Effective February 1, 2012, new NSF SBIR/STTR Phase II grants and funding amendments to existing NSF SBIR/STTR Phase II grants will begin referencing and are subject to the NSF SBIR/STTR Phase II Grant General Conditions (SBIR-II) dated 02/12. The complete text of the SBIR-II conditions (as well as other NSF grant policy issuances) is available electronically on the NSF website.¹

Unless otherwise noted in a specific article, the NSF SBIR/STTR Phase II Grant General Conditions apply to all new NSF SBIR/STTR Phase II grants and funding increments on existing NSF SBIR/STTR Phase II grants awarded on or after February 1, 2012.

The changes to Article 11 (Travel) identified below also will be incorporated in the next issuance of the NSF Award & Administration Guide.

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 SBIR/STTR Phase II Grant General Conditions, dated 02/12**

- **Travel, Article 11**, has been updated to incorporate revised circumstances under which use of a foreign-flag air carrier is permissible. The Article provides information on recent modifications to the “Open Skies” Agreement with the European Union, and includes a link to the General Services Administration website for additional information.

**Clarifications and Other Changes to the NSF SBIR/STTR Phase II Grant General Conditions, dated 02/12**

- **Grantee Responsibilities and Federal Requirements, Article 2**, has been supplemented with a weblink to a listing of the National Policy Requirements.

- **Patent Rights, Article 22**, has a footnote added to it stating that, while the Article remains unchanged at this time, NSF is assessing how best to implement revisions given the Stanford vs. Roche Supreme Court decision.