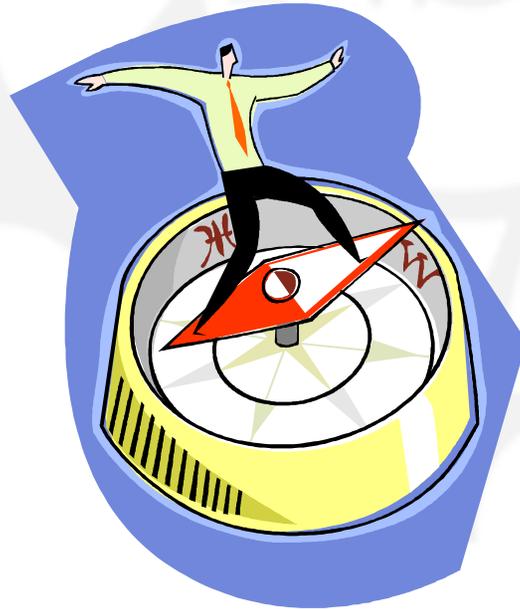


National Science Foundation



UPDATE!!!!!!

National Council of University Research Administrators
Annual Meeting
October 31, 2005
Washington, DC

Ask Early, Ask Often



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Main Topics



- NSF Basics
- FY 2006 Federal R&D Budget
 - NSF Initiatives
- Current Proposal, Award and Funding Trends
- NSF Proposal/Award Policy & Procedural Update
- Electronic Initiatives

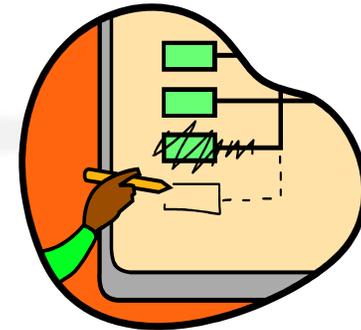
NSF in a Nutshell

ABOUT

US

- Independent Agency
- Supports basic research & education
- Uses grant mechanism
- Low overhead; highly automated
- Discipline-based structure
- Cross-disciplinary mechanisms
- Use of Rotators/IPAs
- National Science Board

NSF: Recent Personnel Changes



- Joseph Bordogna resigned as Deputy Director in June 2005 after nine years in the position
- Kathie Olson nominated as Deputy Director and confirmed by the Senate
- Dr. Richard Buckius, Division Director of the Chemical and Transport Systems, serving as Acting Assistant Director for the Engineering Directorate
- David Lightfoot named Assistant Director of Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE)
- James Collins of Arizona State University named Assistant Director of Biological Sciences (BIO)
- Office of Cyberinfrastructure, formerly known as the Division of Shared Cyberinfrastructure, is now in the NSF Office of the Director
- Search for new EHR Assistant Director ongoing

Hurricane Katrina Relief

- What is happening on the legislative front?
 - Two supplemental funding bills over \$60 billion.
 - A third supplemental is now at OMB for review – on the order of \$200 billion with a fourth supplemental probably early next year
- What is the higher education community in Washington doing?
 - Working with affected universities and host institutions
 - Working to enhance the Administration's third supplemental
- What is the focus of the efforts to help students and institutions?
 - Short-term needs of students and institutions
 - Financial Assistance to host institutions
 - Replacement of lost revenue to institutions
 - Assistance for rebuilding and revitalization
 - Incentives for students and faculty to return

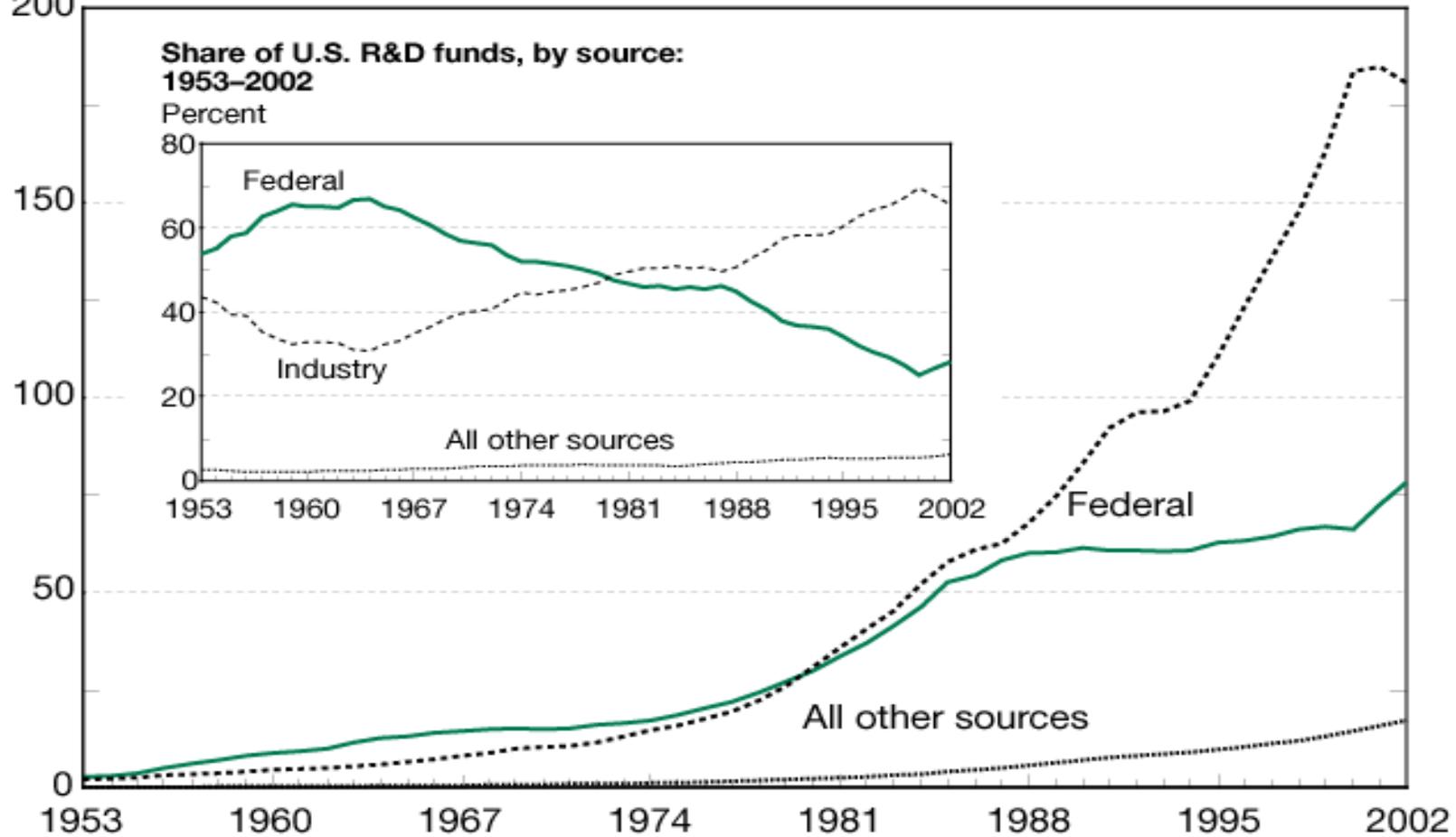




FY 2006 Federal R&D Budget

U.S. R&D, by source of funds: 1953–2002

Billions of dollars
200



NOTE: Other sources include nonprofit, academic, and non-Federal government.

