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National Science Foundation Director, Office of Integrative Activities 4201 Wilson Boulevard Arlington, Virginia 22230

Dear Dr. Pitts:

Myricom, Inc., enthusiastically endorses the CGrADS project as an effort that will have a significant and positive impact on the progress of computer and computational science. The research objectives of the CGrADS will help in the development of standards for distributed and cluster-based computing. The development of such standards are critical for the field.

The project leaders are an impressive team of world-class researchers whose long-term commitments to distributed computing are legend. The success of the CGrADS project seems to me to be almost a foregone conclusion.

Myricom has benefited from on-going relationships with several of the partners in the CGrADS project. We were pleased to be asked to join the effort on this proposed NSF Science and Technology Center. We are already contributing people, equipment, and funding in the pursuit of distributed-computing research with colleagues at the University of Tennessee, and expect this relationship to expand and to continue for the duration of the project and beyond.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Seitz, Ph.D.

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President & CEO