TO: Technical Monitors

In order to comply with Section 205, "Recommendation for Acceptance of Unsolicited Proposal" of the NASA Grant Handbook NHB 5800.1, where it is known that a grant will be used as the research instrument to support an unsolicited proposal, a "Recommendation for Acceptance of Unsolicited Proposal" shall be prepared by the Technical Monitor and shall include findings set forth in (1) or (2) below:

(1) The grant will provide support to an educational institution for the development or improvement of that institution's capability to contribute to the national aeronautical and space program; the contemplated work consists of basic scientific research; and the proposal was selected on the basis of its overall merit, cost, and contribution to NASA program objectives.

(2) The grant is for basic scientific research at a nonprofit institution of higher education or at a nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is the conduct of scientific research; and the proposal was selected on the basis of its overall merit, cost, and contribution to NASA program objectives.

In addition, the "Recommendation" shall include the facts and circumstances that support the proposed action. The following illustrations represent factors which should be considered, as appropriate, in preparing the "Recommendation":

(i) The scientific/technical merits of the unsolicited proposal and its potential contribution to NASA's program objectives;

(ii) The qualifications, capabilities and related experience of the submitting institution, principal investigator and/or key personnel; and

(iii) Unique facilities, instrumentation or techniques.

A sentence or two should be sufficient and may be included under Section 10 (comments) of the evaluation Form 884.

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