

Dr. E. Julius Dasch
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Washington, DC 20546

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Dear Dr. Dasch:

I am pleased to submit the enclosed proposal package from South Dakota in response to the NASA-EPSCoR 2000 Program Announcement. The title of our proposal is "The Use of Remote Sensing for Monitoring, Prediction, and Management of Hydrologic, Agricultural, and Ecological Processes in the Northern Great Plains". As specified in the NASA Program Announcement, the South Dakota proposal package consists of a separate program plan proposal and three research proposals.

South Dakota is eager to join the states that participate in the NASA-EPSCoR Program. I believe that the submitted proposal package describes a meritorious, integrated plan that is aligned with NASA priorities and State capabilities. Consequently, I look forward to the assessment of the proposals by the merit review process and a potential award that will allow South Dakota to further strengthen its research capacity in earth system science.

Sincerely,

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Dean of Graduate Education & Sponsored Programs