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Subject: Updates: Ratings Info Exchange and Leaders Meeting

Dear TIH colleagues,

We hope things are going well with your process to review the eligible proposals. My colleague Kirk is in the process of updating the secure portal. In the same way that you entered data on PI name, proposal title, etc. there will now be two new categories for you to complete:

- TIH Rating (drop down menu for *Fund*, *Fund if Possible*, *Do Not Fund*)
- TIH comments

NSF will have similar data fields for each proposal. Please consult the calendar invitation for the deadline for uploading that information (it is a less than a week before our meeting with your TIH). The comments field is optional, but gives a space for you to very briefly explain why your TIH would like to fund or not fund a given proposal. These are also the types of things we will discuss together.

In other news, as you may have seen in the media, President Biden and PM Modi will be meeting in Japan in a few days. I was invited to provide an update on our partnership to the White House in advance of this meeting (see below). Of course there is a long, formal process for two countries to decide what to announce together on the occasion of a meeting between the Leaders, but it is possible that there may be a mention of our collaboration in something like a White House press release. If it does make it there, I will share it with you. This could be an opportunity for positive press about our partnership.

Thank you,
Bridget

The U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Department of Science and Technology of India (DST) recognize the tremendous potential of science and engineering research collaborations to accelerate innovation, advance the frontiers of science, and strengthen the science and technology engagement between the world's two largest democracies. In March 2022, NSF sponsored a two-day workshop that brought 100 scientists and engineers from the United States and India together to inspire new research collaborations in coordination with the Indo-US Science and Technology Forum and DST. NSF plans to join six of DST's Technology Innovation Hubs to support joint projects in 2022 where research in areas such as artificial intelligence, data science, edge computing, sensor systems, and computer vision aims to advance progress in applications like agriculture, health, climate, robotics, and transportation.