

Office of Budget, Finance, and Award Management

Updates to the Business & Operations Advisory Committee

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Where we are and where we are going....

- External Initiatives (New Administration/Grants Policy/Government-wide IT Systems)
- NSF FY 2009 Budget & FY 2010 Request
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- Policy Updates
- BFA Human Capital Plan Update
- FY 2009 Financial Statement Audit
- A-123 Internal Controls Update
- Financial Accounting Systems (FAS) Update



New Administration Key Themes

- Transparency/Accountability
- Stakeholder Involvement
- Ethics in Research



Grants Policy Committee

Grants Executive Board



**GRANTS EXECUTIVE
BOARD**



- P.L. 106-107
- Pre-Award Work Group
- Post-Award Work Group
- Training & Certification WG
- Audit Work Group

- Grants.gov
- GMLoB
- Research.gov
- Electronic systems

Joint Mtgs
Electronic Work Group

Integration



FY 2009 Appropriation

Appropriations Account	FY 2009 Appropriation	FY 2009 Recovery Act	Total FY 2009 Appropriations
Research & Related Activities	\$5,183	\$2,500	\$7,683
Education & Human Resources	\$845	\$100	\$945
Major Research Equipment & Facilities Construction	\$152	\$400	\$552
Agency Operations & Award Management	\$294	-	\$294
National Science Board	\$4	-	\$4
Inspector General	\$12	\$2	\$14
TOTAL	\$6,490	\$3,002	\$9,492



FY 2010 Budget Request

- FY 2010 Budget: \$7.045 Billion (+\$555 million)
- NSF is part of President's Plan for Science and Innovation: double federal investment in basic research over 10-years: \$11B by 2016
- Launches Presidential initiative to triple number of new graduate research fellowships by 2013
- Major themes include:
 - New Faculty and Young Investigators
 - Workforce Development
 - Climate Change
 - Clean Energy
- Potentially Transformative Research – all research directorates provide funding to leverage activities aimed at increasing support for transformative research



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - NSF

NSF Programs Receiving Recovery Act Funding

- \$3 billion supplements FY 2009 funding
 - \$2 billion for Research and Related Activities for proposals already in house and that will be reviewed and/or awarded prior to September 30, 2009.
 - \$ 1 billion to award funds as specified in the Recovery Act



Policy Updates

New Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) issued April 6

- New guidance added on complying with the mentoring requirement of the America COMPETES Act
- Special Information, Review Record, and Return without Review Sections/Chapters have been updated



BFA Human Capital Plan Updates

- March 12, 2009- draft *Keeping our Edge (KOE)* BFA Human Capital Strategic Plan was released for BFA review and comment
- April 21, 2009- draft *KOE Implementation Outline* released for BFA review
 - BFA staff asked to identify three top priorities among the opportunities for implementation
 - Staff comments received May 8 are undergoing review



FY 2009 Financial Statement Audit

- ❖ Held Audit Entrance Conference on March 17, 2009
- ❖ Areas of emphasis will include:
 - Grant accounting and post award monitoring
 - Contract monitoring
 - Property, equipment and construction in progress amounts
 - Compliance with laws and regulations, including American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and OMB Circular A-123 “Management’s Responsibility for Internal Control”
 - Site visit to Raytheon Polar Services Corp. in Denver (mid-August)



FY 2008 Financial Statement Audit

❖ Management Letter Report

- Received on February 25th
- Three actionable findings
- Corrective Action Plan was issued on April 27th
- Discuss alternative solutions in specific areas
- NSF actions will be evaluated through FY 2009 Financial Statement Audit process



A-123 “Management’s Responsibility for Internal Control”

- ❖ Completed planning, evaluation of entity levels, and evaluation of process levels for FY 2009
- ❖ Integrated internal control narrative documentation and audit cycle memos to gain efficiencies in complying with A-123 and audit requirements
- ❖ Scheduled key control testing
- ❖ Issued Prepared By Client (PBC) List to obtain data for sampling



Financial & Property Systems Modernization - iTRAK

❖ Goal – maintain financial stewardship and improve transparency

- iTRAK Advisory Group was initiated and began working with Capital Planning Investment Control Process, Investment Technology Review Board, and other NSF stakeholders to review and recommend solution scope and alternatives
- iTRAK Preliminary Scope:

- **Core Financials**
- **Grants Financials**
- **Property**
- **Acquisition**

- **Budget Formulation**
- **Interfaces**
- **Data Clean-up**



Financial & Property Systems Modernization - iTRAK, continued

❖ Progress

- **Developing a Business Case for FY 2011 budget to submit to OMB**
- **May 2009: Conducting market Research in progress to gather and analyze information on approaches, cost estimates, alternatives**
- **June 2009: Business Case will outline information on scope, alternatives, cost, risks, benefits, and timeline**





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