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Ken Kennedy
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Dear Professor Kennedy:

As Provost of Texas Southern University (TSU), I am eager to participate in the educational programs of the proposed National Science Foundation Science and Technology Center (STC), Center for Grid Application Development Software (CGrADS), to be headquartered at Rice University. We at TSU value the relationships that we have developed with Rice faculty by collaborating on numerous projects. I most especially have enjoyed serving with Richard Tapia on the Advisory Board of the Houston Independent School District's Urban Systemic Initiative and on Houston's Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation, and am convinced that we will work effectively on many initiatives in the future.

I am especially hopeful that we will be able to implement at Texas Southern University the initiatives that you have proposed for CGrADS and others that we might develop together through this initiative. I believe our institution would benefit from the new information technology course you are developing at Rice and exporting to other institutions. I also look forward to lending our expertise on the initiative to promote graduate studies among minority students at majority schools.

I support you in this effort without reservation.

Sincerely,

Bobby L. Wilson, Ph.D.
Provost