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Dr. Rita R. Colwell, Director
The National Science Foundation
4201 Wilson Boulevard
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Dear Dr. Colwell,

This letter is in support of the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) Computer Science Department's proposal to the National Science Foundation titled, "Infrastructure for Research on Heterogeneous Network Computing."

The Plano Fire Department has had a close working relationship with the University of Texas at Dallas on the E-Plan project since its inception. Plano is a pilot site for the E-Plan system and we can clearly see its benefit to our fire fighters and emergency responders. Access to the E-Plan system from various types of access devices and over networks of various capabilities is very important for the usability of the system, as are the issues relating to high-availability, reliability, and security of the system. Thus, we are highly supportive of the networking research being proposed by the UTD Computer Science Department. We will be happy to participate in any experiments that will be needed to make the E-plan system more robust, usable, and secure. We will also be happy to help in evaluating any new technologies for emergency preparedness that will be produced in this project.

We look forward to working with the UTD Computer Science Department in this and other projects.

Sincerely,

William Peterson

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