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Ask Early, Ask Often!

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Main Topics

- NSF Personnel Changes
- America COMPETES Act (ACA)
- American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
- FY 2009 Budget
- FY 2010 Budget
- NSF Policy Implementation & Updates
- Electronic Initiatives

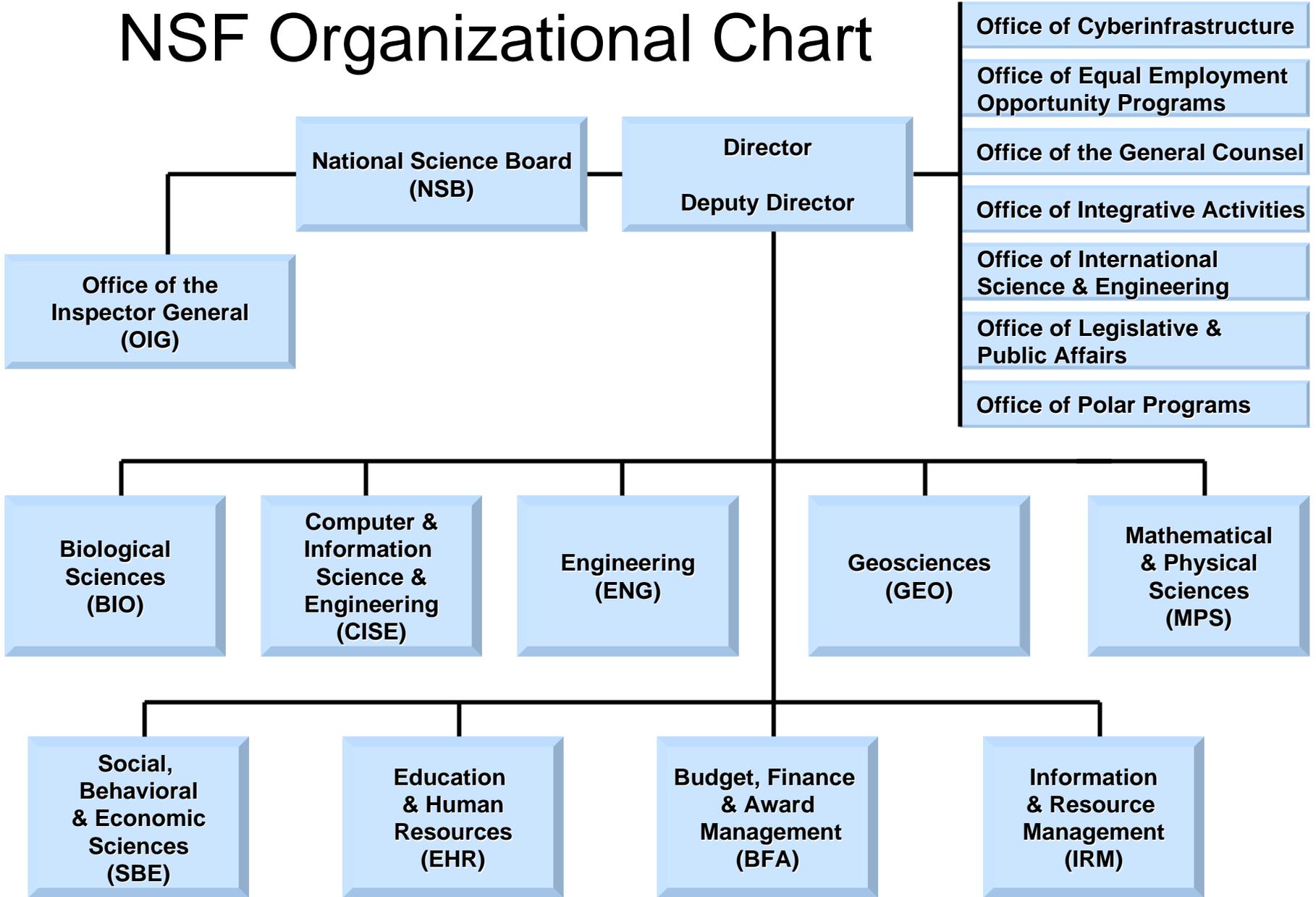


Recent Personnel Changes

- Dr. Cora Marrett named Acting Deputy Director
- Dr. Tony Chan, Assistant Director for Mathematical & Physical Sciences appointed President of Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
- Ms. Allison Lerner appointed as next Inspector General
- Dr. Thomas W. Peterson selected as Assistant Director for Engineering
- Dr. Edward Seidel named as Director of the Office of Cyberinfrastructure (OCI)
- Dr. Tim Killeen named Assistant Director for Geosciences (GEO)



