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SCIENCE FOUNDATION ARIZONA ANNOUNCES NEWEST MEMBERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Prominent Appointments Underscore Foundation's Commitment to Progress and Innovation

PHOENIX, Ariz. (Sept. 6, 2006) -- Science Foundation Arizona (SFAz) (www.sfaz.org) has announced the election of four new board members, including Erich Bloch, Anita Jones, Frank McCabe and Robert Millis. They were elected on August 30, and will assume their roles immediately.

"These new members bring significant experience and perspective to the SFAz Board as each member has not only vast experience in research, but solid track records of great accomplishment in their careers," said Don Budinger Chairman of SFAz. "I am especially excited by the generosity of the time given by those members living outside of Arizona. The sense that what we are doing is highly important and significant for Arizona and the U.S. is overwhelmingly felt by all involved in this effort."

"The new members to the Board complement nicely the initial appointments, and give us a perspective that is profoundly focused on performance and innovation," said Dr. William Harris, President and CEO of SFAz. "These appointments will underscore the serious nature of our mission and SFAz's commitment to excellence and innovation."

Erich Bloch is a Director with The Washington Advisory Group and advises on corporate R&D management and strategic planning for academically-based research enterprises and other not-for-profit organizations. He served as Director of the National Science Foundation from 1984–1990. He was IBM Corporate Vice President for Technical Personnel Development and his earlier work at IBM included Engineering Manager of the Stretch supercomputer system. Bloch was awarded the National Medal of Technology for his role in the IBM System 360 "developments that revolutionized the computer industry". He is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering, the Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, a Fellow of IEEE, and a foreign member of the Engineering Academy of Japan. Bloch serves on several boards and a variety of non-profit advisory boards. He serves as a member of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and is a Distinguished Fellow at the Council on Competitiveness.

Anita Jones is a distinguished University Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Lawrence R. Quarles Professor of Engineering and Applied Science, School of Engineering and Applied Science, University of Virginia. She most recently was given a Presidential appointment to the National Science Board and served as Vice Chair. Prior to that, she served in the U.S. Department of Defense as Director of Defense Research and Engineering. She is the first computer scientist (and the first woman) to ever hold the prestigious position. Early in her career, Jones co-founded Tartan Laboratories where she was Vice President from 1981 to 1987. Jones is a member of the Defense Science Board, the MIT Corporation, and the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory Corporation. She also served as a founding director of Science Foundation Ireland. Jones received a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Carnegie-Mellon University. She is an ACM Fellow, an IEEE Fellow, a member of the National Academy of Engineering, and the author of over 40 papers and two books.

Frank McCabe is a leading figure in national and international industry, having most recently served as General Manager and Vice President of Technology and Manufacturing Intel Ireland. During his time at Intel, employment grew to over 4,000. He retired from Intel in February 1999, and currently devotes his time to corporate and non-profit boards. McCabe was responsible for starting up General Electric Semiconductor in Dundalk, Co Louth, Ireland, which went on to employ 1,800 people. He was subsequently appointed Managing Director of General Electric European Semiconductor and Consumer Electronics Business based in Ireland. In 1979, McCabe was appointed Managing Director of Digital's European Manufacturing and Engineering Operations, later moving to corporate roles in Digital in Massachusetts in the US. McCabe holds a BE degree in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering from University College Dublin and an MSc degree from Clarkson University in New York.

Robert Millis is director of Arizona's historic Lowell Observatory, located in Flagstaff. During his 40-year career at Lowell, Millis has studied the smaller bodies in the solar system including asteroids, comets, planetary rings, outer planet satellites, Pluto, and Kuiper belt objects. As director of Lowell since 1990, Millis has guided a steady expansion of the Observatory's staff, facilities, and programs. Most recent of these initiatives is the partnership with Discovery Communications, Inc. to build the $40 million Discovery Channel Telescope in northern Arizona. Dr. Millis is a Founding Fellow of the Arizona Arts, Sciences and Technology Academy; a member of the board of the Associated Universities for Research in Astronomy; and a member of the Flagstaff Forty. He holds a Ph.D. in Astronomy from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Said Harris, “We now have a Board that includes three members of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering, as well as significant experience in the global marketplace across all Directors. We are deeply excited with the caliber of minds and talent on the SFAz Board—and what that means to helping move Arizona forward.”

Bloch, McCabe, Millis and Jones will join existing board members Craig Barrett, Jerry Bisgrove, R. Thomas Browning, Don Budinger, William Harris, Steven Lynn, John Murphy, and Martina Newell-McGloughlin to help guide SFAz in its mission to build and strengthen Arizona’s global competitiveness through investment in science and education.

About Science Foundation Arizona
Science Foundation Arizona (SFAz) is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization created by the Greater Phoenix Leadership, Inc., Southern Arizona Leadership Council and the Flagstaff 40 as a result of Arizona’s Bioscience Roadmap. SFAz has goals to (1) build and strengthen medical, scientific and engineering research programs and infrastructure in areas of greatest strategic value to Arizona’s competitiveness in the global economy, and (2) actively engage scientific research, academic and medical institutions representing both the public and private sectors on a worldwide basis. SFAz will invest in strategic research opportunities that intend to create a competitive advantage for innovation and company creation across Arizona. And, SFAz intends to encourage academic-industry strategic research partnerships in areas with greatest potential.

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