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Subject: Proposal for Advanced Certificate in Economic Forecasting

Enclosed are two documents making up a proposal for an Advanced Certificate in Economic Forecasting. Such a certificate is usually referred to as a "Graduate Certificate" on campus.

This certificate program is part of the department's new focus on economic forecasting at the master's level. The certificate will give distinction to our M.A. students who complete a very demanding area of concentration in economic forecasting, and it will provide advanced training to professionals in local businesses and government agencies.

The first document is an "Abbreviated Proposal", following the specifications given in the "Procedures for the Submission of Graduate Academic Program Proposals" issued by SUNY Central (Provost's Office). The document includes 6 pages in the main body and 69 pages of vitae in the appendix.

The second document is a one-page statement describing the program for inclusion in the *Graduate Bulletin*.

It is our understanding that, if approved by the College, the proposal would be reviewed by the GAC and the EPC within the Senate.