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ABOUT THIS REPORT

For FY 2010, in lieu of a Performance and Accountability Report, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is using an alternative approach as identified in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-136, *Financial Reporting Requirements*. NSF is preparing three alternative reports, which provide financial management and program performance information to demonstrate accountability to our stakeholders and the American public. These reports can be found on NSF's website at www.nsf.gov/about/performance.

- This report, the **Agency Financial Report** (AFR), focuses on financial management and accountability. It includes the results of NSF's annual financial statement audit, management's assurance statement, the NSF Inspector General's (IG) memorandum on the agency's FY 2011 management challenges, as well as management's report on the progress made on the IG's FY 2010 management challenges. The **AFR** also includes a summary of NSF's key performance metrics.
- The **Annual Performance Report** (APR) includes the results of NSF's FY 2010 Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) performance goals and a discussion of NSF's new performance assessment and evaluation framework. The **APR** will be included in NSF's FY 2012 Budget Request, which will be transmitted to Congress on February 7, 2011.
- NSF's **Performance and Financial Highlights** report summarizes key information from the **AFR** and **APR**. It will be available on February 15, 2011.

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NSF by the Numbers	
\$6.9 billion	FY 2010 appropriations (does not include special or donated funds)
2,100	Colleges, universities, and other institutions receiving NSF funding in FY 2010
55,600	Proposals evaluated in FY 2010 through a competitive merit review process
13,000	Competitive awards funded in FY 2010
287,000	Proposal reviews conducted in FY 2010
294,000	Estimated number of people NSF supports directly (researchers, postdoctoral fellows, trainees, teachers, and students)
42,000	Students supported by NSF Graduate Research Fellowships since 1952