R&D Budget

Budget Authority (dollar amounts in millions)	2006 Proposed	Percent Change
Defense	70,839	1%
Health and Human Services	28,807	0%
NASA	11,527	5%
Energy	8,528	-1%
National Science Foundation	4,194	3%
Agriculture/USDA	2,039	-16%
Veterans Affairs	786	0%
Commerce	1,013	-11%
Homeland Security	1,467	24%
Transportation	808	8%
Interior	582	-5%
Environmental Protection Agency	569	-1%
Other	1,145	-8%
TOTAL	132,304	1%



The NSF FY 2006 Budget

**NSF (and other agencies) currently under
a Continuing Resolution until...**

NSF FY 2006 Budget Appropriations: House and Senate Marks

(Dollars in Millions)

Activity/Program	FY 2005 Current Plan	FY 2006 Budget Request	FY 2006 House Mark	FY 2006 Senate Mark
Research and Related	\$4,220.55	\$4,333.49	\$4,377.52	\$4,345.21
BIO	\$576.61	\$581.79		
CISE	\$613.72	\$620.56		
ENG	\$561.30	\$580.68		
GEO	\$694.16	\$709.10		
MPS	\$1,069.86	\$1,086.23		
SBE	\$196.90	\$198.79		
OISE	\$33.73	\$34.51		\$34.51
OPP	\$344.36	\$386.93		\$386.93
IA	\$129.91	\$134.90		
MREFC	\$173.65	\$250.01	\$193.35	\$193.35
Education & Human Resources	\$841.42	\$737.00	\$807.00	\$747.00
Salaries & Expenses	\$223.20	\$269.00	\$250.00	\$229.90
Office of Inspector General	\$10.03	\$11.50	\$11.50	\$11.50
National Science Board	\$3.97	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
NSF TOTAL	\$5,472.82	\$5,605.00	\$5,643.37	\$5,530.96

NSF FY 2006 Budget Appropriations: House Language

- R&RA *“The recommendation does not include specific funding allocations for each directorate or for individual programs and activities.”*
- EHR: *“...disappointed by the reductions proposed in the budget in this account.”*
 - Specific EHR Division allocations incl. MSP at Request/Add \$70M to Request
 - Recognizes the value of informal education
 - Encourages NSF to allocate funds to: Noyce, ATE, HBCU-UP, but no specific amounts & no other programs mentioned

NSF FY 2006 Budget Appropriations: Senate Language

- R&RA: Request level for OPP/OISE, no other directorate
 - Plant Genome \$100M
 - Recommends Request for Nano
 - NRAO \$51.4M
- EHR: *"...urges NSF to work towards increasing the number of women, minorities, and other underrepresented groups to the greatest extent possible.."*
 - Funds the Request: HBCU-UP, LSAMP, THRUST
 - Recommends the Request: TCUP
 - EPSCoR \$100M w/ \$65M for RII
 - MSP +\$4M over Request (rejects MSP only at Education)



NSF Priority Areas



Biocomplexity in the Environment

http://www.nsf.gov/news/priority_areas/biocomplexity/index.jsp

◆ Fiscal year 2006 Areas of Emphasis:

- Earth Systems, Cycles and Pathways;
- Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems;
- Materials Use: Science, Engineering and Society;
- Microbial Genome Sequencing; and
- Ecology of Infectious Diseases.

◆ Two Solicitations will be posted by the end of 2005

- Carbon & Water in the Earth's System
- MUSES – Materials Uses: Science, Engineering & Society

Cyberinfrastructure

http://www.nsf.gov/news/priority_areas/cyberinfrastructure/index.jsp

◆ FY 2006 Areas of Emphasis:

- NSF's current cyberinfrastructure investments are guided by three principles:
 - Science and engineering opportunities must drive cyberinfrastructure investments;
 - Development of intellectual capital to develop, sustain and effectively utilize cyberinfrastructure is critical; and
 - Unwavering attention to interoperability and sustainability will provide economies of scale and scope as well as guard against the balkanization of science.

◆ HPC System Acquisition – NSF 05-625

- Proposal Deadline: February 10, 2006

Human & Social Dynamics

http://www.nsf.gov/news/priority_areas/humansocial/index.jsp

- Fiscal Year 2006 Areas of Emphasis:
 - **Agents of Change** – focuses on large-scale change in humanity and society (e.g., industrial globalization, disease epidemics and how we influence technological change);
 - **Dynamics of Human Behavior** – applies state-of-the-art methods and cross-disciplinary approaches to better understand the dynamics that influence human behavior and action; and
 - **Decision-Making, Risk and Uncertainty** – improve decision-making by studying risk perception and response to stimuli such as hazards and extreme events and the role of educational systems in that response.

- Next Solicitation: Spring 2006

Mathematical Sciences

http://www.nsf.gov/news/priority_areas/mathematics/index.jsp

- ◆ Fiscal Year 2006 Areas of Emphasis:
 - Fundamental Mathematical and Statistical Sciences;
 - Advancing Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering;
 - Mathematical and Statistical Challenges Posed by Large Data Sets;
 - Managing and Modeling Uncertainty;
 - Modeling Complex Nonlinear Systems; and
 - Advancing Mathematical Sciences Education.

- ◆ [Innovations at the Interface with the Physical and Computer Sciences and Engineer – NSF 05-622](#)
 - Proposal Deadline: December 20, 2005

Nanoscale Science & Engineering

http://www.nsf.gov/news/priority_areas/nano/index.jsp

➤ Fiscal Year 2006 Areas of Emphasis:

- Understanding and controlling the assembly of nanoscale materials;
- Research enabling nanoscale as the most efficient manufacturing domain, including fabrication of nanostructured materials and catalysts;
- Nanobiotechnology and nanobiomedicine;
- Innovative nanotechnology solutions for explosives detection and protection;
- Understanding and potential application of quantum effects and other nanoscale phenomena;
- Nanoelectronics beyond complementary metal-oxide superconductors and nanophotonics;
- New instrumentation and standards development; and
- Education and training regarding nanotechnology.

