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To: IRIS staff and partners:

After twenty-two years as IRIS president, the time has come for me to step aside, and for the Consortium to seek new leadership.

Over the past year, the IRIS Board of Directors and I have worked closely together to develop a plan for this transition and for the selection of a new president. At the start of these discussions, I made a commitment to work through the submission, review and initiation of the Consortium's 2013-18 proposal for *Seismological Facilities for the Advancement of Geosciences and EarthScope*. The proposal has now gone through rigorous external and internal review by NSF and was unanimously approved by the National Science Board in May. At the IRIS Board meeting last week, NSF announced that, even with the serious fiscal constraints under which the federal government is operating, they intend to support a substantial part of the activities described in our proposal. Over the next few months I will work with NSF, the Board and IRIS staff to develop a new five-year Cooperative Agreement between NSF and IRIS to support the initiation of the ambitious plans described in the proposal.

At the same time, the Board will move forward with the presidential search, and I am prepared to remain in place for as long as it takes to find a successor and ensure a smooth transition. We anticipate that this will extend at least into early 2014.

This January, the Board appointed a transition team, led by Anne Meltzer, which has worked with me and the rest of the Board to establish a process and timeline for transition. With this public announcement, they will now begin to engage with IRIS staff and the community to seek your guidance and advice. While the selection of a new president is of critical importance, this change also provides an exciting opportunity to review and reinvigorate the Consortium's vision for the future. Next week, you will hear from Brian Stump, Chair of the IRIS Board, about ways in which the Board wishes to work with you to define that vision and receive your input.

I have found my service as IRIS President to be extremely stimulating and gratifying. It has been a thrill to see the Consortium and its facilities grow and evolve. With strong community leadership and the deep talents of the IRIS staff, the Consortium will continue to thrive. I am confident that the position of IRIS President will be attractive to strong and capable candidates.

I look forward to working with all of you to ensure that the transition is smooth and effective, so that IRIS can continue as a strong, capable and responsive organization to serve the seismology community.

With thanks,

D. W. Simpson, President