



A Message from the Director of the National Science Foundation

In past issues, I've discussed the importance of partnerships and NSF's need to leverage its connections with industry and academia to extend the reach of basic research. This month, I'm pleased to share with you one of NSF's most historic collaborations -- a strategic partnership with the U.S. Air Force with special emphasis on national security research. This effort will focus on four areas of common interest: space operations and geosciences, advanced materials sciences, information and data sciences, and workforce development. By working together, we will advance basic science in these areas as well as accelerate the translation of this science into practical applications.



NSF will draw on its core strength of basic research and broad connections within the university research community, as well as the transformative NSF I-Corps™ model that enables faculty and students to learn how to move their discoveries to the marketplace more quickly. This collaboration will also deepen ties with the Air Force, which has become a well-respected partner over many decades through its critical logistical support for polar research.

The enormous potential of our common efforts will expand the opportunities for the research community and the mutual synergies will likely result in gains for both the military and civilian sectors. By connecting with key partners across the innovation spectrum, NSF, launched 68 years ago this month, continues to respond to the nation's needs, ensuring a healthy, secure, and prosperous future for all.

In case you missed it, watch the [Letter of Intent](#) signing.

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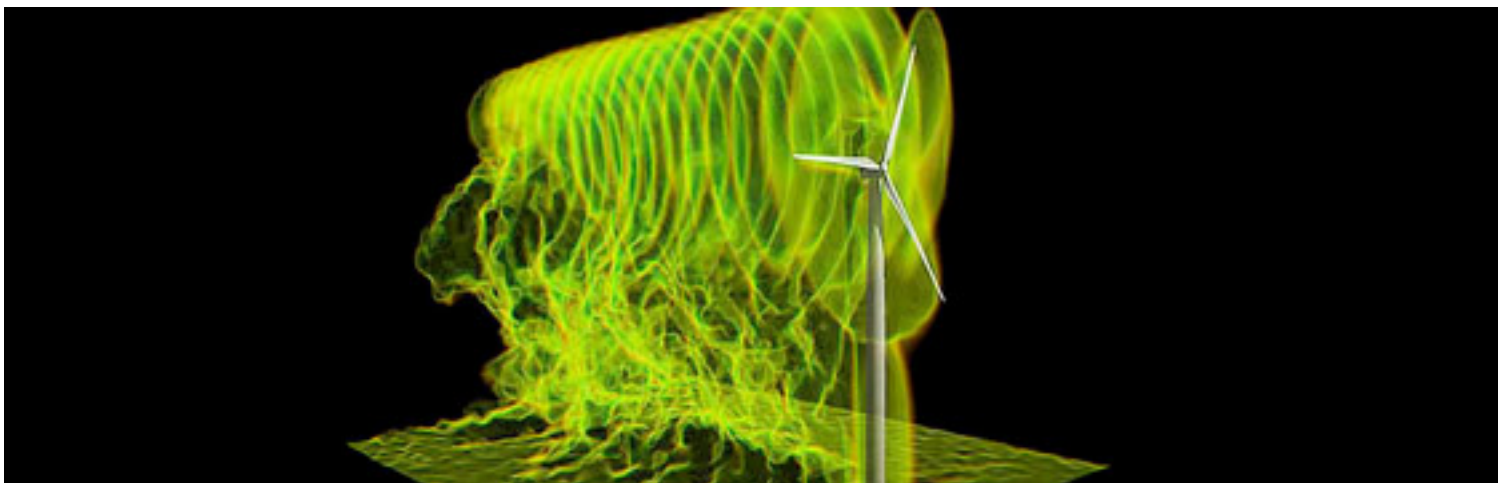
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