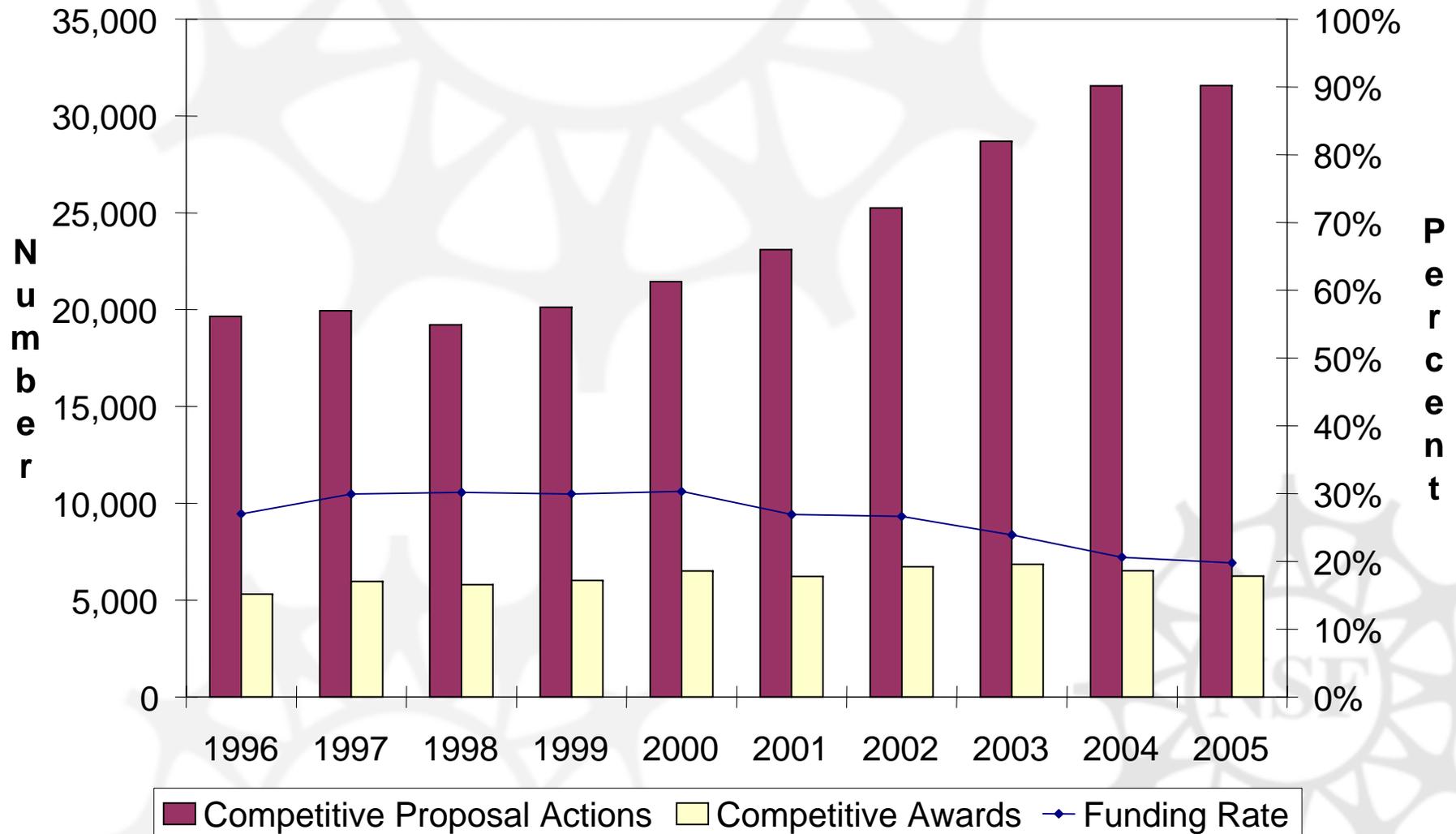
➤ [Active Nanostructures and Nanosystems \(ANN\) – NSF 05-610](#)

