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Reply to Attn of: 160

TO: 420/John Bolton
FROM: 160/Acting Director of University Programs
SUBJECT: 2003 Director's Discretionary Fund Selection

Your proposal to the 2003 GSFC Director's Discretionary Fund, "Development of a "Mini-Grid" for a Student Remote Sensing Laboratory" has been carefully evaluated, along with other proposals received, by the DDF Review Panel. In making their recommendations to Mr. Diaz, the Review Panel looked closely at the degree of innovation, high risk/high payoff, and relevance to the GSFC mission of each proposal. Only those proposals which ranked highly on all of these points, and which were judged to be of a truly "leading-edge" nature, were selected by Mr. Diaz for funding.

Collectively, all submitted proposals requested a total of \$5.7M. Due to funding constraints, an unfortunately large number of deserving proposals had to go unfunded; I regret that the Center will be unable to fund your proposal.

I encourage you to continue developing your ideas to make them more suitable for DDF funding, and/or explore other possible sources of funding.

Please feel free to call 301-286-9690 if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. P. Fahey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

R. P. Fahey