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Directorate for Geosciences

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The Mission of the Directorate for Geosciences

- Support research in the atmospheric, earth and ocean sciences
- Address the nation's need to understand, predict and respond to environmental events and changes in order to use the Earth's resources wisely



Division of Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences (AGS)

- Furthers understanding of weather, climate and the solar-terrestrial system by expanding the fundamental knowledge of the composition and dynamics of the Earth's atmosphere and geospace environment
- Supports large, complex facilities required for research in the atmospheric and solar-terrestrial sciences



Division of Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences

**UCAR & Lower Atmospheric
Facilities Oversight Section**

**Lower Atmosphere Research
Section**

**Upper Atmosphere Research
Section**

Atmospheric Research Program

Aeronomy Program

**Cross-Disciplinary Activities
Program**

**Magnetospheric Physics
Program**

**Physical & Dynamic
Meteorology Program**

**Solar Terrestrial Research
Program**

**Climate & Large-Scale Dynamics
Program**

Upper Atmospheric Facilities

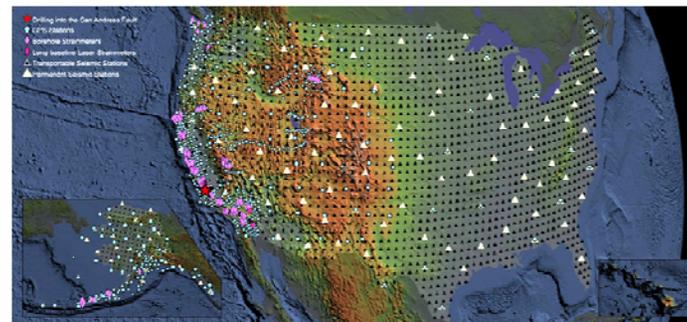
Paleoclimate Program

**Major Research Instrumentation
Program**



Division of Earth Sciences (EAR)

- Improves the understanding of the structure, composition, and evolution of the Earth and the processes that govern the formation and behavior of the solid Earth
- Supports theoretical, computational, laboratories and field stations and state-of-the-art scientific infrastructure



Division of Earth Sciences

Surface Earth Processes Section

Education & Human Resources

Hydrologic Sciences

Geomorphology & Land Use Dynamics

Sedimentary Geology & Paleobiology

Geobiology & Environmental
Geochemistry

Deep Earth Processes Section

Instrumentation & Facilities

Continental Dynamics

EarthScope

Geophysics

Petrology & Geochemistry

Tectonics



Division of Ocean Sciences (OCE)

- Enhances understanding of all aspects of the global oceans and their interactions with the solid earth and the atmosphere
- Supports major shared-use oceanographic facilities including research vessels and manned deep diving submersibles