- Proposal Deadline: November 29, 2005

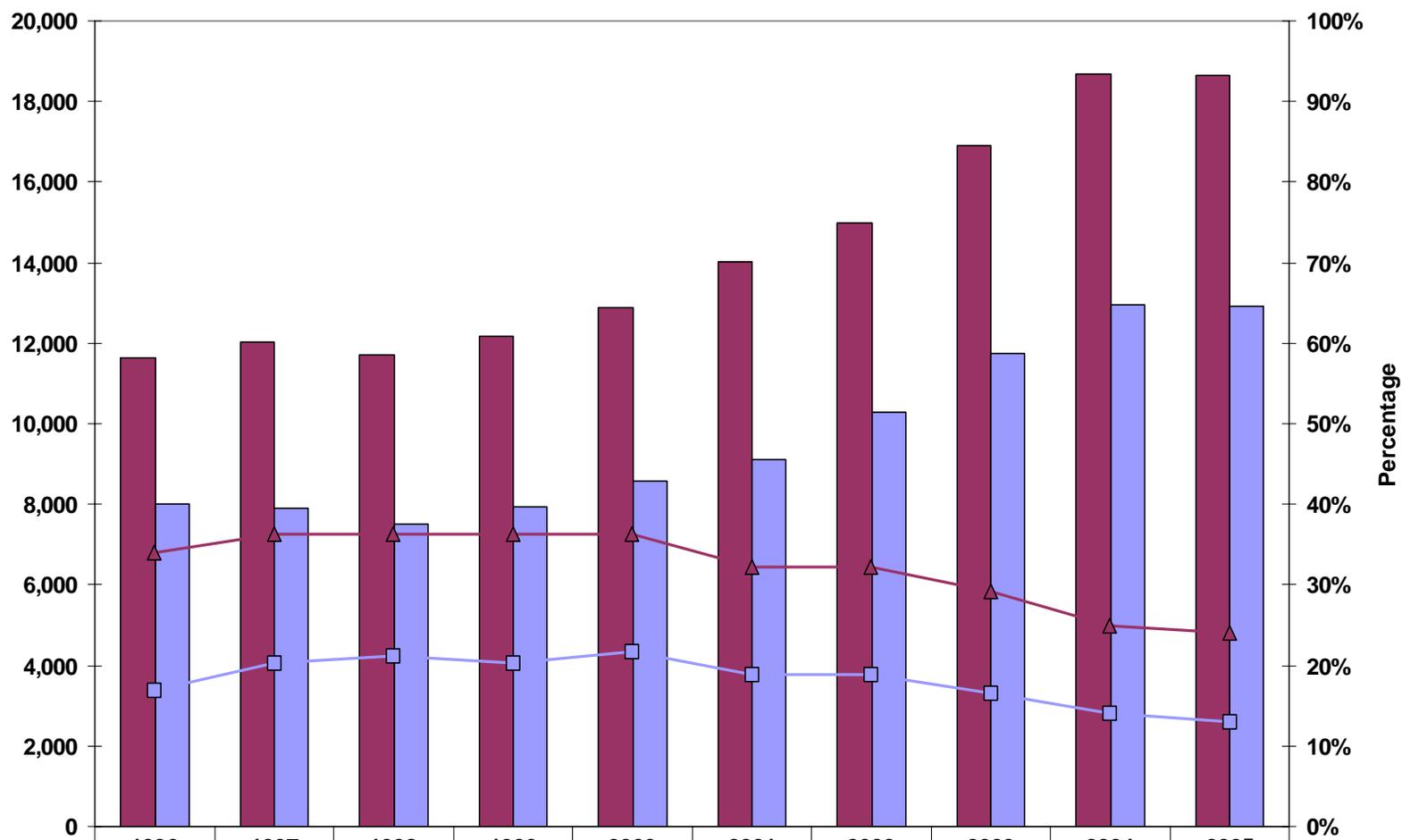


Current Proposal, Award and Funding Trends

NSF Funding Rate for Competitive Awards Competitive Research Grants

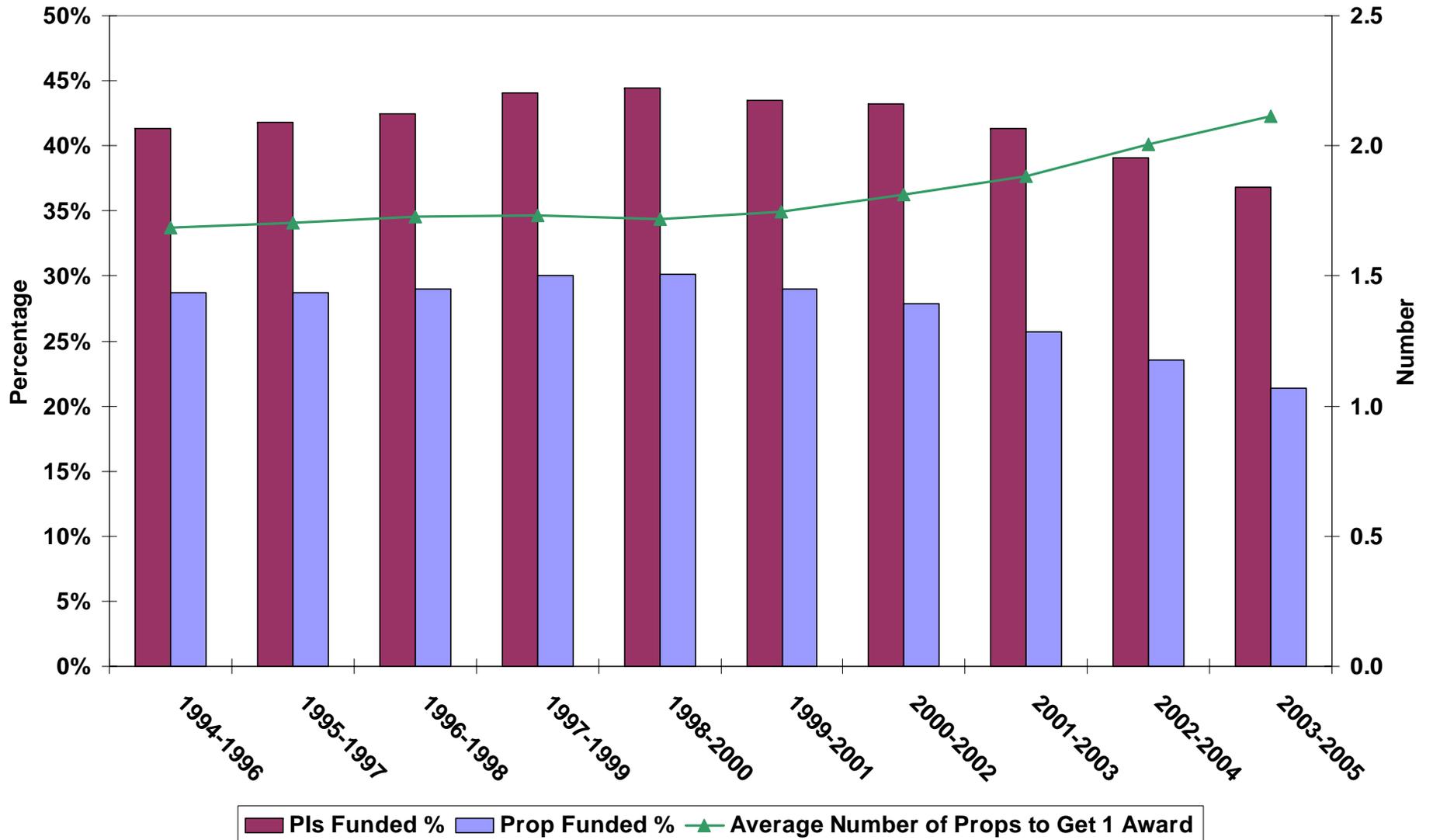


Research Grant Proposals by PI Type

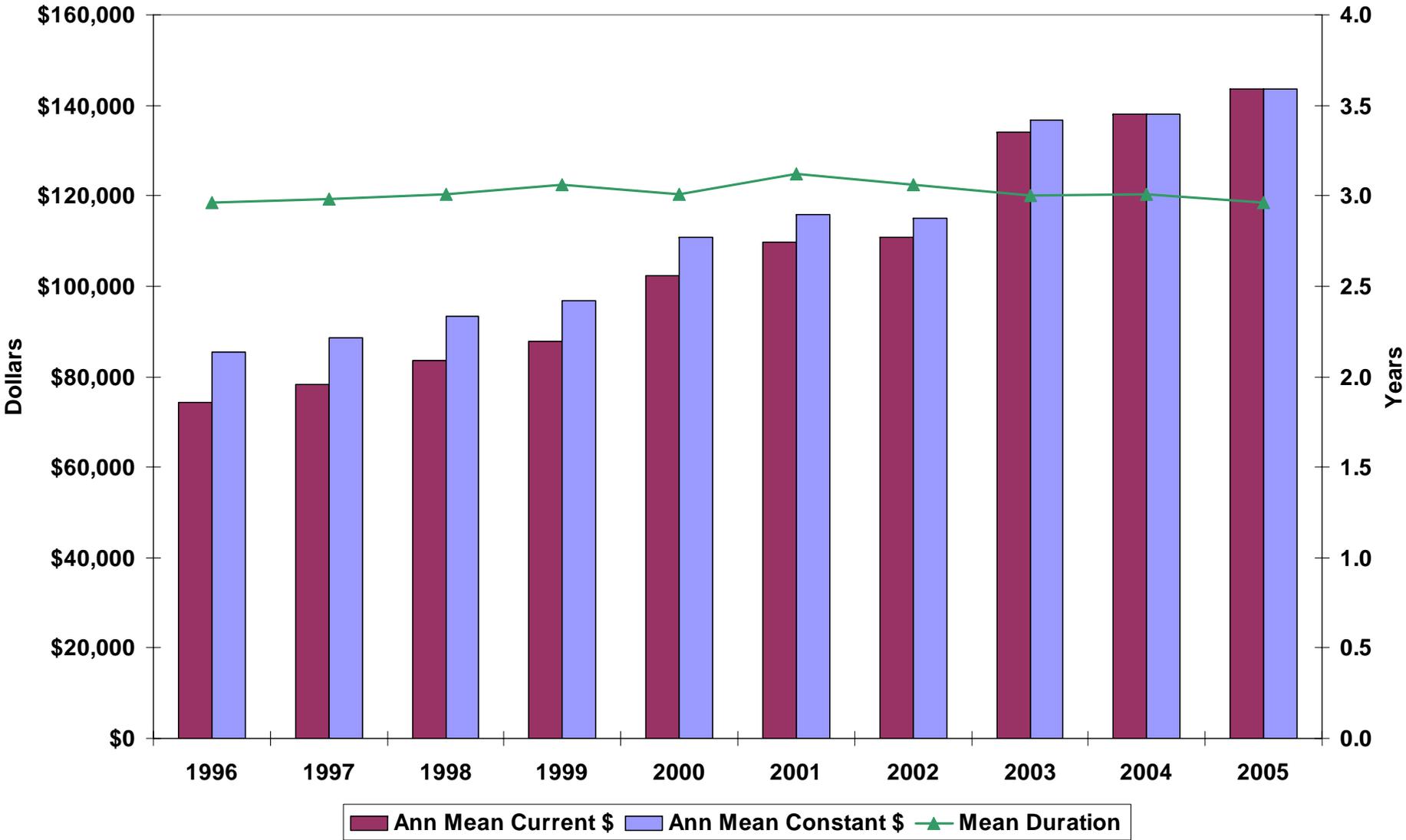


	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
■ Proposals - Prior PI	11,638	12,028	11,699	12,178	12,886	14,024	14,981	16,899	18,700	18,661
■ Proposals - New PI	8,010	7,911	7,521	7,952	8,570	9,093	10,298	11,738	12,941	12,905
▲ Funding Rate - Prior PI	34%	36%	36%	36%	36%	32%	32%	29%	25%	24%
■ Funding Rate - New PI	17%	20%	21%	20%	22%	19%	19%	17%	14%	13%

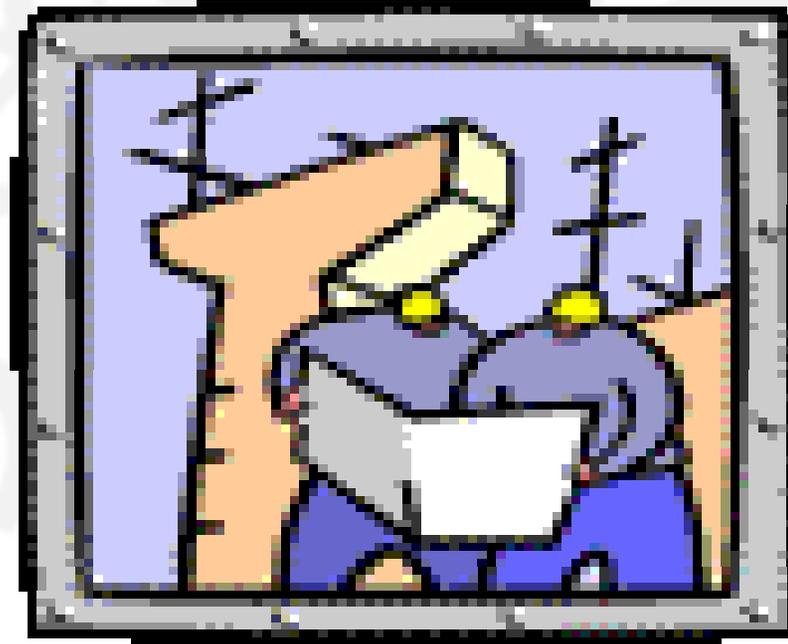
PI vs Proposal Funding Rate - Research Grants Based on 3 Year Intervals



NSF Competitive Award Size and Duration - Research Grants



*Based on estimated 2003-2004 Deflators



Proposal and Award Policy & Procedural Update

Cost Sharing Current Status

- The National Science Board eliminated programmatic cost sharing in October 2004. Only the existing statutory cost sharing requirement (1%) remains for unsolicited proposals.
- Since that time, no new NSF program solicitation has been issued with cost sharing required;
- Programs that were revising existing solicitations were required to delete cost sharing, if included, prior to issuance.
- Proposers, however, may still voluntarily cost share; if so, the amount should be put on Line M of the NSF Budget.

Cost Sharing Current Status (Cont'd)

- Line M is masked from reviewers and voluntary cost sharing is not a factor in the merit review process.
- The GPG cautions proposers that voluntary cost sharing provided on Line M is subject to audit should an award be made.
- An Importance Notice and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the revised cost sharing policy will be issued and the NSF policy documents (GPG, GPM, terms and conditions) will be updated.

GPM (05-131) - Significant Changes

➤ Grant Administration

- Upon acceptance of award by a transfer organization, any special terms and conditions, as appropriate, cited in the original award will convey to the new grantee organization
- Language added to emphasize the required submission of the final project report.

➤ Allowability of Costs

- When NSF funds an award using a fixed indirect cost rate, the grantee may recover indirect costs from grant funds at no more than the fixed rate established for the award. NSF will not amend a grant solely to provide additional funds for changes in indirect cost rates

