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MEMORANDUM

TO: Colin Gay, *Chair*, Policy and Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC)
FROM: Nigel Lockyer, *Director*, TRIUMF
RE: Charge to PPAC for its March 14-15, 2008, meeting

TRIUMF is currently preparing its five-year plan for the years 2010-2015. This is part of the process for obtaining TRIUMF funding for that time period. The plan includes a number of new initiatives and the continuation of many ongoing projects. Not all the projects or programs that have been proposed for inclusion will make it into the final plan. As part of the vetting process PPAC is being asked to review the projects and programs for their suitability to be included.

PPAC will be assessing whether and to what extent TRIUMF should be involved in these projects and programs. The vision, projects, and programs are to be judged considering three criteria:

1. Potential for scientific impact^a;
2. Benefit to the Canadian university research community; and
3. Benefit to broader Canadian society^b.

#1. PPAC will be presented with the Director's vision for the future of TRIUMF. Please comment on this vision, and on the match of the projects and project categories with that vision.

#2. A key section of the five-year plan document will be a discussion of how TRIUMF works with and engages the university community. Please critique this section for style and substance.

#3A. The non-CFI programs have been divided into categories. Within each category, use the above criteria to give the relative importance of each program and comment on the relative and absolute allocation of resources required for each project or program. Similarly, rate the relative importance of the different categories and comment on the relative allocation of resources for each category.

#3B. For the proposed CFI projects, please rank the projects according to the above criteria.

#4. For all programs and projects, please critique the arguments presented to justify them.

^aIncluding feasibility, strength of investigator group, and resource requirements

^bIncluding training highly qualified personal, technology transfer, and medical advances