Division of Ocean Sciences

Marine Geosciences Section

Ocean Drilling Program

Marine Geology and Geophysics Program

Integrative Programs Section

Ship Operations Program

Oceanographic Facilities Program

Oceanographic Instrumentation and Technical Services

Oceanographic Technology and Interdisciplinary Coordination Program

Ocean Sciences Education

Ocean Section

Biological Oceanography Program

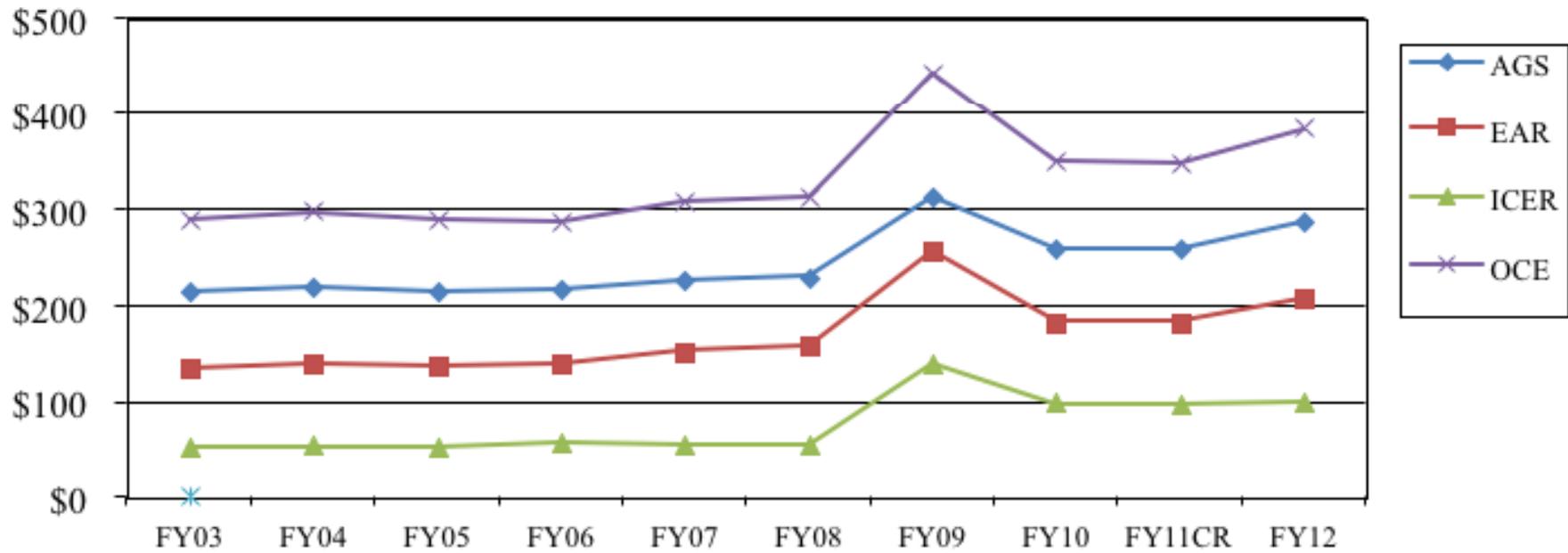
Physical Oceanography Program

Chemical Oceanography Program



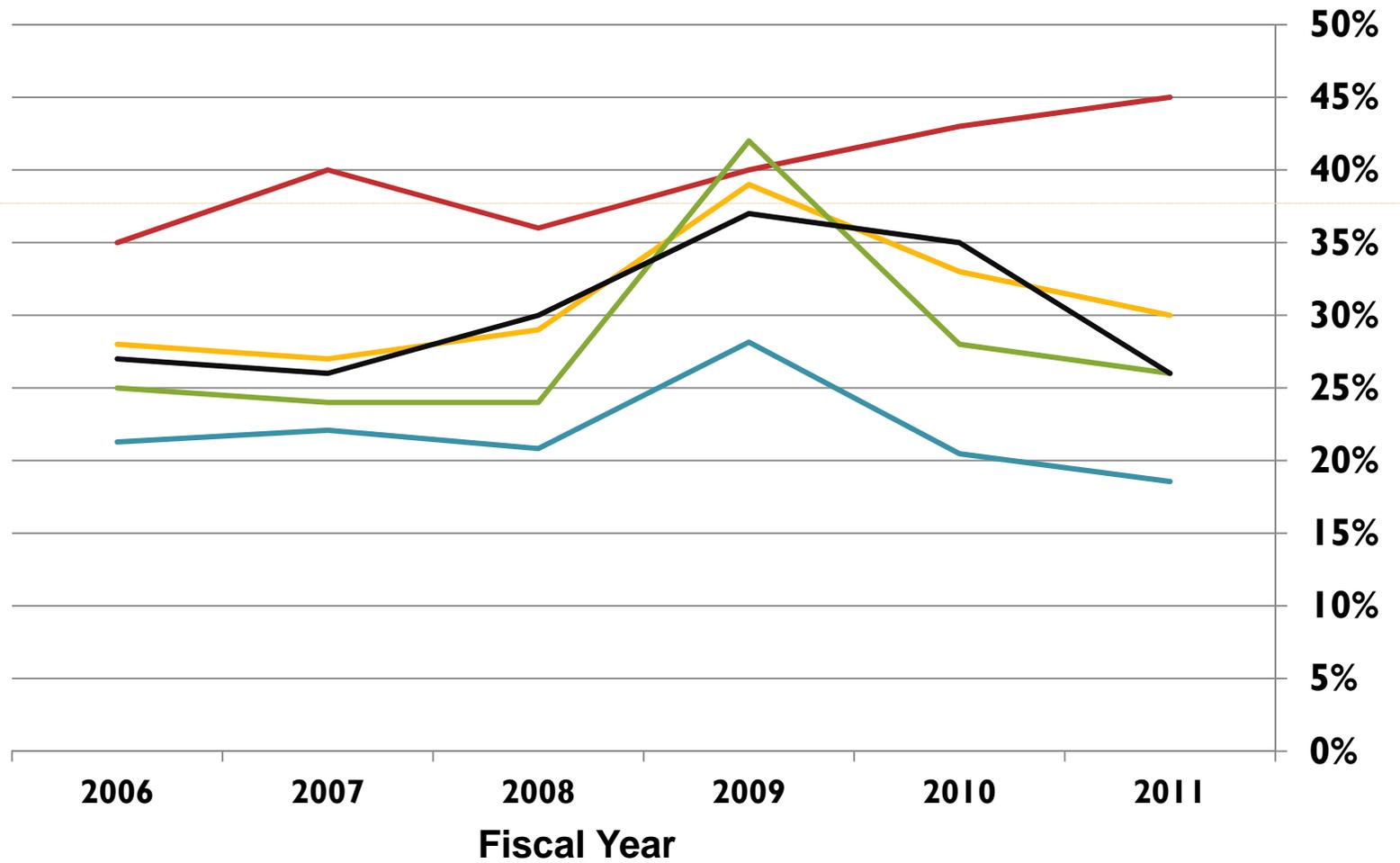
GEO Yearly Budget History

GEO Subactivity Funding
(Dollars in Millions)



GEO Funding Rates (Research Grants)

— NSF — GEO — AGS — EAR — OCE



Modes of support

- unsolicited proposals from all scientists with interests in the geosciences
- special competitions, often interdisciplinary
- promote the integration of research and education
- support for infrastructure, instrumentation, facilities
- post-doctoral fellowship programs and workforce development programs



Earth Sciences Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program (EAR-PRF)

- Program Solicitation – NSF 10-500
 - ***Deadline: July 1 annually***
- Fellowship program may be conducted at any appropriate U.S. or foreign host institution
- 2 year long fellowships, \$170k/2years
- Eligibility within 3 years of PhD
- Fellowships are awards to individuals, not institutions, and are administered by the Fellows.
- 2 months parental leave can be requested
- Contact – Lina Patino (lpatino@nsf.gov)



Atmospheric and Geospace Science Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships

- Program Solicitation - NSF 11-521
 - ***Deadlines: February 02, 2012 and 2013***
- \$86,000/yr for up to 2 years
- Similar to the EAR-PRF
- Contact: C. Susan Weiler (cweiler@nsf.gov)



Ocean Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (OCE-PRF)

- Program Solicitation – NSF 11-586
- Goal – Awards are intended to support the individual fellows' research and increase the diversity of the U.S. ocean sciences research community. In this solicitation, the term underrepresented groups will refer to and include the following: women, persons with disabilities, African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Pacific Islanders.
