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Dear Professor Fox,

I am very happy to know about your proposal and pleased to support that, “*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. I believe that this effort addresses critical research on issues of societal importance involving earthquakes and tsunamis to the public in Taiwan, and is also of great interest to the scientific community of Earth Sciences in Taiwan.

As part of our commitment to the iSERVO effort we will contribute data, software, and computer cycles for participating in geoscience research. We would also like to install an iSERVO compatible node on our campus of National Central University (NCU) and work with you on developing the iSERVO framework compatible with our national cyberinfrastructure. The NCU had built its Grid Computing Center with the Sun Microsystems in 2004, therefore involving in the iSERVO framework will be absolutely a good opportunity to improve our performance. In the near future, we are also very happy to participate in the exchange program of visiting scholars for the students and the scientists between our campuses, to participate in workshops, meetings and conferences, as well as to help developing and using new curricula for the iSERVO.

We wish you the best of luck with your proposal. And, glad to be involved in the iSERVO.

Sincerely yours,



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