

OIRM Update

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Administrative Functions Study (AFS) Pilot & Learning Program

AFS Pilot

- The AFS examined proposal processing at the Foundation. Four research Directorates worked with OIRM to create a pilot to test the management component of the recommendations that accompanied the study's findings
- The AFS Management Pilot began Oct. 1, 2007 and will last one year
- 14 Divisions in four participating Directorates are now utilizing two new administrative management positions
- The pilot will be evaluated by NSF Senior Leadership prior to introducing additional new positions that were part of the study's recommendations

AFS Pilot Learning Program

 Help pilot participants learn and apply new skills, build relationships, and engage NSF leaders in the AFS Management Pilot

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Other Learning and Development Initiatives

Merit Review Training (in design)

 Address key issues in the NSF merit review process and promote discussion and exchange of ideas among NSF staff

Executive Onboarding (in design)

 expand NSF's executive capacity by quickly and effectively integrating new members of the executive corps



Federal Human Capital Survey

- The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) conducts the Federal Human Capital Survey every two years to assess employee perceptions about agency management and practices
- NSF was one of only three agencies to be ranked in the Top 5 in each of the four survey categories, including a #1 ranking in the Results-Oriented Performance Culture category
- Findings from the survey were used by the Partnership for Public Service to develop its *Best Places to Work in the Federal Government* list, where NSF was ranked #4 among small agencies
- NSF was voted one of six top Federal agencies in Washingtonian Magazine's Great Places to Work issue (November 2007)

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Office Space

- New owner of Stafford Place and Stafford II
- New Uninterruptible Power System (UPS)
- NSF Child Development Center (NSFCDC)
- Near and Future Space Planning

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IT Security and Privacy Initiatives

- Completed successful FY2007 FISMA Review
- Increasing Attention on Privacy-Related Matters



Publication Citations

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Why Research.gov?

- In 2004, OMB launched the Grants Management Line of Business (GMLoB) Initiative to support grants management activities that promote:
 - Citizen access,
 - Customer service, and
 - Agency financial and technical stewardship.
- In 2005, OMB selected NSF to lead one of three Consortia because of NSF's
 - Focus on the research community,
 - High standards and performance to its customers, and
 - Leadership position in the grants community.
- Being a GMLoB Consortium Lead benefits NSF by:
 - Allowing NSF to continue to leverage and improve the Foundation's current work processes and supporting technology (e.g., FastLane)
 - Preventing NSF from having to migrate to another agency's processes and systems for FastLane-type functions
 - Preserving NSF's leadership role in the research community

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