



**National Science Foundation
Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR)
Implementation Plan
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Planned Implementation Strategy:

NSF plans to develop the RPPR as a new service within Research.gov. The service will provide a common portal for the research community to manage and submit annual project reports to the National Science Foundation (NSF) and to partner agencies. This new RPPR service will replace NSF's annual and interim project reporting capabilities which currently reside in the FastLane System.

One of the key drivers in development of the RPPR is the reduction of PI burden through use of more innovative mechanisms for data entry. The current project reporting system already allows PIs to select possible publication citations we have pulled from a search of Thomson Web of Science. We will be evaluating the feasibility of expanding sources of citations and other publicly available databases that can be used to populate other portions of the RPPR.

As with other electronic capabilities developed and implemented by NSF, the Foundation plans to engage our partners in the research community during the development process.

Anticipated Format:

NSF plans to incorporate the following RPPR components as part of the standard Foundation-wide format:

- ◎ Mandatory Category:
 - Accomplishments: What was done? What was learned?
- ◎ Optional Categories:
 - Products: What has the project produced?
 - Participants & Other Collaborating Organizations: Who has been involved?
 - Impact: What is the impact of the project? How has it contributed?
 - Changes/Problems
 - Special Reporting Requirements (where applicable)
 - Appendix 1: Demographic Information for Significant Contributors

Anticipated Implementation Date: January, 2013