NSF Organizational Chart



Challenges & Opportunities Along the Road Ahead

- Backdrop – The overall “environment” includes:
 - The political landscape: a time of change
 - Constrained budgets; sensitivity to earmarking
 - “War time” environment and costs ~ \$10 Billion/month
 - Deficit reduction & weak dollar
 - Economic downturn; mortgage and banking crisis; energy costs; rising unemployment and deficit
 - Trade deficit
 - Recovery Act



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - Science

Even beyond energy, from the National Institutes of Health to the National Science Foundation, this recovery act represents the biggest increase in basic research funding in the long history of America's noble endeavor to better understand our world. Just as President Kennedy sparked an explosion of innovation when he set America's sights on the moon, I hope this investment will ignite our imagination once more, spurring new discoveries and breakthroughs that will make our economy stronger, our nation more secure, and our planet safer for our children.

President Barack Obama
February 17, 2009



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - Science

- \$21.5 billion for scientific endeavors
- Funding for biomedical and physical sciences
- Funds for short-term and long-term scientific payoffs



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - Science

Science Highlights

- Department of Energy
 - \$1.6 billion for green-energy projects
 - \$400 million for Advanced Research Projects Agency for Energy
- National Institutes of Health
 - \$10.4 billion breaks five years of flat-lined funding
- NASA
 - \$1 billion for manned and robotic space exploration and assessing climatic and other global changes
- NOAA
 - \$833 million for understanding weather and climate patterns
- US Geological Survey
 - \$140 million for research on earthquakes and other natural disasters



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - NSF

NSF Programs Receiving Recovery Act Funding

- \$3 billion supplements FY 2009 funding
 - \$2 billion for Research and Related Activities for proposals already in house and that will be reviewed and/or awarded prior to September 30, 2009.
 - \$ 1 billion to award funds as specified in the Recovery Act



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - NSF

➤ NSF Programs Receiving Specified Funding

- Math & Science Partnership Program (\$25 million)
- Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program (\$60 million)
- Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction (\$400 million)
- Major Research Instrumentation Program – New Solicitation (\$300 million)
- Academic Research Infrastructure Program – New Program (\$200 million)
- Science Masters Program – New Program (\$15 million)



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - NSF

➤ Funding Prioritization

- Recovery Act funds awarded in a timely manner
- All grants will be issued as standard grants with durations up to five years
- Funding of new PIs and high-risk, high-return research top priorities
- Majority of eligible proposals are already in-house and reviewed and/or awarded prior to September 30, 2009.
- NSF will consider proposals declined on or after October 1, 2008.



America COMPETES Act

- Signed into law on August 9, 2007
- Focuses on three primary areas of importance:
 - Increasing research investment;
 - Strengthening educational opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics from elementary through graduate school;
 - Developing an innovation infrastructure.



America COMPETES Act

➤ Highlights

- Doubles authorized NSF Funding from \$5.6 billion in FY2006 to \$11.2 billion in FY 2011
- Authorizes the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) from approximately \$703 million in FY 2008 to approximately \$937 million in FY 2011
- Doubles Department of Energy's Office of Science authorized funding over ten years
- Innovation Acceleration Research Program directs federal agencies funding research in science and technology to set as a goal dedicating approximately 8% of their R&D budgets toward high-risk frontier research
- Directs NASA to increase funding for basic research



America COMPETES Act NSF Implementation

- 5 internal working groups have been formed in the following areas:
 - Budget
 - Major Research Equipment & Facilities Construction
 - Education & Human Resources
 - Computer & Information Science & Engineering/Cyber Infrastructure
 - Policy



NSF's Key Players

- New President – new administration
- New Congress - major shift of leadership and likely further changes for 2009
- House and Senate Budget Committees
- Authorization Committees