GPM (05-131) - Significant Changes (cont'd)

➤ Other Grant Requirements

- All projects involving human subjects must either have IRB approval before issuance of an NSF award, or must affirm that the research is exempt from IRB review. Affirmation of exemption must come from IRB or appropriate authority of the organization (but not the PI)
- Grantees should be aware of any travel advisories issued by the U.S. State Department, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and/or the World Health Organization, and that all travel is done at the grantee's own risk

➤ Other Proposal and Award Considerations

- The National Security section expanded to include defense against transnational terrorism, and the necessary steps to follow if a recipient originates information during the course of the award that it believes requires classification

GPM (05-131) - Significant Changes (cont'd)

- Reconsideration/Suspension and Termination/Disputes/Research Misconduct
 - The reasons for return of proposals without review by NSF have been supplemented with language to ensure conformance with current NSF policies, practices, and procedures

GC-1 and CA-FATC Significant Changes

- Overall document completely revised to reflect incorporation of the OMB Circular A-110 into 2 CFR §215. References to A-110 sections have been updated throughout.
- Equipment
 - revised and reorganized to consolidate information on inventory requirements into a new section of the Article
 - reminds grantees that they must adequately maintain and insure adequate safeguards against the loss, damage, or theft of information technology equipment and systems purchased with NSF funds

GC-1 and CA-FATC Significant Changes (cont'd)

➤ Publications

- updated to reflect that the grantee is responsible for ensuring that the cognizant NSF Program Officer is provided access, either electronically or in paper form, to a copy of every publication of material based on or developed under an award

➤ Nondiscrimination

- modified to include additional sections of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 that are applicable to NSF awards

➤ Debarment and Suspension

- new Article that informs recipients that they must fully comply with the requirements stipulated in Subpart C of 45 CFR §620, entitled "Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions."

