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About This Report

For FY 2011, in lieu of a Performance and Accountability Report, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is using an alternative approach as identified in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-136, *Financial Reporting Requirements*. NSF is preparing three alternative reports, which provide financial management and program performance information to demonstrate accountability to our stakeholders and the American public. These reports can be found on NSF's website at www.nsf.gov/about/performance.

- This report, the **Agency Financial Report (AFR)**, focuses on financial management and accountability. It includes the results of NSF's annual financial statement audit, management's assurance statement, the NSF Inspector General's (IG) memorandum on the agency's FY 2012 management challenges, as well as management's report on the progress made on the management challenges identified by the IG for FY 2011. The **AFR** also includes a summary of NSF's key performance metrics.
- The **Annual Performance Report (APR)** will include the complete results of NSF's FY 2011 Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) performance goals, including the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workforce priority goal. It will also include a discussion of NSF's new performance assessment and evaluation framework. The **APR** will be included in NSF's *FY 2013 Budget Request*, which will be transmitted to Congress on February 6, 2012.
- NSF's **Performance and Financial Highlights** report will summarize key information from the **AFR** and **APR**. It will be available on February 15, 2012.

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NSF by the Numbers	
\$6.9 billion	FY 2011 appropriations (does not include special or donated funds)
1,875	Colleges, universities, and other institutions receiving NSF funding in FY 2011
51,600	Proposals evaluated in FY 2011 through a competitive merit review process
11,200	Competitive awards funded in FY 2011
262,000	Proposal reviews conducted in FY 2011
276,000	Estimated number of people NSF supports directly (researchers, postdoctoral fellows, trainees, teachers, and students)
44,000	Students supported by NSF Graduate Research Fellowships since 1952