Dear Colleagues,

I have recently been asked to serve on the National AI Research Resource <u>Task Force</u>, a Federal Advisory Committee that is mandated by Congress to study the feasibility of and develop a roadmap for a <u>National AI Research Resource</u>. This resource is envisioned as a cyberinfrastructure that would democratize access to an advanced computing ecosystem, host data sets and educational tools, and provide user support mechanisms.

Such a capability would lower the barrier to entry to AI research for communities, institutions, and regions that have been traditionally underserved, and set us on a path to transform our Nation's ability to leverage AI across fields of science and engineering and economic sectors.

To gather the input of the AI community on this important work, the Task Force co-chairs have just released a public <u>Request For Information</u> (RFI) on the development of the implementation plan. As a Chief Research Officer at one of our National Laboratories, I respectfully request that you consider distributing this RFI across your institution and encouraging comment. Please follow the instructions in the RFI for submitting input.

I believe this is a crucially important effort, and that our work will be stronger though the advice and expertise from AI community. With some of the most innovative AI researchers residing at the Labs, I am eager to hear the viewpoints that are shared. Please note that the deadline for comments is September 1st.

Best,

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