GC-1 and CA-FATC Significant Changes (cont'd)

- Government Permits and Activities Abroad
 - supplemented to highlight for grantees potential areas of concern with regard to conducting activities abroad

Implementation

➤ Grant Policy Manual (GPM)

- http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=gpm

➤ Grant General Conditions (GC-1)

- http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=gc1605

➤ Cooperative Agreement Financial & Administrative Terms and Conditions (CA-FATC)

- http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=NSF99999FATC001

Project Reporting – What's the Latest??



- System design process has been completed and development has commenced!!
- System will include:
 - Pre-set reporting periods with start and end dates
 - Will be retrofitted to include any active award that has not has the final report submitted
 - If a report is returned, report will not be wiped out as in the past
 - Reporting periods initialized at award approval
 - Submission required in 12 month increments
 - Award durations of 18 months will require reporting at 12 and 6 months

Project Reporting – What's the Latest?? (Cont'd)

- Beginning in FY 2007, any active award that is due a report will be tracked via this system
 - Annual reports must be submitted prior to final reports
 - Overdue annual reports will preclude new funding
 - Overdue final and annual reports will preclude any action against a PI's awards
- Implementation is anticipated October 1, 2006



NSF Hurricane Katrina Response

- Issued Important Notice 129
- Developed Hurricane Katrina webpage
 - Frequently Asked Questions
 - Special Funding Opportunities
- Created Katrina Hotline (toll free number and web address)
- Worked with other research agencies, OSTP and OMB to develop joint guidance that included:
 - Flexibility with application deadlines
 - No-cost extensions on expiring awards
 - Abbreviated continuation funding requests
 - Expenditure of award funds for salaries and other project activities
 - Prior approval requirement waivers
 - Extension of financial and other reporting
 - Record retention requirements...and more...



Electronic Initiative Update

What's the Latest On?

- Grants.gov
- Grants Management Lines of Business (GMLoB)

The Grants.gov Initiative

- Mandate - President's Management Agenda and PL 106-107
- Originally called the E-Grants Initiative
- Participation includes 26+ Grants-making agencies of the Federal Government
- Provides a single, unified "storefront" for all customers of Federal grants to find and apply electronically
 - Grants.gov Find – Launched in February 2003
 - Grants.gov Apply– Launched in October 2003

SF 424 (R&R) Background Information

- There was early recognition that the SF 424, as a stand-alone package, would not be appropriate for research proposals;
- Developing a research specific application package was vital for the research agencies;
- Rule imposed was two or more agencies required element for inclusion in the dataset; and
- Application has been built into “components.” With the exception of the Cover Page, all other components are optional. Agency will specify in the announcement or agency specific instructions which components are required.

SF 424 (R&R) Components

- Cover Pages 1 and 2 – (Includes certification and assurance language)
- Research and Related Project/Performance Site Location(s)
- Research and Related Other Project Information
- Research and Related Senior/Key Person Profile(s)
- Research and Related Personal Data (PD/PI and co-PD/PI only)
- Research and Related Budget



APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF 424 (R&R)

1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-application <input type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	2. DATE SUBMITTED	Applicant Identifier
	3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE	State Application Identifier
	4. DATE RECEIVED BY GRANTS.GOV	Federal Identifier

5. APPLICANT INFORMATION Organizational DUNS: _____

Legal Name: _____

Department: _____ Division: _____

Address 1: _____ Address 2: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Country: _____

Person to be contacted on matters involving this application

Prefix: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____ Email: _____

6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) or (TIN): _____

7. TYPE OF APPLICANT: (enter appropriate letter in box)
 13-Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than institutions of high...

8. TYPE OF APPLICATION: New
 Resubmission Renewal Continuation Revision
 Women Owned Socially and Economically Disadvantaged

If Revision, mark appropriate box(es).
 A. Increase Award B. Decrease Award C. Increase Duration
 D. Decrease Duration E. Other (specify): _____

Is this application being submitted to other agencies?
 What other Agencies? _____

9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: _____

10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: _____

TITLE: _____

11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: _____

12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (cities, countries, states, etc.) _____

13. PROPOSED PROJECT: Start Date: _____ Ending Date: _____	14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF: a. Applicant: _____ b. Project: _____
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15. PROJECT DIRECTOR/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Prefix: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____

Position/Title: _____ Organization Name: _____

Department: _____ Division: _____

Address 1: _____ Address 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____ Country: _____



RESEARCH & RELATED Other Project Information

1. Are Human Subjects Involved? Yes No

1.a. *If YES to Human Subjects*

Is the IRB review Pending? Yes No

IRB Approval Date:

Exemption Number: 1 2 3 4 5 6

Human Subject Assurance Number:

2. Are Vertebrate Animals Used? Yes No

2.a. *If YES to Vertebrate Animals*

Is the IACUC review Pending? Yes No

IACUC Approval Date:

Animal Welfare Assurance Number

3. Is proprietary/privileged information included in the application? Yes No

4.a. Does this project have an actual or potential impact on the environment? Yes No

4.b. If yes, please explain:

4.c. If this project has an actual or potential impact on the environment, has an exemption been authorized or an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) been performed? Yes No

4.d. If yes, please explain:

5.a. Does this project involve activities outside the U.S. or partnership with International Collaborators? Yes No

5.b. Provide countries with which international cooperative activities are involved:

5.c. Optional Explanation:

