Effective March 1, 2008, new NSF conference or group travel grants, and funding amendments to existing NSF conference or group travel grants, will begin referencing and are subject to the NSF Conference or Group Travel Grant Special Conditions (FL 26) dated 03/08. The complete text of the FL 26 (as well as other NSF grant policy issuances) is available electronically on the NSF website.1

A comprehensive summary of the significant 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 FL 26 Dated 03/01/08

♦ Overall document has been updated to make minor editorial changes to either clarify or enhance the intended meaning of a sentence or section.

♦ Travel, Article 3, has been rearranged to move the guidelines on Federal employees participating in conference or group travel grants closer to the beginning of the Article and places it right after part 3.c, which also addresses travel of Federal agency personnel. In addition, the provision regarding fees being used to defray conference expenses (previously part 3.j) has been removed from this Article as it is addressed in a new article 6 regarding program income. The entire Article has been renumbered accordingly.

♦ Program Income, Article 6, is a new Article that provides guidance on the definition, treatment, reporting, and disposition of program income. For conference and group travel grants, program income includes registration or other fees paid by conference participants or sponsors and should be added to the funds committed to the project by NSF and used to further project objectives. The previous Article 6 “Resolution of Conflicting Conditions” has been renumbered and is now Article 7.

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