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About This Report

For FY 2012, in accordance with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-136, *Financial Reporting Requirement*, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is preparing three reports to 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 2013 management challenges, as well as management's report on the progress made on the management challenges identified by the IG for FY 2012. The **AFR** also includes a summary of NSF's key performance metrics.
- The **Annual Performance Report (APR)** will include the results of NSF's FY 2012 performance goals, including the agency's priority goals, related to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010. The **APR** will be included in NSF's *FY 2014 Budget Request*, which will be transmitted to Congress on February 4, 2013.
- NSF's **Performance and Financial Highlights** report summarizes key information from the **AFR** and **APR**. It will be available on February 15, 2013.

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NSF by the Numbers	
\$7.0 billion	<i>FY 2012 Appropriations (does not include mandatory accounts)</i>
1,895	<i>Colleges, universities, and other institutions receiving NSF funding in FY 2012</i>
48,600	<i>Proposals evaluated in FY 2012 through a competitive merit review process</i>
11,500	<i>Competitive awards funded in FY 2012</i>
236,000	<i>Proposal reviews conducted in FY 2012</i>
319,000	<i>Estimated number of people NSF supports directly (researchers, postdoctoral fellows, trainees, teachers, and students)</i>
45,800	<i>Students supported by NSF Graduate Research Fellowships since 1952</i>