



**REVISION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TERMS
AND CONDITIONS (CA-FATC)
EFFECTIVE January 4, 2010**

Effective January 4, 2010, new NSF cooperative agreements and funding amendments to existing NSF cooperative agreements¹ will begin referencing and are subject to the Cooperative Agreement Financial and Administrative Terms and Conditions (CA-FATC) dated 01/10. The complete text of the CA-FATC (as well as other NSF grant policy issuances) is available electronically on the NSF website.² The CA-FATC apply to all new NSF cooperative agreements and funding increments on existing NSF cooperative agreements awarded on or after January 4, 2010, with the exception of Article 18, which only applies to new proposals submitted on or after January 4, 2010.

A comprehensive summary of the changes is included below. Any questions regarding these changes may be directed to the Policy Office, Division of Institution and Award Support, on (703) 292-8243 or by e-mail to policy@nsf.gov.

Significant Changes to the NSF Cooperative Agreement Financial and Administrative Terms and Conditions (CA-FATC) dated 01/10

◆ **Project Reporting Requirements, Article 15**, has been updated to incorporate a new section which describes the project outcomes report that PIs will need to produce and submit to NSF within 90 days following expiration of the award.

Language also has been added to clarify when annual and final project reports are considered due and when they become overdue.

◆ **Responsible Conduct of Research, Article 18**, is a new Article that provides NSF's implementation of Section 7009 of the America COMPETES Act regarding responsible conduct of research (RCR).

Clarifications and Other Changes to the NSF Cooperative Agreement Financial and Administrative Terms and Conditions (CA-FATC), dated 01/10

◆ **Overall Document**. References to forms that no longer exist, such as the Federal Cash Transaction Report, have been removed from the document. Language in other Articles, such as Travel and Payments, has been updated to ensure consistency with the latest policies and procedures on these topics as well as with the coverage in the *Award & Administration Guide*. In addition, references and links have been updated as necessary and minor editorial changes have been made to either clarify or enhance the intended meaning of a sentence or section.

◆ **Expenditure Reports, Article 16**, has been revised to require submission of the Federal Financial Report (FFR) by the thirtieth day following the end of each quarter. The FFR can be submitted via FastLane or Research.gov.

² The Policy Office website address is: <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/>