



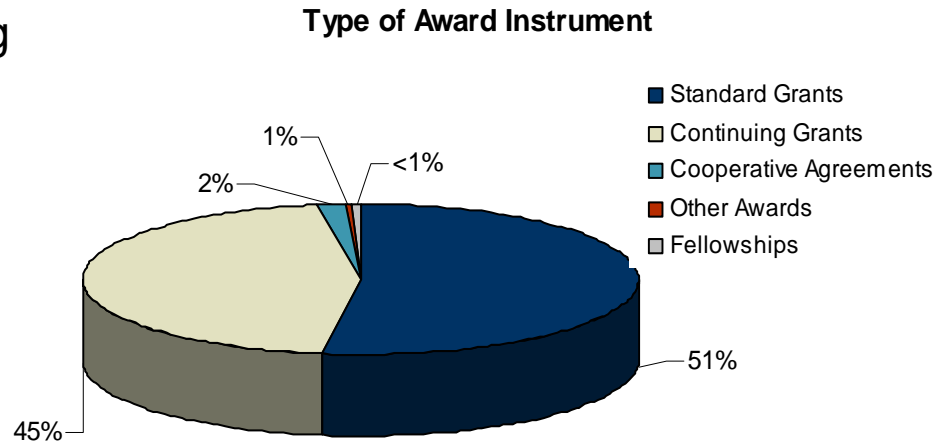
Division of Grants & Agreements (DGA)

Our mission: to support the issuance of NSF assistance awards and other agreements by providing business, financial, and award administration assistance from pre-award through closeout.

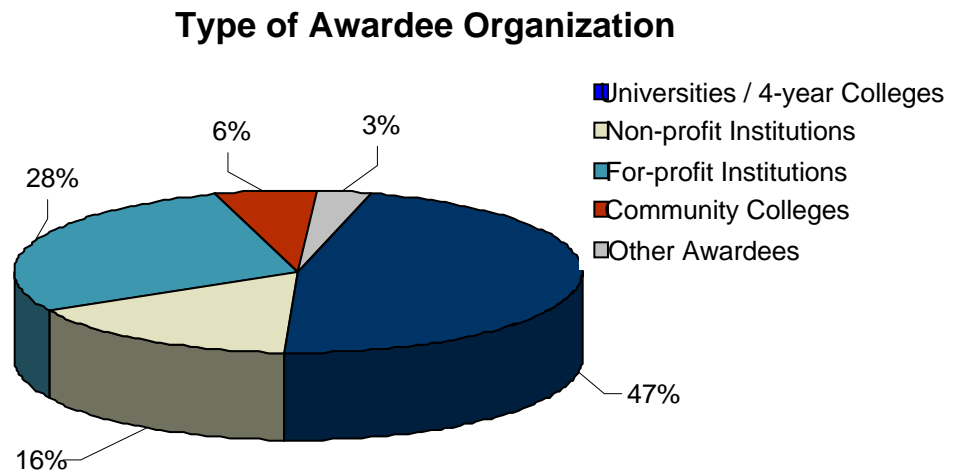
**Meeting of the Engineering and Physical Sciences
Research Council, Science Foundation of Ireland, and the
National Science Foundation
November 25, 2008**

Increased funding to support research in science, engineering, and education has spurred NSF's award portfolio to increase over the past decade

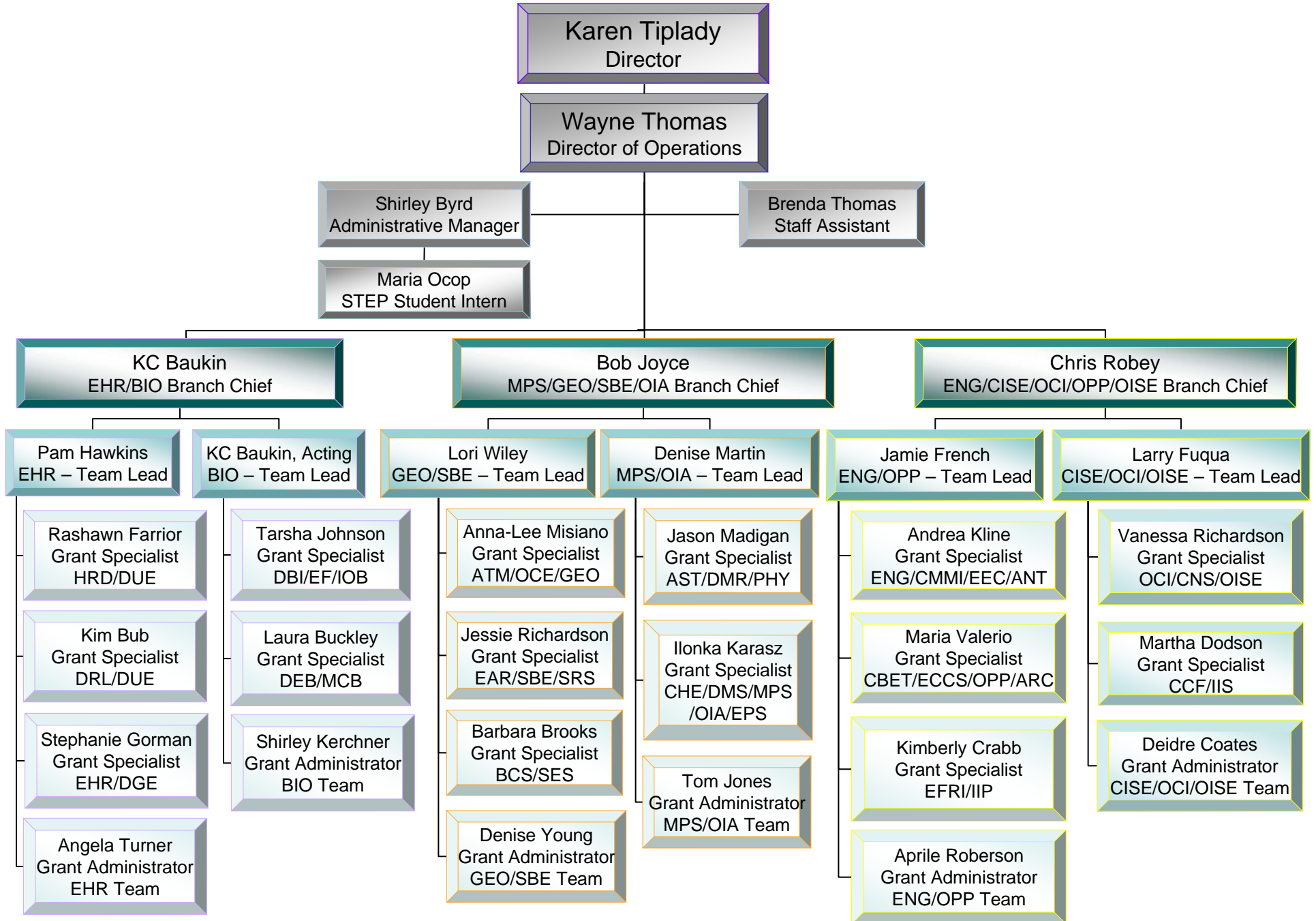
- \$21.3 billion in total award funding
- 36,829 active awards
 - Standard Grants
 - Continuing Grants
 - Cooperative Agreements
 - Fellowships
 - Other Awards



