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Letter of Appreciation for SBGrid contributions to OSG

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Dear Piotr,

On behalf of the Open Science Grid I am writing to express our appreciation of the collaborative contributions of SBGrid to the OSG activities and progress over the past year. You and your collaborators have actively:

- Tested the usability and correctness of the installation and configuration of several versions of the OSG software stack;
- Addressed new use cases for portal based biology applications using OSG workload management middleware and multiple OSG resources;
- Helped us improve our end-to-end operational procedures in support of new science communities;
- Engaged with us to solve problems for resource providers with very limited effort;
- Done a detailed review of our documentation;
- Provided effective technical collaboration throughout the process.

We look forward to a continued collaboration of mutual benefit between OSG and SBGrid. I plan to recommend SBGrid to a seat on the OSG Consortium, the overall governance body of the OSG. The Council is the forum of the leadership of the organizations contributing to the OSG and helps chart the long term future of the collaborative consortium.

SBGrid faces the challenges of increasing the number of applications and users you support on the distributed infrastructure, as well as adding resources of your collaborating institutions. OSG faces the challenges of ensuring a more robust and effective software and computational infrastructure to meet your needs, at the same time as expanding the number and diversity of the communities we serve.

Active and engaged partnerships are part of the OSG methods to reach our goals. We are encouraged that you and your organization share this vision and the mechanisms for achieving it. We are truly appreciative of the high quality and engagement that your project staff have brought to our collaboration and we look forward to the growth in our partnership over the next few years.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ruth Pordes".

Ruth Pordes
OSG Executive Director