

**Significant Changes to the Grant General Conditions (GC-1)
dated 12/97**

- ◆ **Prior Approval Requirements, Article 2**, has been revised to encourage use of the NSF FastLane system to electronically process routine types of required notifications to and requests for approval from NSF.
- ◆ **No-Cost Extensions, Article 4**, has been modified to indicate that grantee authorized no-cost extension notifications may be submitted electronically via the NSF FastLane system.
- ◆ **Significant Project Changes, Article 8**, has been updated:
 - to clarify awardee responsibilities regarding transfer of the project effort (subawards); and
 - for consistency with government-wide requirements, to delete the requirement to notify NSF when the PI plans to devote substantially *more* effort to the work than anticipated in the approved proposal.
- ◆ **Travel, Article 10**, has been supplemented with language to highlight Comptroller General decision B-240956 which concerns code-sharing of flights by U.S. and foreign flag carriers.
- ◆ **Payments, Article 13**, has been revised to update NSF payment procedures by stipulating that electronic transfer of funds will be used to process payments made under NSF grants as well as to reflect the fact that NSF FastLane system may be used to submit cash requests.
- ◆ **Progress Reports, Article 15**, has been changed to require progress reports under standard grants to be submitted *three months prior* to the anniversary of the effective date of the grant for consistency with the reporting submission requirement under continuing grant awards. Previously, progress reports under standard grants were due 90 days *after* the anniversary of the effective date of the grant.
- ◆ **Publications, Article 20**, has been updated to require acknowledgment of NSF support in any publication resulting from an NSF funded project (*including World Wide Web pages*) as well as in any media interviews.
- ◆ **Final Report Requirements, Article 16** has been clarified to require submission of the Federal Cash Transaction Report, SF 272, for the first full quarter after the award expires. Awardees are also encouraged to submit the FCTR electronically via the NSF FastLane System.
- ◆ **Cost Sharing and Cost Sharing Records, Article 22**, has been supplemented with new language that stipulates the awardee's responsibility to immediately notify NSF if it becomes aware that it may be unable to cost share the amount identified on Line M; possible alternatives available to NSF, upon receipt of the notification; and ramifications if the required notification is not provided.

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- ◆ **Audits and Record, Article 23** has been updated to reflect the revision of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations* and the deletion of OMB Circular A-128, *Audits of State and Local Governments*.
- ◆ **Animal Welfare, Article 29** has been updated to reflect that the grantee must comply with the guidelines described in the NAS publication entitled “*Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*” as well as the Public Health Service Policy and Government Principles Regarding the Care and Use of Animals (which are included as an Appendix to the NAS Guide.)
- ◆ **State Sales and Use Taxes, Article 34**, has been added to stipulate that awardees are required to avail themselves of any tax exemptions for which any activities supported by Federal funds may qualify on purchases of goods and services made with NSF grant funds.
- ◆ **Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States, Article 40**, has been added to implement E.O. 13043, dated April 16, 1997, *Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States*, which encourages grantees to adopt and enforce seat belt policies for their employees and program for their employees when operating vehicles