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FY 2007 PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Advancing Discovery, Innovation, & Education

On the cover: An essential part of NSF's mission is support for science, math, and engineering education at all levels. Strengthening education and training the workforce are significant aspects of the President's American Competitiveness Initiative (ACI) and the recently enacted America COMPETES Act. In keeping with the ACI and America COMPETES Act, NSF promotes the development of a diverse and well-prepared workforce of scientists, technicians, engineers, mathematicians, and educators, and a well-informed citizenry who have access to the ideas and tools of science and engineering. NSF invests in programs that bolster K–12 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education by enhancing understanding of how students learn and applying that knowledge to train teachers, develop curricula, and improve student learning.

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Excellence in Science Communications

NSF earned multiple honors in a recent competition held by the National Association of Government Communicators (NAGC) to recognize the best in government communications. "The Secret Lives of Wild Animals," which uses video and interactive features to describe research on animal behavior, won a first place Gold Screen Award. A second report, this one providing a virtual tour of the new high-tech U.S. South Pole Station in Antarctica, received another Gold Screen Award. NSF also received Gold Screen Awards for "A Galactic Cataclysm," an animated clip depicting star formation, and "The Discovery Files," a series of one-minute radio spots and podcasts. An illustrated news story on the outbreak of an infectious disease among Panamanian frog populations won first place in the Blue Pencil category for news releases. NSF's *FY 2005 Performance Highlights* report was selected for a Blue Pencil Award of Excellence in the annual reports category.

In addition, NSF's *FY 2006 Performance Highlights* report received a Vision Award from the League of American Communications Professionals. The report competed against more than 2,500 entries from around the world. NSF is the only federal government agency to receive six consecutive Vision Awards for annual report excellence.

In the photo, Peter West (*center*), of the National Science Foundation's Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, accepts a Gold Screen Award from NAGC's George Selby and Elizabeth Armstrong.

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