FY 2009 Appropriation

Appropriations Account	FY 2009 Request	FY 2009 Appropriation	
Research & Related Activities	\$5,594	\$5,183	(-\$411)
Education & Human Resources	\$790	\$845	(+\$55)
Major Research Equipment & Facilities Construction	\$148	\$152	(+\$5)
Agency Operations & Award Management	\$305	\$294	(-\$11)
National Science Board	\$4	\$4	(N/A)
Inspector General	\$13	\$12	(-\$1)
TOTAL	\$6,854	\$6,490	(-\$364)



FY 2009 Appropriation

Appropriations Account	FY 2009 Appropriation	FY 2009 Recovery Act	Total FY 2009 Appropriations
Research & Related Activities	\$5,183	\$2,500	\$7,683
Education & Human Resources	\$845	\$100	\$945
Major Research Equipment & Facilities Construction	\$152	\$400	\$552
Agency Operations & Award Management	\$294	-	\$294
National Science Board	\$4	-	\$4
Inspector General	\$12	\$2	\$14
TOTAL	\$6,490	\$3,002	\$9,492



R&RA Account in FY 2009

- EPSCoR
- Plant Genome
- National Radio Astronomy Observatory
- IceCube O&M
- ATST design work



Education & Human Resources Account in FY 2009

- Graduate Research Fellowships
- Robert Noyce Scholarship Program
- Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program
- Tribal Colleges and Universities Program
- Graduate teaching fellowship in K-12
- Math and Science Partnership program
- Climate change education program



