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Dear Colleague:

This past February, the Chemistry Committee of Visitors recommended that the Division of Chemistry develop strategic directions to guide our service to the community and to the nation over the next five years. This report to the Mathematical and Physical Sciences Advisory Committee (MPS-AC) is available at http://www.nsf.gov/mps/advisory/covdocs/CHEcov_07.pdf. We view the Committee of Visitors report as the first input to this important process.

In August 2007, we held a Town Hall at the National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Boston, and collected comments from the community. In addition, this website (<http://www.nsf.gov/mps/che/survey/index.cfm>) gives another opportunity for the Chemistry Community to provide input to us. NSF's strategic plan addresses priorities in discovery, learning, research infrastructure, and stewardship. We need your insights into the Division of Chemistry's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and barriers to fully meeting these goals. I hope you will give the issues some thought, discuss them with your colleagues, and enter your comments here. We assure you that all comments will be carefully considered.

Please answer as many of the survey questions as you like. Please note that your responses can not be saved for completion at a later date. However, you may submit responses as many times as you want during the open period. To take the survey, please click here: <http://www.nsf.gov/mps/che/survey/index.cfm>

Please be aware that comments submitted, and your name, if provided, may be made public. However, signing your name is optional. You may comment without identifying yourself. **This website will be open for comments until DECEMBER 31, 2007. Comments received by December 21, 2007 will be most useful.** We plan to distill the comments, identify critical issues and address goals and objectives in a report to the MPS-AC. This report will be posted for public comment in early 2008 before being finalized.

If you wish, you may also send input to chemplans@nsf.gov.

Thank you in advance for your concern and your ideas.

Sincerely,

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