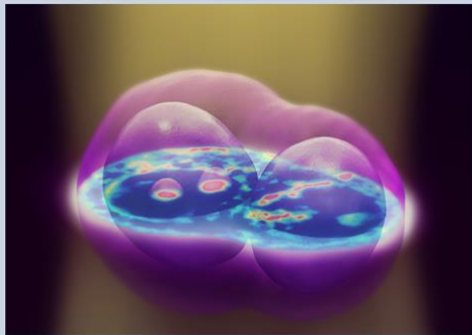
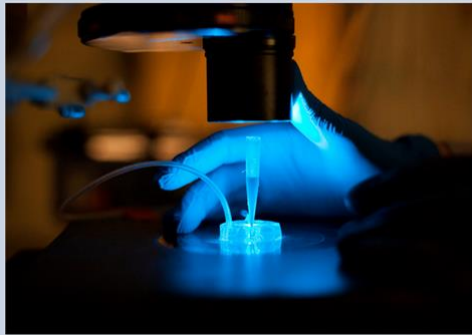


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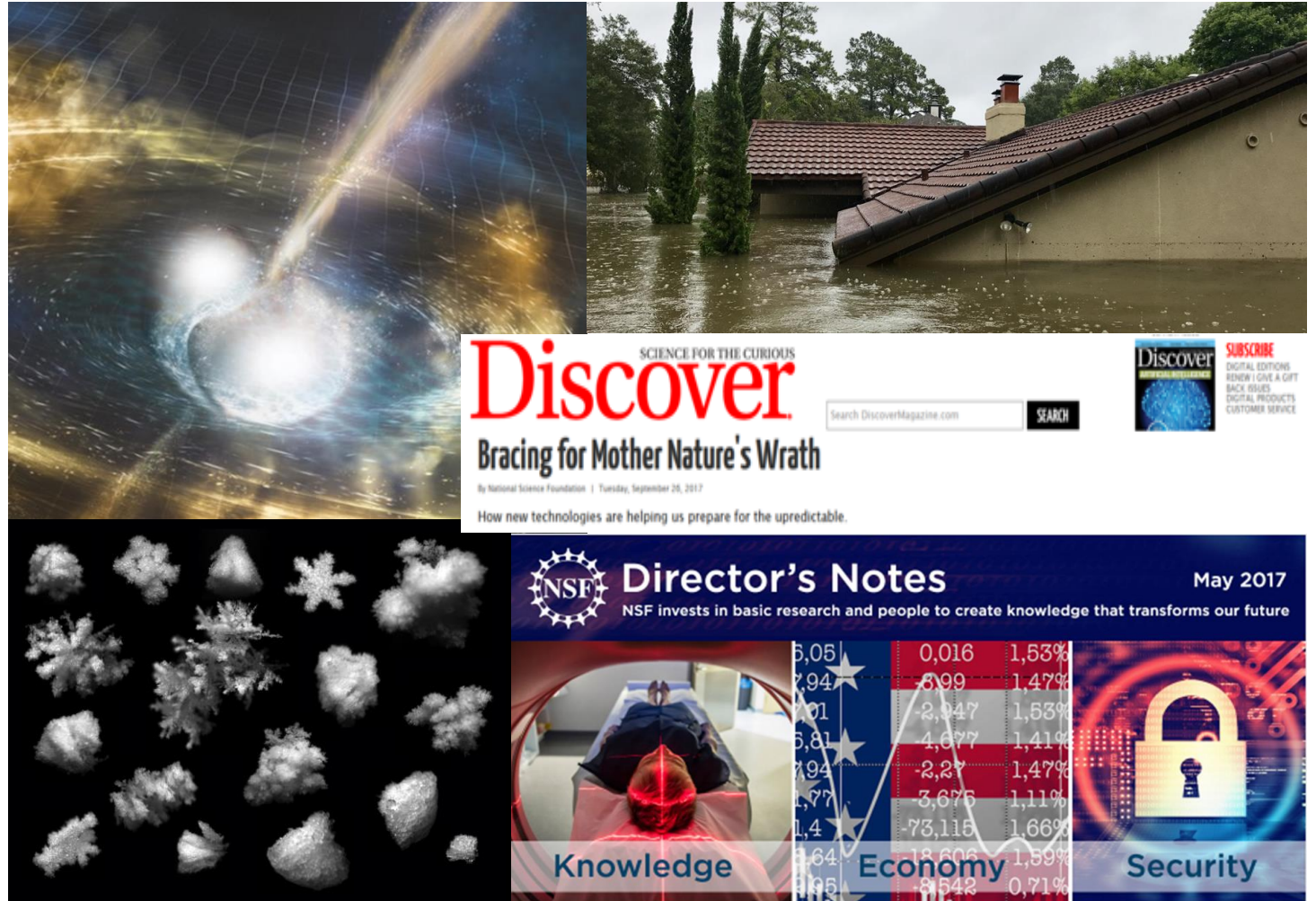


OLPA'S GOALS AND PRIORITIES:

- NSF as a whole makes engaging the public and increasing scientific literacy a priority. OLPA's role in this priority is to strategically communicate the successes of NSF-funded research to a broader audience. In this way we help ensure NSF maintains the resources and support needed to accomplish its objectives. To be effective in this role, we:
- Broaden awareness and understanding of NSF.
- Communicate NSF's vital mission.
- Highlight our success stories.
- Strengthen NSF's brand and image.
- Leverage the expertise and credentials of NSF's leadership.