6. Project Summary/Abstract

7. Facilities & Other Resources

8. Equipment

9. Bibliography & References Cited

10. Current and Pending Support

11. Project Narrative

12. Other Attachment

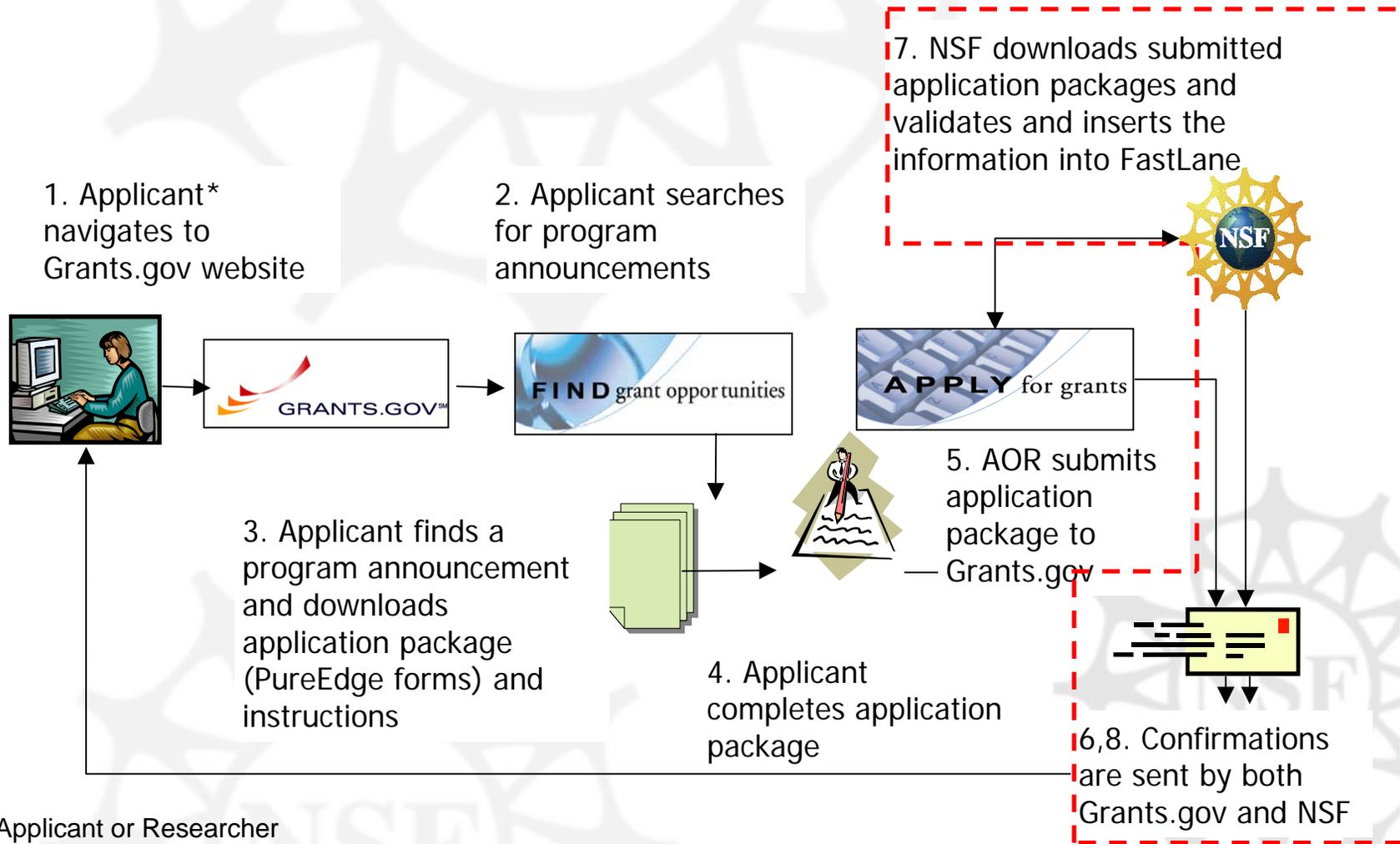
Grants.gov Current Status and Next Steps

- All 26 grant-making agencies are required to post all discretionary grant programs in the Grants.gov Find
- OMB has directed agencies to post in Grants.gov Apply:
 - 25% of their funding opportunities in FY 2005;
 - 75% of their funding opportunities in FY 2006;
 - 100% of their funding opportunities in FY 2007.

Grants.gov and NSF

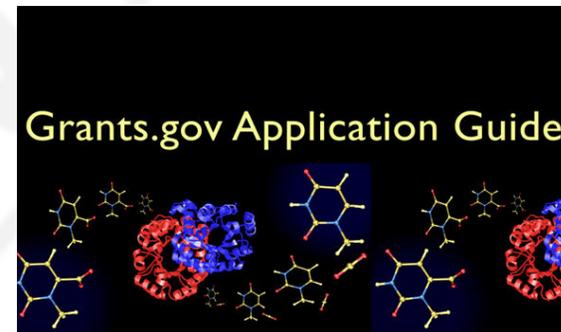
- NSF is able to accept proposals through Grants.gov for selected funding opportunities
- Unless otherwise specified in the funding opportunity, FastLane may be used to submit proposals to NSF
 - In FY 2006, each Directorate will select one program that will require use of Grants.gov
- 23 application packages were posted to Grants.gov for submission in FY 2005 (that met the 25% goal)
- 75% of NSF's application packages will be posted to Grants.gov for submission in FY 2006
- Application package will include:
 - SF 424 (R&R) and the NSF's Grants.gov Application Guide

Submitting an Application to NSF through Grants.gov

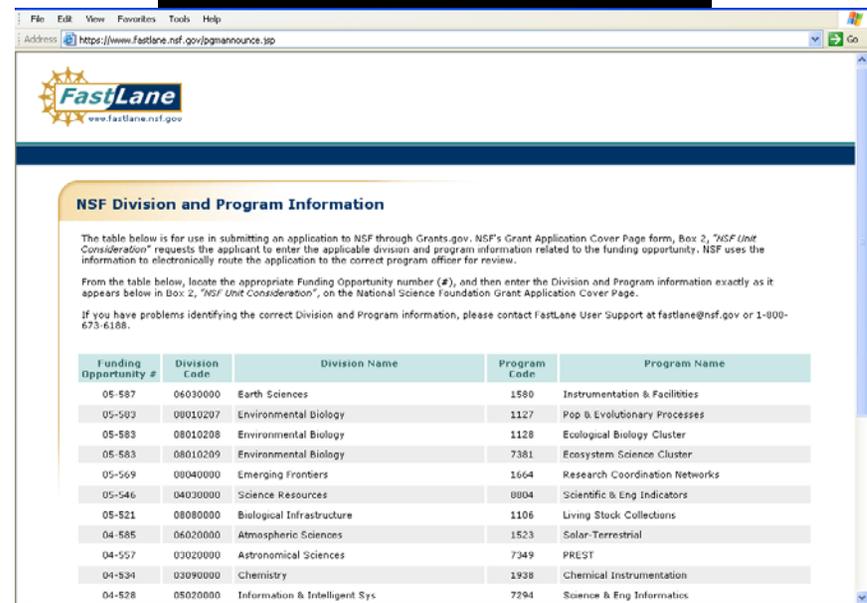


Highlights of NSF Grants.gov Implementation Process

- NSF's Grants.gov Application Guide – has been posted with application package and on Policy website
- A HTML page for proposers to select the NSF unit of consideration and enter on NSF Cover Page
- Process to register new organizations and individuals with FastLane using information provided with the proposal submitted via Grants.gov