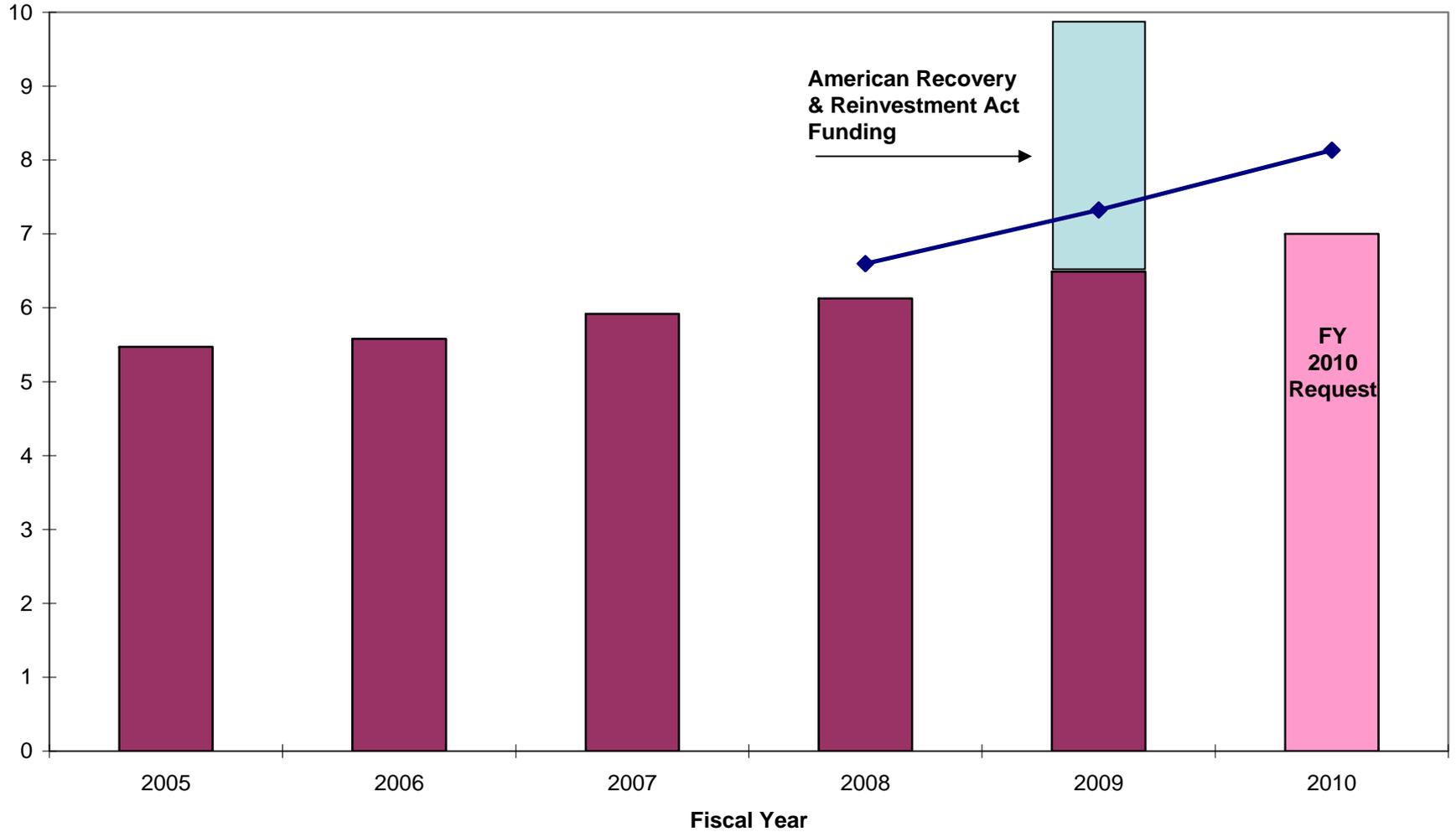
FY 2010 Budget

- \$7 Billion - Increase of 16 percent over FY 2008.
- Increased support for Graduate Research Fellowship and CAREER Programs.
- Increases support for Advanced Technological Education (ATE) Program.
- Increases support for exploratory, high risk research
- Supports research to predict future environmental conditions and develop strategies for responding to global environmental change.
- Details on specific allocations for FY 2010 will be available when the full budget is released.



Recent and Outyear Authorized NSF Funding

\$ in Billions



NSF Appropriations America COMPETES Act

NSF Policy Implementation

- American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009
- America COMPETES Act
- Recent Significant Policy Changes



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - NSF

➤ Award Administration

- Standard awards only
- No new programs (except for those specifically mentioned in the Act)
- Special award conditions



NSF ARRA Implementation

➤ Eligible proposals

- Eligibility includes proposals that will be received, reviewed and/or awarded prior to September 30, 2009.
- Reversal of Previously Declined Proposals



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - NSF

➤ Reversal of Declined Proposals

- Proposals that were highly rated and declined due to lack of available funding at the time the original decision was made are eligible for funding.
- NSF PO will send a notification to AOR, PI and co-PIs that NSF is considering the reversal of a decline decision.



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - NSF

➤ Reversal of Declined Proposals

- Organizational response from AOR must stipulate:
 - Scope of work specified in original proposal can still be completed
 - PI and any identified co-PIs remain available
 - Submission of a new set of proposal certifications
- Program Officers will contact the organization to initiate the process!



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - NSF

- Reporting and Accountability Requirements
 - OMB expectations for accountability & transparency for agencies and recipients
 - Higher scrutiny from
 - Administration
 - Congress
 - Public
 - Recovery Act Accountability & Transparency Board
 - NSF Office of the Inspector General (OIG)



NSF ARRA Implementation

- Reporting and Accountability Requirements and Special Award Conditions:
 - Awards will identify funding from ARRA.
 - Funding should be considered one-time funding.
 - Within 10 days following the end of each quarter, the recipient must report in accordance with Section 1512c of the Act. The specific data elements to be reported are currently being finalized.
 - Funds must be separately tracked and monitored independently of non-ARRA funding.
 - NSF will monitor ARRA funds, and, if, after 12 months, no allowable expenditures have been incurred, NSF will consider reducing or terminating the award and reallocating the funds.
 - Additional award terms may be added for certain programs.



NSF ARRA Implementation

- Award Term for Recipient Reporting
 - Complete projects funded by ARRA and report on use of funds – information to be made publicly available;
 - Reports due no later than 10 calendar days after each quarter;
 - Recipients and first-tier recipients must be current in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR);
 - Reporting done centrally via www.FederalReporting.gov



NSF ARRA Website

- Additional information, including FAQs are available on the NSF ARRA website at:
 - www.nsf.gov/recovery/



ACA Policy-Related Provisions of Interest to the Research Community

- SEC 7008: Postdoctoral Research Fellows
- SEC 7009: Responsible Conduct of Research
- SEC 7010: Reporting of Research Results
- SEC 7013: Cost Sharing



SEC 7008: Postdoctoral Research Fellows

- “Mentoring - The Director shall require that all grant applications that include funding to support postdoctoral researchers include a description of the mentoring activities that will be provided for such individuals, and shall ensure that this part of the application is evaluated under the Foundation's broader impacts merit review criterion. Mentoring activities may include career counseling, training in preparing grant applications, guidance on ways to improve teaching skills, and training in research ethics.
- Reports - The Director shall require that annual reports and the final report for research grants that include funding to support postdoctoral researchers include a description of the mentoring activities provided to such researchers.”



