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ANNOUNCEMENT OF FALL TARGET DATE
FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS
Division of Physics

The target date for proposal submissions to the Division of Physics that are competing for FY 2004¹ funds is **September 24, 2003**. For subsequent years, the Target Date for submission of proposals to the Division of Physics will be the last Wednesday in September each year. The Division entertains submissions in the following areas:

Atomic, Molecular, Optical, and Plasma Physics

Biological Physics

Elementary Particle Physics

Gravitational Physics and LIGO

Education and Interdisciplinary Research

Nuclear Physics

Nuclear and Particle Astrophysics

Physics at the Information Frontier

Theoretical Physics

Proposals that miss the target date will be handled as time permits. Significant delays in submissions will prohibit inclusion of the proposal within the group reviews for the program as a whole, and this may necessitate postponement of the review process until the following fiscal year. We also ask that you not submit proposals any earlier than one month before the appropriate target date, unless approved by the cognizant Program Director.

The above date does not apply to proposals sent to the Physics Division in response to Foundation-wide solicitations, such as the Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) or Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) programs. These programs have specified target or deadline dates contained in their program announcements. Demonstrably multidisciplinary proposals sent to the Physics Division, which are likely to be jointly reviewed with other programs within the Foundation, may be impacted by

different target dates for the different programs involved. If you are contemplating submitting such a proposal, you should contact the relevant Program Director in the Physics Division before submission.

Proposals submitted in response to this announcement are required to be prepared and submitted in accordance with the general guidelines contained in the NSF Grant Proposal Guide (GPG). The complete text of the GPG (including forms) is available electronically on the NSF Web Site at:

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2003/nsf03041/start.htm>

There are two general merit review criteria approved by the National Science Board (NSB) and listed in the GPG: (1) the intellectual merit of the proposed activity, and (2) the broader impacts resulting from the proposed activity. All proposals must separately address both of the merit review criteria in the Project Summary and should describe the broader impacts as an integral part of the narrative in the Project Description. Generally, even the most fundamental research has educational and/or potential long-range impact on another field, on technology, or on society in some way. Examples illustrating activities likely to demonstrate broader impacts are available electronically on the NSF Website at

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2002/nsf022/bicexamples.pdf> The Division of Physics emphasizes the importance of thinking about and communicating these connections. Please note that this is not a shift in the priorities or strategic vision of the Division. It is rather a call for greater effort in expressing the broader context of our work.

All proposals are required to be submitted using the FastLane system. Information concerning the use of FastLane is located on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov>.

Sincerely,

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Director
Division of Physics

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