite 1205, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. We would appreciate receiving your recommendations by May 13, 2016.

Your assistance in this very important task is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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