- 2,173 awardees
 - Universities / 4-year Colleges
 - Non-profit Institutions
 - For-profit Institutions
 - Community Colleges
 - Other Awardees



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DGA – What We Do

DGA supports the issuance of NSF assistance awards and other agreements by providing business, financial, and award administration assistance from pre-award through closeout.

DGA has delegated authority to “obligate” NSF appropriated, interagency, and gift funds in the form of grants, cooperative agreements, and interagency agreements.

DGA – What We Do

DGA “Grants Officers” are authorized to enter into, modify, administer, and/or terminate awards based upon the level of their warrant. In issuing warrants, the DGA Director considers the individual’s:



- ☀ experience,
- ☀ training,
- ☀ judgment, and
- ☀ integrity; and
- ☀ the complexity and \$ amount of the actions to be assigned.

DGA – How We Do It




“Portfolio Facilitation”

- ☀ Administrators, Grant Specialists, Team Leads and Branch Chiefs are assigned to work with specific Divisions, Offices and Directorates
 - ☀ a consistent approach to managing work,
 - ☀ direct and long-term working relationships (both internal and external), and
 - ☀ increased knowledge of specific program objectives and functions.

DGA – How We Do It

Pre-Award Involvement

Advise Program Offices

-  Assist with solicitations before the clearance process
-  Answer budget and award consideration questions during the review process
-  Negotiate cooperative agreement terms and conditions *before* DD concur

Provide outreach and training

DGA – How We Do It

Issuing an Award...

- ☀️ PO recommend/DD concur
 - ☀️ ALL review requirements met
 - ☀️ Commitment of NSF funds
 - ☀️ Forward proposal electronically to DGA
- ☀️ DGA Specialist review
- ☀️ DGA Grants Officer approval
- ☀️ Award letter e-mailed to AOR & PO/AO
(award letters are not sent to PIs)

DGA – How We Do It

DGA Proposal Review...

☀️ Time ~ 30 days (average = 17)

☀️ Review Areas:

- ☀️ Solicitation requirements

- ☀️ Type of award instrument

- ☀️ Budget

- ☀️ Human Subjects/Vertebrate Animals

- ☀️ Awardee's organizational capacity

- ☀️ NSF legislation, rules, regulations, and policies (Research Terms and Conditions, GC-1, PAM, PAPPG, etc.)

DGA – How We Do It

Award Approval

- ☀️ Only a Grants Officer with delegated authority can approve an award
- ☀️ Program recommendation is no guarantee
- ☀️ DGA may make changes, such as—
 - ☀️ addition of special conditions, and
 - ☀️ budget revisions, including reductions
- ☀️ DGA Approval = obligation of \$\$




DGA – How We Do It

After the Award...

- ☀️ Ongoing business assistance
- ☀️ Post-award amendments, such as
 - ☀️ supplements & increments
 - ☀️ extensions
 - ☀️ award transfers
 - ☀️ subawards
- ☀️ Post-award monitoring
 - ☀️ In the course of our daily work
 - ☀️ In conjunction with program offices
 - ☀️ In conjunction with our BFA colleagues in DIAS by participating in Award Monitoring & Business Assistance (AMBAP) Visits
- ☀️ Award closeout

DGA – Where We are Headed

Looking Forward...

-  Refine the portfolio facilitation model in FY 2009
-  Continued collaboration with Program Offices and BFA
-  Balancing stewardship and the numbers

DGA – Where to Find Us



DGA Web site:

<http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dga/>

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