



November 29, 2010

Dear Drs. Vos, Stoltzfus, and Pontelli,

I am writing to confirm institutional support from the iPlant Collaborative/University of Arizona for your National Evolutionary Synthesis Center (NESCent) working group proposal to organize hackathons for evolutionary data interoperability. We see this as an excellent opportunity for testing and expanding iPlant's Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) as well as for iPlant to engage with the larger community of evolutionary science resource developers.

For this project, iPlant commits to co-sponsoring one hackathon at the University of Arizona (up to \$15,000) and also commits funds to send two iPlant representatives to the other hackathons that will be organized as part of the proposal.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen A. Goff", is written over a light pink rectangular background.

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