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Dear Dr. Brzakovic,

As Executive Director of the Northeast Big Data Innovation Hub, I am writing to confirm our intent to participate in the proposed Columbia-led **STC: Center for Learning the Earth with Artificial Intelligence and Physics (LEAP)**. LEAP's goals fit well with the Northeast Big Data Innovation Hub's mission to build and strengthen partnerships across industry, academia, nonprofits, and government to address societal and scientific challenges, spur economic development, and accelerate innovation in the national big data system.

Specifically, we agree to distribute the LEAP annual survey to our industry collaborators and community members through our newsletter and social media channels to help map the state of climate information from private and public sector stakeholder perspectives, and identify the information type and format most useful for various sectors. We also share a commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I look forward to participating in the site visit on Tuesday, September 22nd *The Partnerships and Knowledge Transfer*, 4:30 to 5:15 pm ET.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Florence D. Hudson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Florence D. Hudson
Executive Director of the Northeast Big Data Innovation Hub
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