



**REVISION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)
AGENCY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS TO THE RESEARCH
TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER, 2010

Effective October 1, 2010, awards made to organizations subject to 2 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 215 will incorporate by reference the *Research Terms & Conditions* dated July 1, 2008 and the *NSF Agency Specific Requirements* dated October, 2010. The *Research Terms & Conditions* will not be applied to NSF cooperative agreements or to NSF fellowship awards made to individuals.

Except as noted below (and as reflected in each specific article), the *NSF Agency Specific Requirements* apply to all new NSF grants and funding amendments to existing NSF grants awarded on or after October 1, 2010. The exceptions to the applicability of these *Agency Specific Requirements* include:

- Article 15, which applies to new proposals submitted or due on or after January 4, 2010;
- Article 16, which applies to new grants of \$25,000 or more awarded on or after October 1, 2010; and
- Article 17, which applies to new grants awarded on or after October 1, 2010.

A comprehensive summary of the changes is included below. Any questions regarding these changes may be directed to the Policy Office, Division of Institution and Award Support, on (703) 292-8243 or by e-mail to policy@nsf.gov.

Significant Changes to the NSF Agency Specific Requirements to the Research Terms and Conditions, dated 10/10

- **Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation, Article 16**, is a new Article which implements the award term specified in the OMB interim final guidance (September 14, 2010, 75 FR 22705). This Article requires recipients to report information regarding first-tier subawards in excess of \$25,000, and executive compensation information under those awards.
- **Central Contractor Registration and Universal Identifier Requirements, Article 17**, is a new Article which implements the award term specified in the OMB final guidance (September 14, 2010, 75 FR 22706). This Article requires recipients to maintain current Central Contractor Registration at all times when they have an active award with NSF. Recipients also may not make a subaward to an entity, unless the entity has provided its Dun & Bradstreet (DUNS) number to the recipient.

Clarifications and Other Changes to the NSF Agency Specific Requirements to the Research Terms and Conditions, dated 10/10

- **Cost Sharing or matching, Article 19**, includes language clarifying when cost sharing notifications are considered due and overdue.