



would produce more than an incremental contribution to research. It was not confident that the planned extension of the research would take a significant and groundbreaking step beyond what has already been accomplished by CILN.

The committee noted that some problems identified in the Midterm Site Visit Committee's report have not been resolved. It indicated that the links among the three projects could be stronger. It remarked that team members have successfully disseminated their research in the traditional scientific venues, but it also noted that the team had reported only 20 requests for CILN data. Since the team members had identified the collection of data as a major component of the original project, the committee found this worrisome.

Finally, although the committee considered that the proposed graduate student and postdoctoral seminars would be valuable, it would have preferred to see these seminars held at a time when they would overlap with the annual conferences. This would give CILN's junior researchers the opportunity to showcase their work to a wider, more experienced audience.

RECOMMENDATION / RECOMMANDATION:

The committee did not recommend that the Project Director and his team be invited to the next stage of this competition.

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