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To: **Professor Geoffrey C. Fox,**
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Dear Professor Fox:

We are pleased to support your proposal, "Earthquakes, Tsunamis, and the International Solid Earth Research Virtual Observatory (iSERVO)", which is being submitted to the US National Science Foundation's Partnerships for International Research and Education program (www.nsf.gov/pubs/2005/nsf05533/nsf05533.pdf). This effort addresses critical research on issues of societal importance involving earthquakes and tsunamis, and is of great interest to us. As part of our commitment to the iSERVO effort we will:

- Install an iSERVO compatible node;
- Participate in geoscience research;
- Help developing the iSERVO framework compatible with our national computer infrastructure;
- Participate in the visiting scholars program through exchange of students and scientists;
- Participate in developing and using new curricula;
- Participate in workshops, meetings, etc.

We wish you the best of luck with your proposal and hope that, if accepted, it will bring progress to better understanding of seismic phenomena as well as to disaster reduction.

Yours Sincerely,

Professor Alexandre A. Soloviev, Director

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