A Guide for Preparation and Submission of NSF Applications via Grants.gov

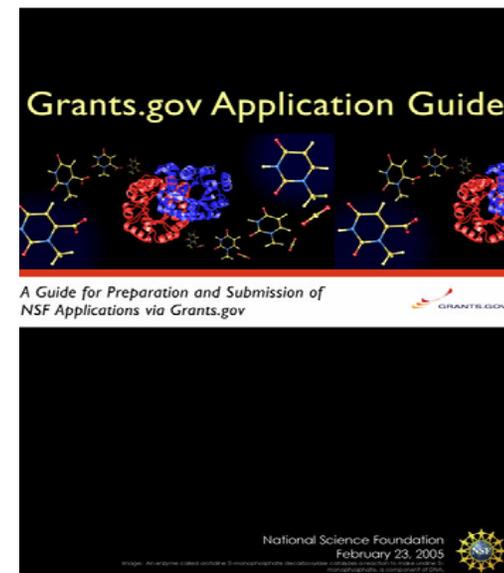


The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/pgmannounce.jsp>. The page title is "NSF Division and Program Information". Below the title, there is a paragraph of text explaining the table's purpose and instructions for users. The table below lists various funding opportunities with their respective codes and program names.

Funding Opportunity #	Division Code	Division Name	Program Code	Program Name
05-587	06030000	Earth Sciences	1580	Instrumentation & Facilities
05-503	08010207	Environmental Biology	1127	Pop. & Evolutionary Processes
05-583	08010208	Environmental Biology	1128	Ecological Biology Cluster
05-583	08010209	Environmental Biology	7381	Ecosystem Science Cluster
05-569	08040000	Emerging Frontiers	1664	Research Coordination Networks
05-546	04030000	Science Resources	0804	Scientific & Eng Indicators
05-521	08080000	Biological Infrastructure	1106	Living Stock Collections
04-585	06020000	Atmospheric Sciences	1523	Solar-Terrestrial
04-557	03020000	Astronomical Sciences	7349	PREST
04-534	03090000	Chemistry	1938	Chemical Instrumentation
04-528	05020000	Information & Intelligent Sys	7294	Science & Eng Informatics

NSF's Grants.gov Application Guide

- Note Section 3.2.1, Creating PDF Files
 - Non-Adobe Acrobat Users
 - Can use Convert Files to PDF available under Quick Links in FastLane through Proposal Preparation or Research Administration
 - Adobe 6.0/7.0 Users
 - Must use FastLane Job Options File



NSF Grants.gov Apply Challenges

- Subaward capability will be available to the agencies and NSF will include the subaward form in the NSF application package by early 2006
 - Approximately 20% of NSF proposals contain subawards
- Separately submitted collaborative proposals cannot be submitted through Grants.gov at this time
 - Approximately 10% of NSF proposals are separately submitted collaborative proposals
- SF 424 (R&R) has not yet been evaluated for use with specialized proposals such as centers or fellowships

Lines of Business Opportunities

- Common Solution
 - A business process and/or technology based shared service made available to government agencies.
- Business Driven (vs. Technology Driven)
 - Solutions address distinct business improvements that directly impact LoB performance goals.
- Developed Through Architectural Processes
 - Solutions are developed through a set of common and repeatable processes and tools.
- Current LoBs
 - Financial Management (FMLOB)
 - Human Resources Management (HRLOB)
 - Grants Management (GMLoB)
 - Federal Health Architecture (FHALOB)
 - Case Management (CMLOB)

Grants Management Line of Business (GMLoB)

- Big dollars spread over many agencies/programs:
 - \$ 540 B
 - 26 agencies
 - > 900 programs
- Significant spending on Grant Management systems. Fiscal Year 2005:
 - \$144 million Development Modernization and Enhancement
 - \$3.8 billion in Operations and Maintenance
- Opportunities for increased efficiencies, improved oversight and management, and customer-centric focus

GMLoB – Vision & Goals

Vision	A government-wide solution to support end-to-end grants management activities that promote citizen access, customer service, and agency financial and technical stewardship.
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Improve customer access to grant opportunities➤ Increase efficiency of the submission process➤ Improve decision making➤ Integrate with Financial Management processes➤ Improve the efficiency of the reporting procedures in order to increase the usable information content➤ Optimize the post-award and closeout actions

GMLoB Participating Agencies

Managing Partners:

- National Science Foundation
- Department of Health and Human Services

Participating Agencies:

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Department of Commerce
- Agency for International Development
- Department of Defense
- Corporation for National Service
- Department of Education
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of Energy
- Department of Homeland Security
- Institute for Museum and Library Services
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- NASA
- Department of the Interior
- National Archives and Records Administration
- Department of Justice
- National Endowment for the Arts
- Department of Labor
- National Endowment for the Humanities
- Department of State
- Department of Transportation
- Small Business Administration
- Department of the Treasury
- Social Security Administration

GMLoB - Accomplishments

- GMLoB operating model and approach
- Common Grants Management process
- Evaluation of Request for Information
- Common solution white paper
- Target architecture
- Business case development

GMLoB – Current Status

- Governance established
 - HHS and NSF to be co-leads in implementation
 - Grants Executive Board to provide guidance and oversight
 - Grants Policy Committee to continue Policy Development and input and liaison to Grants Executive Board
- GMLoB and Grants.gov have begun to discuss streamlining opportunities in back office and front office processes and data
- Managing partners are working with Grants Executive Board to identify initial 3 consortia
 - Prove the concept
 - Standardize methodologies and consortia operating model
 - Identify additional consortia in late FY06 / early FY07

GMLoB - Process for Identifying Consortia

➤ Purpose

- Develop transparent process for the grant-making community to recommend initial 3 consortia that are most prepared to move ahead

➤ Outcome

- At least three named consortia
- Agreement by the grants-making community to move forward with the named consortia

➤ Approach

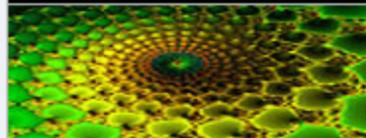
- Ask agencies to submit a “Declaration of Intent” to communicate interest in leading a consortium or participating in one as a member
- Assemble committee out of the Grants Executive Board to rank Declarations of Intent and recommend 3 consortia leads

GMLoB – Next Steps

- Recommend and name initial 3 consortia
- Work with consortia to develop action plans
- Reach out to grantee community
- Begin documenting policy, technical, data, process guidelines and standards
- Ensure consistency with common operating model and common business process
- Share learning across consortia



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