STRATEGIC PLAN EQUALS PROGRESS:

- LIGO Press Event
- History Wall
- OLPA produced videos
- Overhaul of NSF's homepage
- Version II, NSF's publication, *Transforming the World Through Science*
- Discover magazine gallery
- Impacts, research outcomes
- Director's Newsletter
- Quick Reads
- NSF Days in every State
- Social Media Strategy



BUDGET UPDATE:

President's FY 2018 Budget Rollout:

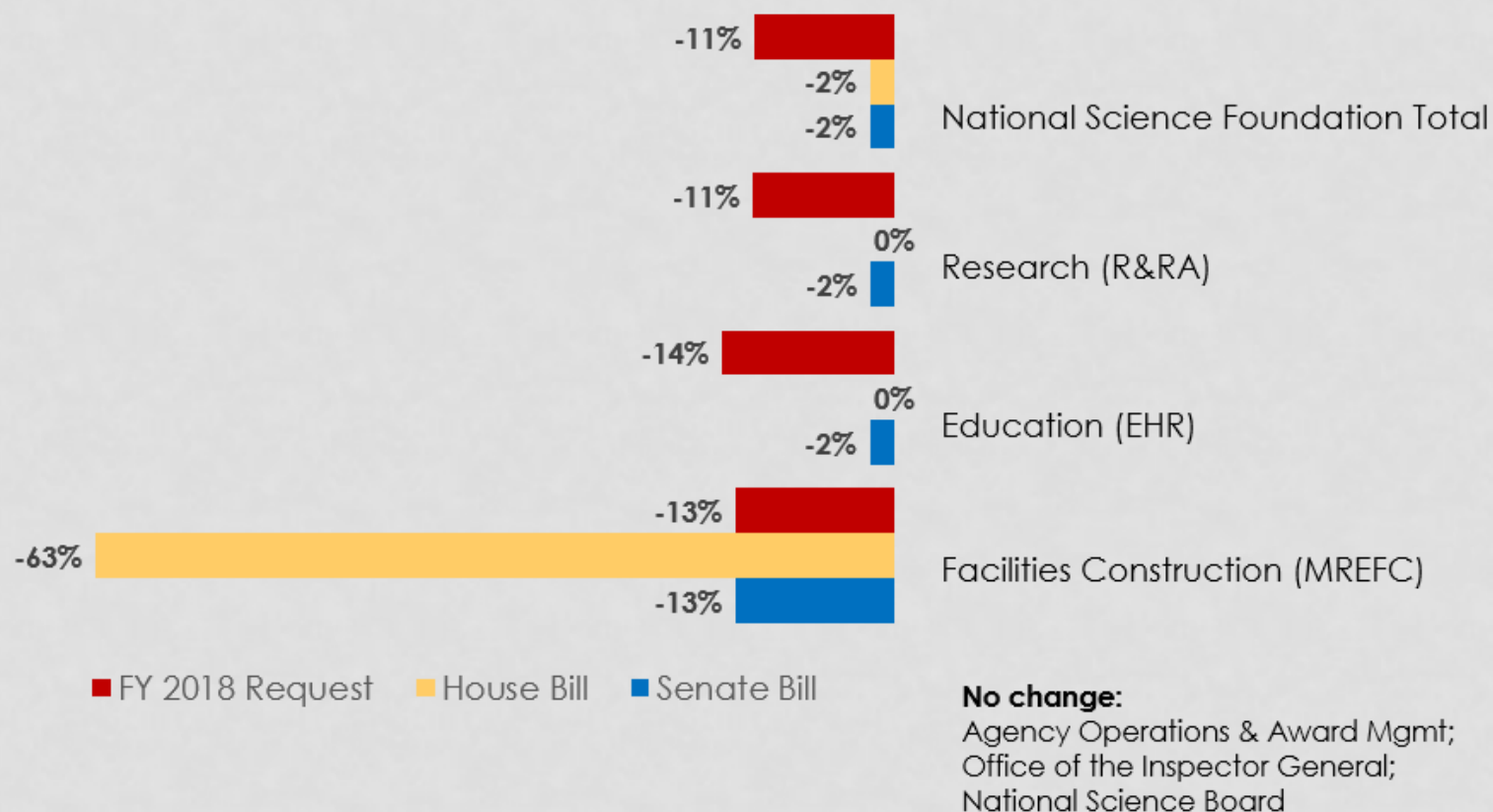
- NSF's FY 2018 request totals \$6.65 billion
- Director testified on NSF's FY 2018 Budget Request to Congress before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on June 7th
- The Members were supportive of NSF and voiced a desire "to ensure NSF is appropriately funded" in FY 2018

House Science Committee:

- Chairman Smith recently announced he is retiring. Its unclear who will take the gavel in the next Congress.
- Have held five oversight hearings this year.
- Committee is dedicated and focused on STEM education.