 - ***Deadline: January 13, 2012***



GEO Education Activities

GEO Education (GEO Ed) - Directorate-wide programs to fund formal (K-16) and informal geosciences education activities.

Opportunities for Enhancing Diversity in the Geosciences (OEDG) – Broadening participation in the Geosciences

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<http://www.nsf.gov/geo/adgeo/education.jsp>

Paleo Perspectives on Climate Change (P2C2)

- Program Solicitation 10-574
- Annual deadlines for 2010-2012: October 18th

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Frontiers in Earth System Dynamics (FESD)

Old Program Solicitation NSF 10-577

- GEO-wide program involving AGS, EAR and/or OCE
- Intra- or Inter- Divisional scope, but beyond purview of a single discipline
- Complements science funded through GEO's core programs;
- Provides support for 'mid-sized' activities that fall between core program and STC/MREFC scales
- Where appropriate, capitalizes on major facility investments NSF is already making;
- Promotes interdisciplinary study of interactive dynamics within the Earth system over a wide range of space and time scales
- Program budget: Planning for \$28M per competition
- 2 additional competitions in FY13, FY15



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Major Investments in 2012

- Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability (SEES)
- Cyberinfrastructure Framework for 21st Century Science and Engineering (CIF21)
- Creating a More Disaster Resilient America (CaMRA)
- Continuing investments in Basic Research, Education & Diversity, Infrastructure



Science, Engineering, and Education for Sustainability (SEES)

Mission Statement:

To advance science, engineering, and education to inform the societal actions needed for environmental and economic sustainability and sustainable human well-being

- Goal 1: Support interdisciplinary research and education that can facilitate the move towards global sustainability.
- Goal 2: Build linkages among existing projects and partners and add new participants in the sustainability research enterprise.
- Goal 3: Develop a workforce trained in the interdisciplinary scholarship needed to understand and address the complex issues of sustainability.



