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ERC Program
Division of Engineering Education and Centers
National Science Foundation
4201 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia 22230

Re: Columbia University proposal in response to NSF 20-553: Gen-4 Engineering Research Centers (ERC) – Convergent Research and Innovation through Inclusive Partnerships and Workforce Development

Dear ERC Program Directors,

If the proposal submitted by Dr. X. Edward Guo entitled *NSF Engineering Research Center for Integrated Mechanobiology for Women's Health (IMWEL)* is selected for funding by NSF, it is our intent to commit to joining the ERC as a member and providing (cash and/or in-kind) support.

Viscus Biologics LLC is a leading medical device innovator specializing in the development and supply of polymer-based components and products. In particular, the company specializes in natural polymer materials such as allograft and xenograft ECM components and products. We offer a vertically integrated supply chain, enabling the company to better manage expenses and quality control throughout development. Our highly qualified staff members have industry experience and hold advanced degrees in materials science, tissue & mechanical engineering, and clinical sciences. Our business model combines internal development of innovative natural and synthetic polymer platforms with the custom development of components and products for partners based upon our original design services model.

Sincerely yours,

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