



March 31, 2005

MEMORANDUM TO THE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: Solicitation of Public Comments on a Draft National Science Board Report

The National Science Board (NSB, the Board) invites public comments on the draft report, *Long-Lived Digital Data Collections: Enabling Research and Education in the 21st Century* ([NSB-05-40](#)).

The draft report may be viewed and downloaded from the NSB Web site (http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2005/LLDDC_draftreport.pdf). The draft report provides the findings and recommendations of the Board on Long-Lived Digital Data Collections. The report arises from the recognition by the Board of the growing importance of digital data collections in research and education and their potential for broadening participation at all levels. It is intended by the Board as a first step in undertaking a broader discussion of the issues.

The Board plans to discuss public comments and revisions to this document in May 2005. Comments should be addressed to NSBExecOfficer@nsf.gov by May 1, 2005.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren M. Washington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Warren M. Washington
Chairman