

## **IX. INFORMATION ON USE OF NON-FEDERAL PARTIES**

This GPRA performance report was written and prepared solely by NSF staff.

Non-Federal external sources of information used in preparing this report include:

- Reports from awardees demonstrating results.
- Reports prepared by evaluators – Committees of Visitors and Advisory Committees – in assessing NSF programs for progress in achieving Outcome Goals.
- Reports prepared by a consulting firm to assess the procedures the Foundation uses to collect, process, maintain, and report performance goals and measures.

Specific examples:

Highlights or sources of examples shown as results may be provided by principal investigators who received support from NSF.

NSF uses external committees to assess the progress of programs toward Outcome Goal achievement. External evaluators provide NSF with reports of programs, and provide feedback to NSF on a report template prepared by NSF. NSF makes use of these committee reports when assessing progress the Foundation is making towards achieving its goals. Examples are COV and Advisory Committee reports that provide an independent external assessment of NSF's performance.

NSF engaged an independent third-party (PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP) to conduct a review of data and information used in performance reporting. PwC reviewed NSF's performance data and information pertaining to its Outcome Goals, Management Goals, and Investment Process Goals. This additional independent review helped to eliminate potential reporting bias that can develop in self-assessments. It also provides assurance of the credibility of performance reporting information and results.

## **X. BUDGET INFORMATION**

NSF obligated \$3.9 billion in FY 2000. Administrative support for the Foundation was approximately 5% of the total NSF budget.

**XI. CLASSIFIED APPENDICES NOT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC**

None to report

**XII. ANALYSIS OF TAX EXPENDITURES**

None to report

**XIII. WAIVERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

None to report