

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE FY 2007 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

### **Statement From the NSF Director, Dr. Arden L. Bement, Jr.**

In the NSF FY 2007 Performance Highlights Report, Dr. Bement states:

NSF achieved all of its annual strategic outcome goals. I am pleased to report that the performance results presented by NSF are complete and reliable, and moreover, have been verified and validated by an external, independent management consultant.

### **Information on Use of Non-Federal Parties**

The NSF performance report that appears in the FY 2009 Budget Request to Congress and on this website was prepared solely by NSF staff. Non-federal external sources of information we used in preparing these reports include:

- Reports from awardees demonstrating results.
- Reports prepared by evaluators – Committee of Visitors (COV) and Advisory Committees – in assessing our programs for progress in achieving outcome goals.
- Reports prepared by a consulting firm to assess the procedures we use to collect, process, maintain, and report performance goals and measures.
- Reports from facilities managers on construction/upgrade costs and schedules and on operational reliability.

Specific examples:

Highlights or sources of examples shown as results may be provided by principal investigators who received support from NSF.

NSF uses external committees to assess the progress of our programs toward qualitative goal achievement. External evaluators provide us with reports of programs, and provide feedback to us on a report template we prepare. Examples are COV and Advisory Committee reports that provide an independent external assessment of NSF's performance.

We engaged an independent third party, IBM Global Business Services, to conduct a verification and validation review of the data and information used in reporting the quantitative annual performance goals. For the outcome goals that are not measured quantitatively – *Discovery*, *Learning*, and *Research Infrastructure* – IBM reviewed the process used by the Advisory Committee for GPRA Performance Assessment. This additional independent review helped to eliminate the potential reporting bias that can develop in self-assessments. It also provides assurance as to the credibility of performance reporting information and results.

### **Classified Appendixes not Available to the Public**

None

**Analysis of Tax Expenditures**

None

**Waivers of Administrative Requirements**

None