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# See Yourself in the NSF Strategic Plan!

We need your ideas over the coming weeks to make our new plan the best it can be!

## About this campaign

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Strategic Planning Working Group has teamed up with IdeaShare to launch a new campaign, *NSF Strategic Plan*. The [NSF Strategic Plan](#) is vital to NSF's success, as it defines the agency's mission, vision, goals, objectives, and the framework for measuring the Foundation's performance for a 5-year period.

## Why we are writing a new Strategic Plan

The GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 requires that Federal agencies time their strategic planning process to align with the commencement of a new Presidential term. NSF will publish its next Strategic Plan in February 2014. A draft is due to the Office of Management and Budget in June.

For the past several months, the NSF Strategic Planning Working Group, containing representatives from all NSF organizational units, has worked on understanding and implementing the new requirements. The Group has prepared draft high-level content intended to build on the strengths of recent NSF strategic plans and chart a way forward for NSF over the next five years.

This is your opportunity to engage and offer your input on the strategic direction of NSF!

## How your input will be used

Your input will be used to:

- help the Strategic Planning Working Group identify general priorities. We hope to gain an understanding of which goals and objectives resonate with NSF staff, which might need restatement to capture NSF priorities, and which are of lower priority.
- help shape the language of the strategic plan. Comments are being solicited through email, IdeaShare, and public sessions, and will be analyzed to identify common themes and concerns.

## Ways to be heard

### On specific dates

March 7: Poster session, room 1235. Doors open 9-5pm, drop in anytime.

March 27: Town Hall, room 110, 2-3:30pm

April 9: Town Hall, room II-555, 10-11:30am

### Anytime

IdeaShare: will be open for comment March 4 - April 9, 2013.

Email: you can send your comments directly to the SPWG. The addresses can be found in the Global Address List.

Emailing "**NSF Strategic Plan Group**" sends an email to all members of the group.

Emailing "**NSF Strategic Plan Comments**" sends an email to the group leaders from "anonymous@nsf.gov." *If you use this option, be sure to delete your signature from the email text to preserve anonymity!* Comments sent to this address may be summarized and the summaries posted on IdeaShare unless you specify otherwise.

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# Empowering the Nation through Discovery and Innovation: NSF Strategic Plan for 2014 – 2018

## Mission

The NSF Act of 1950 (Public Law 81-507) sets forth a mission: “to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense; and for other purposes.”

## Vision

NSF envisions a nation that capitalizes on new concepts in science and engineering and provides global leadership in advancing research and education.

## Strategic Goal 1 (G1): Transform the Frontiers across All Fields of Science and Engineering

*Strategic Objective 1 (O1): Invest in frontier research to ensure a continuing stream of advances across the NSF science, engineering, and education portfolios.*

*Strategic Objective 2 (O2): Integrate education and research to produce a diverse STEM workforce with cutting-edge capabilities.*

*Strategic Objective 3 (O3): Provide world-class research infrastructure to enable major scientific advances.*

## Strategic Goal 2 (G2): Stimulate Innovation and Address Societal Needs through Research and Education

*Strategic Objective 4 (O4): Strengthen the links between foundational research and societal needs through investments at the nexus of investigator-driven research, private enterprise R&D, and long-term national S&E challenges.*

*Strategic Objective 5 (O5): Develop partnerships across the S&E research community with other agencies, private-sector and international collaborators.*

*Strategic Objective 6 (O6): Provide for the generation and dissemination of authoritative information and analysis on the S&E enterprise for decision and policy makers and the public.*

*Strategic Objective 7 (O7): Build the capacity of the Nation’s citizens to address societal challenges through science and engineering using a suite of formal, informal, and broadly available educational mechanisms.*

## Strategic Goal 3 (G3): Perform as a Model Organization

*Strategic Objective 8 (O8): Enhance decision-making and performance toward the NSF mission by strengthening linkages across all levels of planning and execution.*

*Strategic Objective 9 (O9): Build an increasingly diverse, engaged, and high-performing NSF workforce by fostering excellence in recruitment, training, leadership, and management of human capital.*

*Strategic Objective 10 (O10): Achieve high levels of customer service, and enhance efficiencies by encouraging a culture of sustained creativity and innovation.*