

Dear Pushpa and Geoff

I am glad to see these guidelines.

I must say that the activity of our SCIC panel on the Digital Divide, and both following and shaping advanced technologies, have been very valuable over the last many years, but it took a great deal of leveraged effort from my engineering teams. These days, funding agencies are more strict about the in-scope use of funds, rather than allowing much "synergistic activity" to fulfill a bigger mission such as that of the SCIC.

It therefore remains that we would need some support, in the form of half-time secretarial/administrative to contact all the organizations, communicate and get candidates lined up etc. to refresh and review our representation and structure.

In order to again produce a large report on the status and outlook for networking and computing in the several world regions, in many countries, and across the Atlantic and Pacific would, combined with the above, take perhaps 1 FTE of support.

The networking and computing issues between now and the HL LHC era will only grow, and the needs versus trends trajectory is a concern that requires broad attention, and is already recognized in some major agencies such as the US DOE. Indeed the fact that the technical and Digital Divide issues are in no way lessened but rather heightened in some aspects over the last 3 years, has made this a rising concern for the whole community. So it is clear that the work of our Panel must continue.

I am therefore writing to request your help and advice in these matters, and to find suitable sources of support.

Best regards  
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