Greenplum

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To the NSF Review Panel:

I am writing to you in regards to Prof. Jeffrey Heer at Stanford University, who is writing an NSF CAREER grant proposal in which Greenplum is listed as a collaborator. First, a bit about our company: Greenplum provides a massively parallel processing (MPP) system designed to support the next-generation of data warehousing and large scale analytic processing. Supporting SQL and MapReduce parallel processing, Greenplum Database offers industry-leading performance for companies managing terabytes to petabytes of data.

We are collaborating with Prof. Heer on his research on new tools for visualization and data transformation. We are committed to combining Prof. Heer's approach to new interactive tools with our expertise in developing and deploying scalable analytics solutions. In addition to technical support, we will put Prof. Heer and his students in contact with both in-house analysts and consenting customers to help inform and evaluate their projects. We hope to help deliver these tools to larger audiences through collaborative open-source engagements.

In short, Greenplum is committed to--and enthusiastic about--this collaboration.

Thank you,

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