



**REVISION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)
GRANT GENERAL CONDITIONS (GC-1)
EFFECTIVE JANUARY, 2009**

Effective January 5, 2009, new NSF grants and funding amendments to existing NSF grants¹ will begin referencing and are subject to the Grant General Conditions (GC-1) dated 01/09. The complete text of the GC-1 (as well as other NSF grant policy issuances) is available electronically on the NSF website.²

A comprehensive summary of the significant changes is included below. Any questions regarding these changes may be directed to the Policy Office, Division of Institution and Award Support, on (703) 292-8243 or by e-mail to policy@nsf.gov.

Significant Changes to the Grant General Conditions (GC-1) Dated 01/09

◆ **Travel, Article 10**, has been updated to incorporate revised circumstances under which use of a foreign-flag air carrier is permissible. The article now addresses Airline "Open Skies" Agreements between the United States and a foreign government, which the Department of Transportation has determined meets the requirements of the Fly America Act. The Article provides information on the "Open Skies" Agreement with the European Union, and includes a link to the General Services Administration website for additional information on other Open Skies Agreements.

◆ **Expenditure Reports, Article 16**, has been revised to require use of the Federal Financial Report (FFR) for submission of expenditure information. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as part of its implementation activities initiated in response to the Federal *Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999* (P.L. 106-107), has directed that the Federal Financial Report (FFR) replace the Federal Cash Transactions Report (FCTR). In support of that initiative, the FastLane FCTR will be deactivated effective January 5, 2009. . The FCTR will remain available in view only mode for historical reports. Instructions for using the FFR are available in FastLane Help under Financial Functions/ Prepare FFR or from the Grantee Cash Management Section staff at <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dfm/cmeab.jsp>

¹ The NSF Grant General Conditions apply to grants made to For-profit organizations (other than Small Business Innovation Research awardees) and State and local governments.

² The Policy Office website address is: <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/>