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Message to all NSF Facility Awardees

On behalf of all of us here at the National Science Foundation (NSF), I want to thank you for the great work you have done and continue to do in supporting the NSF mission and our research community. Facilities are extremely important components of our nation's research enterprise, as I know firsthand through decades of my own research in weather, in working with NSF, and in serving on the NSB. Please know we greatly appreciate your efforts and the priority you place on the safety and security of your staff and facilities!

We have been working diligently to keep our program officers and the community updated on developments related to our COVID-19 planning as information becomes available. We also have attempted to provide facilities with maximum flexibility in interpreting guidance received from the Office of Management and Budget (see NSF Interpretation of OMB Memorandum M-20-17, available at the NSF web site). This is especially important because each facility is unique and has needs specific to it.

I know these are difficult times, but we are with you every step of the way and look forward to the time in the future when you can fully execute your exciting science programs. In the meantime, if you need anything at all, please do not hesitate to reach out.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelvin K. Droegemeier', is positioned above the printed name.

Kelvin K. Droegemeier
Director (Acting)