

**RESOLUTION**

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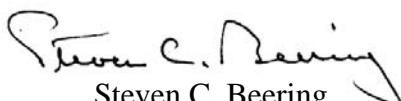
COMPETITION AND RECOMPETITION OF NSF AWARDS

WHEREAS, the Committee on Programs and Plans has reassessed, at its meeting of February 6-7, 2008, the major principles and key issues in a statement "Competition, Recompetition and Renewal of NSF Awards" (NSB/CPP-08-4) in the context of the various types of NSF awards.

Therefore, be it RESOLVED that the National Science Board (the Board) endorsed strongly the principle that all expiring awards are to be recompeted, because rarely will it be in the best interest of U.S. science and engineering research and education not to do so. Furthermore, the Board endorsed a recompetition policy for major facility awards which is transparent to the research community such that after construction of major facilities is completed, followed by an appropriate time period to bring the facility to sustainable operations, full and open competition of the operations award will be required.

This position was based on the conviction that peer-reviewed competition and recompetition is the process most likely to assure the best use of NSF funds for supporting research and education.

The Board requested that the Director, NSF, take such steps necessary to ensure that all NSF practices embody this principle.

  
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Chairman