

**Revision of the NSF
Grant General Conditions (GC-1)
Effective April 1, 2001**

Effective April 1, 2001, new NSF grants and funding amendments to existing NSF grants¹ will begin referencing and are subject to the Grant General Conditions (GC-1) dated 04/01. The complete text of the GC-1 (as well as other NSF grant policy documents) is available on the NSF website at <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/cpo/policy/start.htm>. A comprehensive summary of the significant changes is listed below.

Any questions regarding these changes may be directed to the Policy Office, Division of Contracts, Policy & Oversight on (703) 292-8243 or by e-mail to policy@nsf.gov.

Significant Changes to the Grant General Conditions (GC-1) Dated 04/01

- ❖ **Prior Approval Requirements, Article 2**, has been revised to change the threshold for Rearrangements/Alterations (Construction) to aggregate costs of \$25,000 or more. In addition, all of the prior approval requirements specified in this Article must now be submitted electronically to NSF via the FastLane system at <http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov>.
- ❖ **No-Cost Extensions, Article 4**, has been changed to specify that all awardee-authorized extensions must be submitted electronically via the FastLane system. The article also clarifies that awardees are not authorized to extend an award that contains a zero balance.
- ❖ **Expenditures for Related Projects (formerly Article 5)**, has been eliminated. In lieu of this Article, awardees must follow the guidance specified in OMB Circular A-21.
- ❖ **Consultant Services, Article 5**, has been updated to reflect a change in the statutory maximum daily rate that may be paid to individuals for consultant services. The NSF website address that contains the most current rate available is identified (<http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/cpo/policy/faqs.htm#cons>.)
- ❖ **Rearrangements and Alterations, Article 10**, has been revised to change the threshold for Rearrangements and Alterations that do not constitute construction to costs aggregating less than \$25,000. Rearrangement and alteration costs aggregating \$25,000 or more require the written prior approval of the NSF Grants Officer.
- ❖ **Payments, Article 12**, has been updated to reflect that payment requests must now be submitted electronically via the Business Function in the FastLane system or the Department of the Treasury's Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system.
- ❖ **Annual Project Report Requirements, Article 14**, has language added that notifies awardees that they must submit annual reports electronically via the Project Reporting module in the FastLane system.

¹GC-1 does not apply to Federal Demonstration Partnership Institutions.

- ❖ **Final Report Requirements, Article 15**, has been revised to state that awardees must submit final project reports electronically via the Project Reporting module in the FastLane system. In addition, Federal Cash Transaction Reports (FCTRs) also must be submitted electronically via FastLane; the timing of when the reports must be submitted has been clarified.
- ❖ **Publications, Article 19**, has been supplemented with language that states that NSF support must be acknowledged verbally during all news media interviews.
- ❖ **Cost-Sharing and Cost-Sharing Records, Article 21**, clarifies that reports on cost-sharing which totals \$500,000 or more must be sent on an annual and final basis to the cognizant NSF Program Officer.
- ❖ **Year 2000 Computer Problem (former Article 41)**, has been removed because it is no longer relevant.