SEES FY 2010/2012



- ✧ Ocean Acidification (*NSF 12-500*)
- ✧ Climate Change Education (*NSF 10-542*)
- ✧ Decadal and Regional Climate Prediction using Earth System Models (EaSM) (*NSF 10-554*)
- ✧ Dimensions of Biodiversity (*NSF 11-518*)
- ✧ Water Sustainability and Climate (*NSF 11-551*)
- ✧ Statistics for original five competitions
 - ✧ 16% overall success rate
 - ✧ 719 projects submitted, 113 awards, funding amount \$99M*
 - ✧ USDA and DOE funds of \$19M additional for EaSM competition

SEES FY 2011

✧ Research Coordination Networks (RCN – SEES) - NSF 11-531

- ✧ 37 projects submitted, 11 awards, funding amount ~ \$8M
- ✧ Cross foundational support & coordination in review/panel process
- ✧ Interdisciplinary awards, network themes include:
 - ✧ Water and urban sustainability; Renewable resources, biofuels, bioenergy
 - ✧ Climate, energy, environment nexus; Human ecodynamics
- ✧ Several awards international and/or public-private partnerships

✧ Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems (CNH) - NSF 10-612

- ✧ Integration of human choice into models of biogeochemical cycling in urban ecosystems
- ✧ Direct and indirect coupling of fisheries through economic, regulatory, environmental and ecological linkages

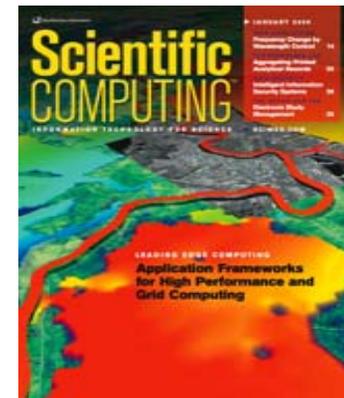
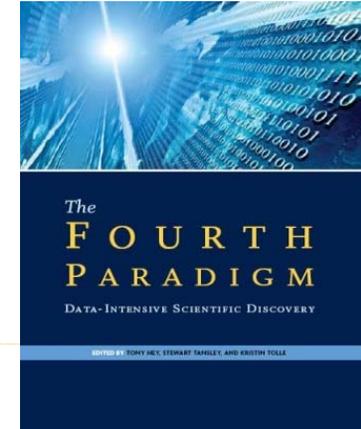
SEES FY 2012

- ✧ **New: SEES Fellows** (*NSF 11-575*)
- ✧ **New: Sustainability Research Networks** (*NSF 11-574*)
- ✧ **New: Sustainable Energy Pathways** (*NSF 11-590*)
- ✧ Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE) solicitation (*NSF 11-564*)
- ✧ RCN – SEES track continue (*NSF 11-531*)
- ✧ CNH – SEES projects continue (*NSF 10-612*)
- ✧ Climate-related competitions continue
- ✧ SEES summit planned for March 2012



Cyberinfrastructure Framework for 21st Century Science and Engineering (CIF21)

- Comprehensive and integrated cyberinfrastructure to transform research, innovation and education
- Focus on computational and data-intensive science to address complex problems
- Four major components
 - Data-enabled science
 - New computational infrastructure
 - Community research networks
 - Access and connections to cyberinfrastructure facilities



CIF21 – Geosciences Foci

- GEO investment is \$16 million in 2012
- Computational Infrastructure
 - acquisition and use of cyberinfrastructure for the conduct of geoscience research
- Data Enabled Science
 - geoinformatics – the tools and techniques that facilitate data-enabled geoscience
 - enhancement of access and connections to facilities and scientific instruments



Creating a More Disaster Resilient America (CaMRA)

- GEO will initiate a new \$10.0 million GEO-wide program on Creating a More Disaster Resilient America (CaMRA)
- CAMRA will catalyze basic research efforts in hazard-related science to improve forecasting and prediction of natural and man-made hazardous events
- AGS, EAR, and OCE are participating
- A formal solicitation is anticipated



Questions ?

