FY 2010 Budget Planning: A Transition Year

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Presidential Transitions at NSF

- Senior leadership retained
- No major program changes
- Not a priority for transition team/White House
FY 2010 OMB Guidance

- FY 2010 will be submitted by next President
- No formal OMB submission this September, no OMB Director’s Review, no Passback
- Will develop a current services baseline that will use FY 2009 appropriations or continuing resolution as its base – could contain policy – ACI?
- Will submit a performance plan consistent with current services
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NSF Budget and Planning Cycle Comparison

**Normal Year**
- Planning Retreats & Scenario Development
- NSB Approval
- Submit to OMB
- OMB Review & Hearings
- Passback - Appeals
- Finalize Numbers & Materials
- Submit Budget to Congress

**Transition Year**
- Planning Retreats & Scenario Development
- Discuss with NSB
- Continue Development
- Transition Development
- Submit to OMB; Passback; Appeal; Finalize
- Submit Budget to Congress

Timeline:
- Apr, ‘08
- May
- June
- July
- Aug
- Sep
- Oct
- Nov
- Dec
- Jan, ‘09
- Feb
- Mar
- Apr, ‘09
Previous Transition Budget Timelines

- FY 2010: Usual 5 month process (Sept – Jan) compressed into 6-8 weeks (January 20th – March, 2009)
- Bush: FY 2002 Budget
  - January 26th, 2001: NSF Submission to OMB
  - February 1st, 2001: OMB Passback
  - February 28th, 2001: President Bush releases “A Blueprint for New Beginnings”, an outline of the upcoming budget plans
  - April 3, 2001: Full FY 2002 Congressional Budget published
- Clinton: April 8th, 1993 (Full)
- Bush: February 10th, 1989 (Summary)
- Reagan: March 10th, 1981
Where Are We Now?

Recent and Outyear Authorized NSF Funding

$ in Billions

Fiscal Year


NSF Appropriations  America COMPETES Act  American Competitiveness Initiative
Where Are We Now? (cont.)

BUT:

FY 2008 Appropriation below FY 2008 Request

- $364.0 million (-5.7%)
- +$62.5 million supplemental

FY 2009 Appropriation process still underway – not likely to be completed by end of the fiscal year

Continuing Resolution (CR) expected, 6 months being considered, includes rescissions, excludes supplemental
In Conclusion

- Proactive Planning for 2010:
  - Senior management clarifies priorities
  - Be ready when transition begins

- Recognize Uncertainties
  - 2009 Funding
  - 2010 priorities for new Administration