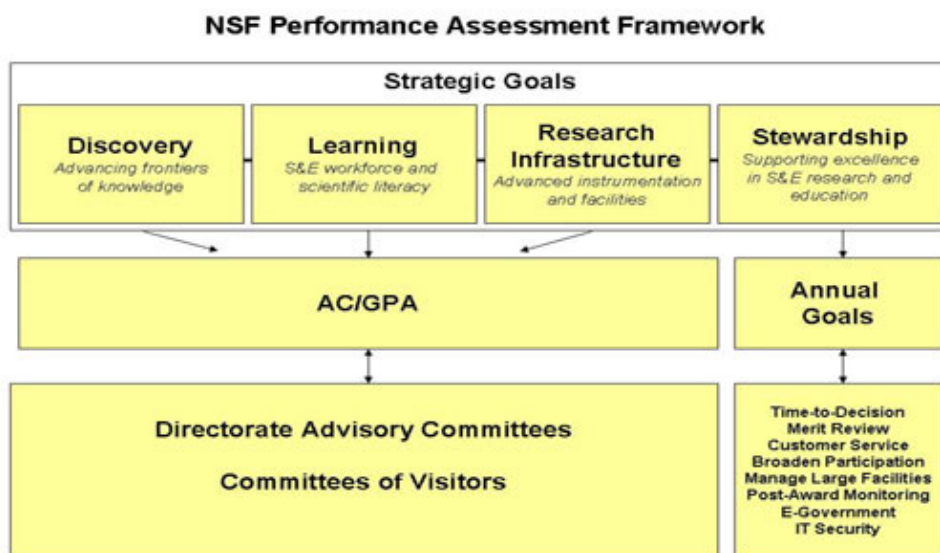


## Appendix II.

### PROCESS OVERVIEW

The Advisory Committee for GPRA Performance Assessment (AC/GPA) was established in June 2002 to provide advice and recommendations to the NSF Director regarding the Foundation's performance under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993.

The Committee meets annually to assess the Foundation's overall performance according to the strategic outcome goals in the NSF Strategic Plan. The chart below illustrates the Committee's place within the NSF Performance Assessment Framework for FY 2008.



The Committee has responsibility for assessing the three strategic outcome goals of Discovery, Learning, and Research Infrastructure. The Committee did not form an assessment or opinion of NSF's performance under the fourth goal: *Stewardship*, which is: *to support excellence in science and engineering research and education through a capable and responsive organization*. Performance outcomes under Stewardship are reported using a number of measures and milestones developed internally within NSF.

For each outcome goal, the AC/GPA judges NSF's performance successful when, in the aggregate, results reported demonstrate significant achievement. A significant component of the AC/GPA's assessment is based on performance highlights written by NSF program officers. These highlights describe major results achieved and represent outstanding accomplishments from NSF awards. The AC/GPA may also review COV reports, award abstracts, and principal investigator project reports. Based on its review, the Committee submits a report to the Director that is incorporated, at least in part, into the Foundation's annual performance report.