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Dear Professor Fox –

I am delighted 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 into issues of societal and geopolitical importance related to earthquakes and tsunamis. This research and its application to natural hazard and earthquake physics are of particular interest to me.

As part of the commitment by UWO to the iSERVO effort, we will:

1. Install an iSERVO compatible node;
2. Participate in a range of geoscience research, in particular as it relates to those areas discussed above;
3. Work with you to develop an iSERVO framework compatible with our national cyberinfrastructure;
4. Participate in the visiting scholars program through the exchange of students and researchers between our campuses;
5. Participate in the development and implementation of new curricula;
6. Participate in workshops, meetings, and other venues for collaborative information exchange;
7. Contribute data, software, and computer cycles to the iSERVO effort.

We wish you the best of luck in your proposal, and look forward with excitement to a productive and rewarding collaboration.

Sincerely,

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