

Major Research Instrumentation FY 2008

Solicitation Changes

- Maximum **will** increase to \$4M for **acquisition** of **single** instrument
- Maximum on all other requests (instrument development; acquisition of multiple instruments) will remain at \$2M
- Letter of Intent will be required for mid-range (>\$2M) proposals
- 30% cost-sharing from PhD granting institutions

Management Plan Changes

- Greater role of MRI TCs in compliancy-checking process
- MRI TC Panel will review proposals between \$1M and \$4M
- Each Office or Directorate may submit up to 3 proposals over \$1M to MRI TC panel; if three, at least one must be over \$2M
- Five substantive reviews will be required on all proposals going to this (\$1M-\$4M) panel.

Response to *America COMPETES Act of 2008*

Congress: *requires* maximum to increase to \$4M

NSF: increase max to \$4M for ACQ of single instruments only

Congress: *suggests* support for operation & maintenance

NSF: no action at this time

Congress: *requires* 30% cost-sharing from PhD- and non degree-granting institutions

NSF: complies

Congress: *suggests* Director reduce or waive cost-sharing requirement in certain circumstances

NSF: no action at this time