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Dr. Lee Zia
Program Director
The National Science Foundation
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RE: The National Science Digital Library Resource Center

Dear Dr. Zia:

I write this letter asking for your support of Diny Golder, the Executive Director of JES & Co., as she submits a proposal that will help bring NSF funded Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) resources to all of our US teachers. NEA is dedicated to supporting our country's teachers and includes in its many efforts, the sponsorship of The Gateway to 21st Century Skills, formerly known as GEM. In the three years that JES & Co. has managed the Gateway, we have seen a 150% increase in our teacher's uses of the site and resources found at the site. The Gateway currently gets millions of visits each month, far exceeding the traffic of any other digital library serving education.

As the Executive Director of NEA, the past chair of The Partnership for 21st Century Skills (co-founded by Diny Golder), and the sponsor of The Gateway to 21st Century Skills, my recommendation is supported by the many teachers, parents, and students who benefit from rich and timely 21st century resources. I look forward to announcing to our 3.2 million members that rich STEM resources will soon be at their fingertips.

Sincerely,

John Wilson