I would like to request your assistance in assuring both the prompt utilization of money awarded to you and billing to NASA by your institution. Please help us to reduce "uncosted carryover" (i.e., funding for which no invoice has been received by the end of the fiscal year) by not allowing large, unspent balances to accumulate from one fiscal year to the next. If unexpected circumstances force you to alter the actual spending rate appreciably from that in your accepted budget plan, please contact your program scientist to discuss a possible re-phasing of the award. If your records show that large unspent balances are building up under your task in a given fiscal year, we will have to consider reducing your support commensurately in the subsequent fiscal year.

I would also like to re-emphasize the need for your help communicating the results of the project to the state, local, regional and tribal government community that could benefit from the application. The objectives of the BAA are to generate applications supported by the user organization, or other non-NASA source, and to disseminate the application, where feasible and practical, to the user community. We seek your cooperation in informing us of significant accomplishments in the project and working with us to "spread the word." The project manager at Stennis will be the key person for you to work with in this regard.

If you have any questions regarding the disposition of your proposal or the review process, prior to contact from the Applications Directorate at Stennis, please contact Dr. Nathan Sovik at (228) 688-7355; Nathan.Sovik@ssc.nasa.gov.

The names of all the Principal Investigators and titles of proposals selected for funding by NASA will be posted on the Office of Earth Science Web site located at:

http://research.hq.nasa.gov/index.cfm/

I congratulate you on your successful proposal and I look forward to keeping abreast of your specific accomplishments under NASA's Broad Agency Announcement.

Sincerely,

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