IMPACTS OF EIGHT-MONTH CYCLE

- **6-month Cycle:**
  - July (Regular and CAREER) and January (Regular) submission dates each year

- **8-month Cycle:**
  - Jan, Sept, and May Submission dates over two years
  - Annual July submission date for CAREER
Impacts on PIs

6 month cycle
• 23% of submitted proposals were resubmissions
• 18% of awards were for resubmissions

8 month cycle (FY12)
• Pros
  – Extra time to revise the proposal thoughtfully
    • More FY12 awards are for revised proposals than in the past
  – Diverse types of proposals funded
    • More than 1/3 of MCB awards for CAREER, EAGERs, CREATIV, Special activities, etc.
• Cons
  – Confusion with deadlines-
    • not same every year
  – Out of sync with academic year
Impacts on MCB staff

6 month cycle

- Continuous proposal processing
  - Little time for other activities, including stewardship of existing awards and research areas

8 month cycle (FY12)

- Pros
  - More time to collaborate with other divisions (CREATIVs, workshops, etc.)
  - Dedicated time for scheduling other activities, such as Training, Oversight, and Outreach

- Cons
  - Difficulties in co-review of proposals with other divisions, which have annual deadlines
    - IOS, DEB, DBI
    - Physics, Chemistry, Mathematical Sciences, Materials Research, Computer Sciences, Engineering (CBET)
  - Difficulties in Budget planning
    - Alternating years with one and two cycles
    - CAREER (15% of proposals) cycle not coordinated with 8 month cycle