Stewardship Goal and Performance Measures

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Context

- NSF Strategic Plan FY 2006 – 2011
- Four Outcome Goals
- Discovery, Learning, and Research Infrastructure: evaluated by AC/GPA
- Stewardship: monitored within NSF

   "Support excellence in science and engineering research and education through a capable and responsive organization."

NSF Performance Assessment Framework

Strategic Outcome Goals

Discovery
Advancing frontiers of knowledge

Learning
S&E workforce and scientific literacy

Research Infrastructure
Advanced instrumentation and facilities

Stewardship
Supporting excellence in S&E research and education

Advisory Committee for GPRA Performance Assessment (AC/GPA)

Annual Goals

Directorate Advisory Committees

Committees of Visitors

**Time-to-Decision
Merit Review
Customer Service
Broaden Participation
Manage Large Facilities
Post-Award Monitoring
E-Government
IT Security**

Stewardship Performance Areas

- Time to Decision
- Merit Review
- Customer Service
- Broaden Participation
- Management of Large Facilities
- Post-Award Monitoring
- E-Government
- IT Security

FY 2007 Stewardship Results

- Achieved 7.5 out of 8 goals
- Did not achieve: the cost and schedule measure under Management of Large Facilities
- NSF achieved the Stewardship Goal because a majority of measures & milestones were achieved

Communicating the Results

- NSF FY 2009 Budget Request to Congress: Performance Information chapter

- FY 2007 Performance Highlights report

- FY 2007 Annual Financial Report:

    -- Management's Discussion and Analysis

- NSF Performance website:

http://www.nsf.gov/about/performance/

Changes in FY 2008

- No changes in wording of each goal / performance area
- Change in nomenclature: from Stewardship "goals" to Stewardship "performance areas"
- Measures and milestones were added or updated, based on what we learned in FY 2007 and on new priorities for FY 2008
  - See background information for details

Examples of New Measures/Milestones

- Institute mandatory training for NSF staff on merit review
- Develop a searchable database of NSF proposal reviewers
- Create a standard orientation module for panels with information on implicit bias
- Conduct further analysis of data on the impact of proposals and award mechanisms & potentially transformative research
- Conduct a BSR at least once per 5-yr award cycle

Progress in FY 2008

- Monitored by the Foundation-wide GPRA Working Group

- Quarterly reports on available goal results are submitted to NSF Senior Management.

- Each performance area has an NSF lead program officer or organization responsible for implementation.

The Future of Stewardship

- Revise and update the performance areas for FY 2009 and beyond

- Maintain a balance of qualitative milestones and quantitative measures

- Revisit the Stewardship goal during the Strategic Plan update midway through the FY 2006 – 2011 period

NSF's Performance Reports

- FY 2009 Budget Request to Congress: see Performance Information chapter for FY 2007 results and the NSF Performance website for more details http://www.nsf.gov/about/performance/

- FY 2007 Performance Highlights: in FY 2008, the name will be changed to Citizen's Report: the FY 2008 Summary of Performance and Financial Results per OMB revisions to Circular A-136