Section 7008 Implementation

- Section 7008 has been implemented via revisions to the relevant sections of the Grant Proposal Guide (GPG), the FastLane Project Reporting System, and the Representative Activities of Broader Impacts document that is posted on the NSF website.
 - Each proposal that contains postdoctoral researchers must include, as a supplementary document, a description of the mentoring activities that will be provided for such individuals. The mentoring plan must not exceed one page.



Section 7008 Implementation

- The Return without Review section and the Proposal Preparation Checklist will emphasize that proposals that do not describe mentoring activities provided to postdoctoral researchers **will be** returned without review.
- The FastLane project reporting format is being modified to inform PIs of the requirement to report on the mentoring activities provided to postdoctoral researchers during the performance period.
 - This includes any postdoctoral researcher not identified in the original proposal submission!



SEC 7009: Responsible Conduct of Research

- “The Director shall require that each institution that applies for financial assistance from the Foundation for science and engineering research or education describe in its grant proposal a plan to provide appropriate training and oversight in the responsible and ethical conduct of research to undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers participating in the proposed research project.”



SEC 7009: Responsible Conduct of Research

- NSF-funded workshop – *Ethics Education: What's Been Learned? What Should be Done?* held by the National Academies of Science & Engineering.
- Federal Register Notice requested public comment
- NSF is adding “the responsible and ethical conduct of research” as a Representative Activity in the listing of Broader Impacts Representative Activities



SEC 7009: Responsible Conduct of Research

➤ Proposed Implementation Plan

- Beginning October 1, 2009, NSF will require that at the time of proposal submission to NSF, a proposing institution's AOR must certify that the institution has a plan to provide appropriate training and oversight in the responsible and ethical conduct of research to undergraduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers who will be supported by NSF to conduct research.



SEC 7009: Responsible Conduct of Research

➤ Proposed Implementation Plan

- Training plans are not required to be included in submitted proposals.
- Standard Award Conditions to be modified – institutions must require RCR training.
- NSF will support the development of an online digital library containing research findings, pedagogical materials, and promising practices regarding the ethical and responsible conduct of research.



SEC 7010: Reporting of Research Results

- Section 7010 requires that all final project reports and citations of published research documents resulting from research funded, in whole or in part, by the Foundation, are made available to the public in a timely manner and in electronic form through the Foundation's Website.



SEC 7010: Reporting of Research Results

- Final Project Report will be modified to require PIs to prepare a summary – specifically for the public – on the nature and outcomes of the award.
- FastLane Project Reports system will be modified to incorporate this requirement.
- Expected implementation in Fall 2009.



SEC 7013: Cost Sharing

- Section 7013 of the America COMPETES Act directed the National Science Board (Board) to “evaluate the impact of its [2004] policy to eliminate cost sharing for research grants and cooperative agreements for existing programs that were developed around industry partnerships and historically required industry cost sharing, such as the Engineering Research Centers and Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers.” The Act directed that the Board “also consider the impact that the cost sharing policy has on initiating new programs for which industry interest and participation are sought.”



SEC 7013: Cost Sharing

➤ Cost Sharing History

- 2004 policy eliminated cost sharing at NSF.
- ACA directed the NSB to evaluate the impact of NSF cost sharing policy.
- NSB issued preliminary report recommendations
 - Return of cost sharing to the EPSCoR program;
 - Engineering Research Centers (ERC) program; and the
 - Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers (I/UCRC) program.



