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INVESTING IN PEOPLE, TOOLS, AND IDEAS

One of the National Science Foundation's (NSF's) key strategic goals is to invest in people: to develop a diverse, internationally competitive, and globally engaged workforce of scientists, engineers, and well-prepared citizens.

In 1981, the Equal Opportunities for Women and Minorities in Science and Technology Act acknowledged that it was U.S. policy and in the national interest to encourage all groups to participate in science and engineering. The act mandated that NSF report statistics on underrepresented groups and initiate programs fostering more proportionate representation. Among the suite of programs that followed was the Program for Women and Girls, created in fiscal year 1993, housed in the NSF's Division of Human Resource Development, Directorate for Education and Human Resources.

The initial budget (FY 1993) of about \$7 million was used to fund about a dozen projects over the program's first three years. With over \$90 million in awards since inception, the NSF program is the largest public or private funding source for efforts expressly addressing the need to broaden girls' and women's participation in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). More than 250 grants to date have populated the national STEM education enterprise with new ideas, proven good practices, innovative products, research publications, and a leadership of savvy, experienced educators and education researchers. The grants are relatively small and reach nearly every state in the U.S. A study of the program's impact from 1993 to 1996 showed that the NSF program has been very successful.

The program supports research, student and educator programs, and information dissemination projects that will lead to change in education policy and practice. Program findings and outcomes will lead to understanding, for example, how to maintain girls' interest in science past middle school, how to bring more girls into elective high school math and advanced placement science courses, and how to increase enrollments in undergraduate studies, particularly in engineering, physical sciences, and computer sciences.

Although the program has accomplished much in its short existence, national statistics reveal that much more remains to be done. And, since 1993, the national need for a larger, more science- and computer-literate and skilled, and diverse workforce is ever greater, as we progress toward an increasingly technological job market and a scientifically complex society.

WHY THIS BOOK?

Every NSF grantee shares findings and results with appropriate national communities. Publications, conference papers, newsletters, radio and TV shows, and educational products (guides for educators, curricula, online courses, and so on) are the media of scholarly communication and education improvement. As much as possible, Principal Investigators develop information products. Some of the projects in this volume are nationally known.

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The investments of the Gender Diversity in STEM Education program offer valuable information to a wide spectrum of groups:

- Teachers of science and math education K–12
- Faculty in STEM disciplines
- Counselors
- School administrators working to meet community needs
- Informal education providers (museums, summer camps, after-school clubs, media organizations)
- Teachers specializing in certain subjects (especially physics, mathematics, computer science, and geo-science)
- Faculty in disciplines where diversity is still an issue (engineering, computer science)
- Deans who are planning on improvements to adopt
- Colleges of education seeking continual improvement
- Organizations in the business of continual professional development of teachers
- Organizations that support professionals (women engineers, chemists, computer scientists)
- Foundations seeking to concentrate funding in areas of high need
- Industry promoting image and workforce development through educational outreach programs
- Public media looking at issues of community and national interest
- Education and workforce policymakers
- Parents who want the best for their own children

All of the groups above have a common interest: improved quality of education, improved access to education, and better student achievement, so that our educational systems deliver more science- and computer-literate citizens to society and deliver better-prepared, more diverse workers to the science and engineering enterprise.

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