

Committees of Visitors (COVs)

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COVs bring external, expert judgment to review

- the integrity, quality, and effectiveness of the NSF program's merit review processes and management and
- the resulting portfolio of awards made.
- But we no longer ask COVs to consider the results of NSF investments (we communicate results in other ways).

COVs: Options for portfolio review

- Option A: generic questions on balance, representation, award size and duration, integration of research and education, innovation, overall quality
- Option B: questions tailored by each division to specific program/division goals
- AC thoughts?

OPP's Proposed COV Approach for CY 2012-2013

- Each Science Division holds a COV integrating infrastructure, logistics, environment, health and safety
- The two COVs could be held at different times
- Start with Arctic
- AC thoughts?