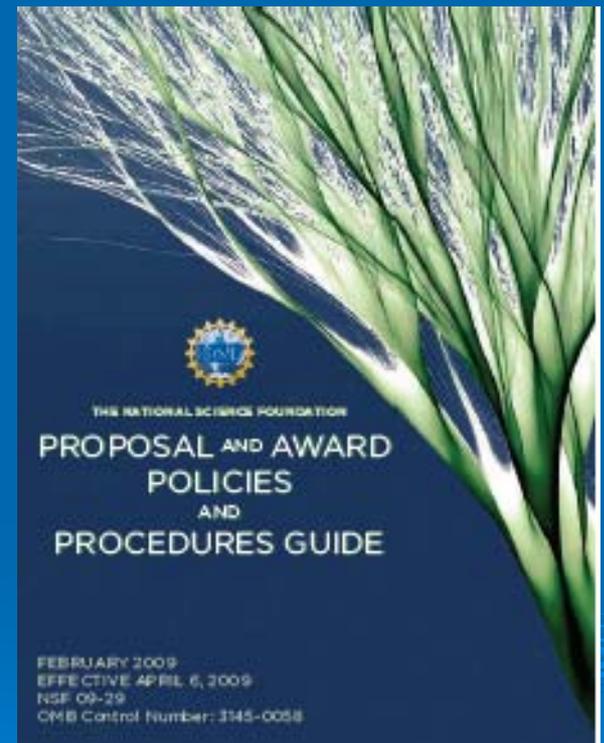
SEC 7013: Cost Sharing

- NSB issued second report on cost sharing
<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/committees/cs/index.jsp>
- Nine recommendations have two primary objectives:
 - To allow, but narrowly circumscribe, the application of mandatory cost sharing requirements in NSF Programs;
 - To prohibit voluntary committed cost sharing in NSF proposals and eliminate post-award tracking and reporting requirements.



New Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide Implementation

- Posted on the NSF website on February 17, 2009
- Effective date is April 6th, 2009



Other Significant PAPPG Changes

- Mentoring for Post Doctoral Researchers
- Faculty salary Clarification
- RAPID & EAGER Funding Mechanisms



Revised Faculty Salary Policy

- Limits salary compensation for senior project personnel to no more than two months of their regular salary in any one year:
 - The limit includes salary compensation received from all NSF-funded awards.
 - Broadens the previous policy away from the concept of “two summer months” and allows senior project personnel to schedule work when appropriate throughout the year.
 - Any compensation in excess of two months must be specifically justified in the proposal, and if approved by NSF, will be included in the award budget.



Grants for Rapid Response Research (RAPID)

The RAPID funding mechanism is for projects having a:

“severe urgency with regard to availability of, or access to data, facilities or specialized equipment, including quick-response research on natural or anthropogenic disasters and similar unanticipated events”



Grants for Rapid Response Research (RAPID)

- Requests may be for up to \$200K and of one year duration **but** award size should be consistent with:
 - project scope; and
 - grants of a comparable size in similar areas.
- Project description is brief (two to five pages).
- Only internal review required (external review in rare cases, permissible with notification to PI).
- No cost extensions and supplements will use existing NSF policies.
- Follow-on full proposals – “RAPID renewals” – externally reviewed.



EARLY-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER)

- Exploratory work on *potentially transformative* untested/ novel research ideas or approaches *in their early stages*.
- “High risk-high payoff” projects that:
 - Involve radically different approaches;
 - Apply new expertise; or
 - Engage novel disciplinary or interdisciplinary perspectives.



EARLY-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER)

- Requests may be for up to \$300K and up to two years duration, but award size should be consistent with:
 - project scope; and
 - grants of a comparable size in similar areas
- Review process, no cost extensions, supplements, and follow-on proposals similar to RAPID



Electronic Initiatives



What's the Latest On?

- [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)
- Grants Management Line of Business (GMLoB)
- [Research.gov](https://www.research.gov)



Grants.gov – Purpose & Goals

- A single source for finding grant opportunities
- A standardized manner of locating and learning more about funding opportunities
- A single, secure and reliable source for applying for Federal grants online
- A simplified grant application process with reduction of paperwork
- A unified interface for all agencies to announce their grant opportunities, and for all grant applicants to find and apply for those opportunities





Grants Management Line of Business

October 2008

The GMLOB landscape has been updated to include a new group called the Transitioning Agencies Group. These agencies have demonstrated through their GMLOB implementation plans and other legitimate forms of intent, their commitment to partnering with a Consortium Lead or forming a strategic partnership with other similar agencies.

