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Dear Mr. Presogna,

Thank you for your recent communication to Dr. Chan which was forwarded to me. In response, I would like to point out that individuals unaffiliated with institutions are permitted to submit proposals directly to NSF.

Chapter I, Section E.5, of NSF's Grant Proposal Guide (GPG) (see http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=gpg) indicates the conditions under which individuals may submit proposals:

From the GPG's discussion of who may submit proposals:

Unaffiliated Individuals - Scientists, engineers or educators in the US and US citizens may be eligible for support, provided that the individual is not employed by, or affiliated with, an organization, and:

- *the proposer has demonstrated the capability and has access to any necessary facilities to carry out the project; and*
- *the proposer agrees to fiscal arrangements that, in the opinion of the NSF Division of Grants & Agreements, ensure responsible management of Federal funds*

Unaffiliated individuals should contact the appropriate program before preparing a proposal for submission.

Note that proposals submitted to NSF are evaluated according to the review criteria of intellectual merit and broader impacts as described in GPG Chapter III, Section A.

Sincerely,



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