FYI – The information below has been provided to chairs and deans in the College of Engineering.

Subject: Change in deadlines for Core NSF Programs

Good morning,

Please share the following information with the faculty in your areas.

Beginning August 15, 2018, all <u>core programs</u> in the National Science Foundation Directorate for Engineering (ENG) will accept proposals at any time throughout the year. There will no longer be any restriction on when an <u>unsolicited proposal</u> can be submitted for consideration to the <u>core programs</u>. A list of core programs can be found on pages 2 and 3 of the attached FAQs document (nsf18083.pdf). By accepting proposals at any time, ENG is affording more time to prepare proposals, build strong collaborations, and to think more creatively without the pressure of a deadline. It is hoped that spreading proposal submissions more evenly over the year might also reduce the burden on principal investigators (PIs), reviewers, and proposing organizations. **Note** that the change to no deadlines <u>does not apply to solicitations</u> such as CAREER, Engineering Research Centers, Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer, etc.

I encourage you to review the attached Dear Colleague Letter (nsf18082.pdf) that was released in June announcing the change and the full FAQs document (nsf18083.pdf) that provides additional details.

Please note that our office will continue to enforce the 24 hour deadline as we are not able to receive and submit proposals on the same day. Therefore, FastLane proposal packages <u>must be released</u> to our office and a signed Proposal Endorsement Form (PEF) received at least 24 hours prior to when you plan to submit.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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