Dear Colleagues:

The deadline(s) for submission of CAREER applications via the NSF FastLane is approaching. NSF will continue the process of staggering the deadlines over 3 days as follows:

July 22, 2003-July 20, 2004
   Biological Sciences (BIO)
   Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE)
   Education and Human Resources (EHR)

July 23, 2003-July 21, 2004
   Engineering (ENG)

July 24, 2003-July 22, 2004
   Geosciences (GEO)
   Mathematical and Physical Sciences (MPS)
   Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE)
   Office of Polar Programs (OPP)

While NSF has staggered the dates to try to cut down on bandwidth problems and slow server speeds on these deadlines, we still have experienced problems submitting these proposals on the actual due dates due to problems accessing the FastLane system.

We need your help if you are planning to submit a proposal for this program. Please contract your SPAR administrator as soon as possible and tell him/her of your pending proposal. Also, please do not wait until the last date to complete your submission, if possible. Your assistance in getting your proposal to us early will help SPAR insure that your proposal meets the NSF deadlines.

Thanks for your help.

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