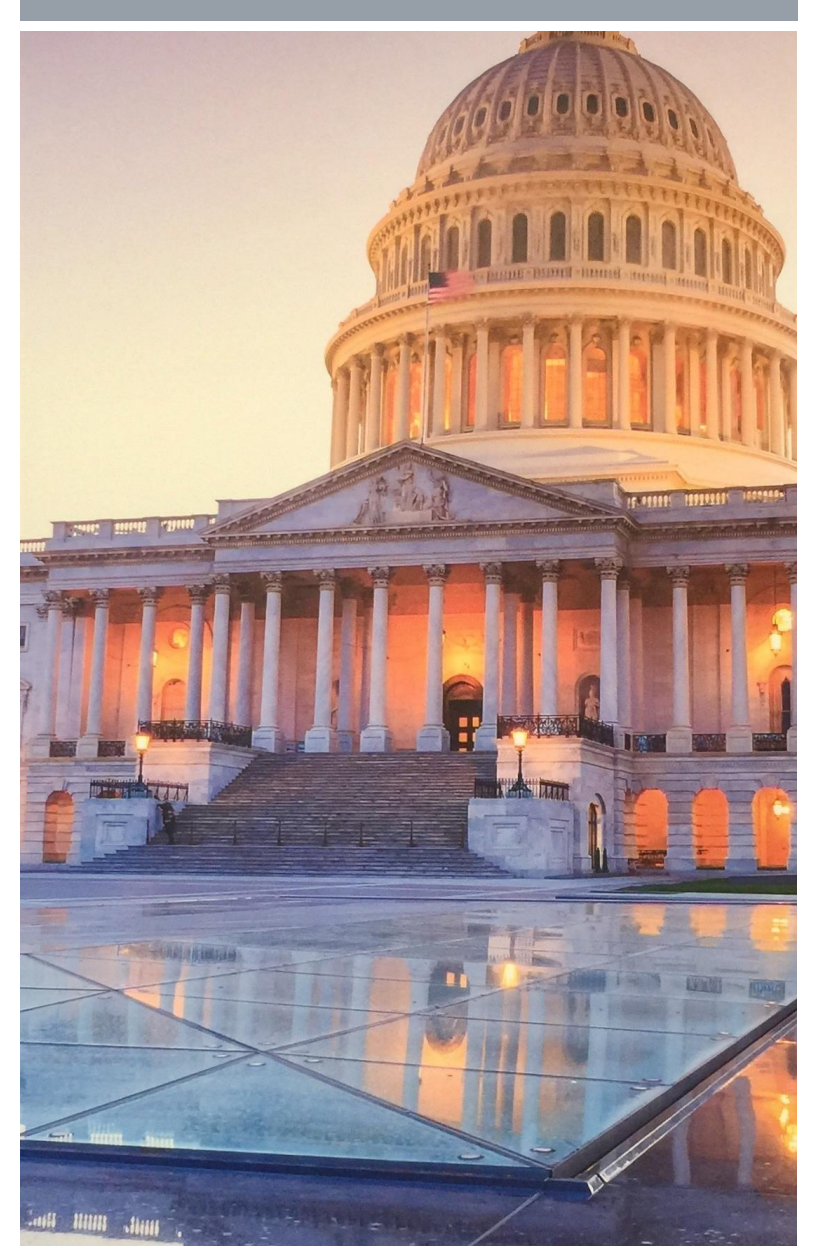
FY 2018 BUDGET PROPOSALS

(PERCENT CHANGE FROM FY17 ENACTED)



FY18 NSF FUNDING

- Currently, the federal government is operating on a continuing resolution (CR) that funds all agencies at the FY17 Omnibus Appropriations levels. The current CR expires at midnight on Dec. 8th.
- The FY 2017 Omnibus agreement provided NSF with \$7.472 billion
- The House will vote today, December 6th, on short term legislation to extend current funding through December 22nd.
- So far, the parties have been split over the levels, with Republicans willing to increase funding for defense, but Democrats saying any hike for Pentagon accounts should be matched with the same hike for non-defense domestic agencies.
- Right now, it appears as though any resolution on FY18 will require a bi-partisan deal to change the spending caps.





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