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February 24, 2006

Dr. Arden L. Bement, Jr.
Director
The National Science Foundation
4201 Wilson Boulevard
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Dear Director Bement:

Last October I asked you whether the National Science Foundation (NSF) planned to open a Cooperative Agreement to manage and operate the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) to competition when the current Agreement expires in 2008. You responded that NSF intends to compete this Agreement and that you expected to issue the first formal competition announcement early in 2006. Please provide me with a copy of this announcement when it is issued as well as subsequent notices regarding this specific competition.

Additionally, as you are aware, climate change comprises one of the many issues under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW). As the Committee's Chairman, I am examining the roles that the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) and the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR) play in researching, analyzing, and understanding the science of global climate change. To assist me in my oversight responsibilities, I request that you provide the following information:

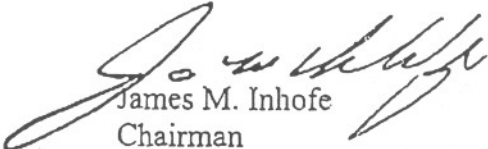
- A basic organization chart for NCAR and UCAR with names and titles of office directors.
- A list of all NCAR and UCAR staff, their job title, location, and a brief description of their duties and responsibilities.
- A list of all NCAR and UCAR employees working at, or who are under contract with, non-NSF Federal agencies and departments or Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's), their job title, salary, and length of time on this assignment. Please provide this information for a period of time covering the past 3 years.
- Any and all rules, policies, regulations, manuals, internal memoranda, and any other documents that govern NCAR and UCAR employees working at or who are under contract with non-NSF Federal agencies and departments or NGOs.

- A list of research projects funded for the last 3 years broken out by institutions and amount of funding by fiscal year.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request. I look forward to receiving your response by Monday, February 13, 2006.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Charli Coon on my Committee staff at (202) 224-3119.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe
Chairman

Cc: Dr. Kathie Olsen, Deputy Director