GMLOB LANDSCAPE					
Groups	Consortium Leads Partnership Group	Strategic Partnership Group	Alternative Solutions Group	Transitioning Agencies Group	Agencies Yet To Align
Group Descriptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consortium partnership where agencies share best practices and collectively design a Consortium solution. • Partner agencies migrate to Consortium solution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic partnership of agencies with similar size, mission, and processing volume. • NEH provides efficient, cost-effective support to NARA and NEA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agencies granted temporary approval for continued use of an efficient, cost-effective alternative solution. • COTS Sub-Group agencies work together to establish single voice with common vendor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agencies that have completed key milestones and directives and are entering into the planning stages of the partnering process. • Agencies partner with a Consortium Lead or form a strategic partnership with other agencies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agencies directed to complete specific milestones, reporting requirements, and further explore CL partnership opportunities.
Member Agencies	<p>HHS/ACF Partner Agencies: CNCS, DOT, EPA, IMLS, State, Treasury, VA, SSA</p> <p>ED Partner Agencies: DOI, DOJ/COPS, DOL</p> <p>NSF Partner Agencies DOD, NASA</p>	<p>NEH</p> <p>NARA</p> <p>NEA</p>	<p>HHS/NIH</p> <p>COTS Sub-Group:</p> <p>DOE</p> <p>SBA</p> <p>USAID</p>	<p>DOJ/OJP DOJ/OVW</p> <p>USDA</p>	<p>DHS</p> <p>DOC</p> <p>HUD</p>

Why NSF was Chosen as a Consortium Lead

- Focus on the research community
- Recognized for high standards by customers
- Leadership position in the grants community
- 12 years of experience and capabilities as shown by FastLane
- Unique operating model—menu of high-value services for both Federal partners and the research community



NSF GMLoB Consortium Guiding Principles

- The approach will be deliberate, modular, conservative, and research community focused.
- Research community must directly benefit from this initiative.
- Whatever we do, we are going to do it well.
- Low cost, high impact offerings that deliver value to grantees will be implemented first.
- The initiative must focus on improvement; cost avoidance, not just cost savings.



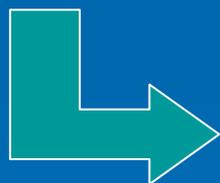
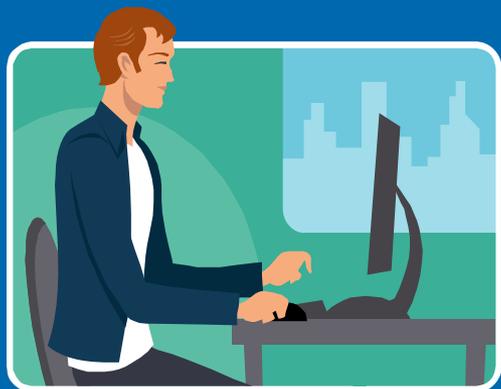
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Research.gov...

- Enables institutions and grantees to:
 - access a menu of grants management and information services for multiple federal agencies in one place
- Modernizes FastLane by providing services:
 - tailored to meeting the unique needs of the research community
 - aimed at easing the grants administrative burden
- Increases transparency and public access to information about federal research spending and outcomes



Grants Management Environment



“Find” Funding Opportunities and “Apply” for Grants



End-to-End Proposal, Award and Financial Management Functions



★ Users can log into **FastLane & Research.gov** using the same user name, **NSF ID** and **password**



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- Institution and User Management**
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January 12 - 13, 2009
[FDP Meeting](#)
Partnership meeting

February 9 - 11, 2009
[NCURA Financial Research Administration Conference](#)
Conference

March 9 - 11, 2009
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Partnership meeting

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- **Research.gov** simplifies the research community's access to information and grant services for **multiple federal agencies**
 - National Science Foundation (Lead)
 - National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Partner)
 - Department of Defense Research (Partner)
 - USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (Partner)



Public Facing Services: Research Spending and Results

- Search for federal research award information, including award abstracts and publication

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- Regulations
- OMB circulars
- Agency Policies
- Draft Policies
- Terms & Conditions
- FDP Repository
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- Get the latest news and events for the research community and multiple federal

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Respect for Sacred Values is Key to Conflict Resolution
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- **Status of the FFR Capability:**
 - Available now on Research.gov.
 - Was used by 50 organizations to submit FFRs to NSF for quarter ending December 31, 2008.
 - Beginning in April 2009, all NSF awardees can use Research.gov to submit grant financial reports to NSF.



Grants Application Status

- **As a researcher or sponsored program office, you can view the status of proposals submitted to:**
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