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**OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR**

James Wade
Office of Federal Procurement Policy
Office of Management and Budget
Executive Office of the President
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Wade:

In accordance with the Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act (P.L. 105-270), the FY 2012 Commercial Activities Inventory for the National Science Foundation is attached.

NSF has developed a strategic approach to workforce planning and deployment that evaluates mission needs, customer expectations and workload. The approach also identifies competencies, and develops strategies to obtain, develop and retain critical competencies. Results from the business analysis effort have led to the development of a competency-based Job Family framework for evaluating the Foundation's human capital needs. Following discussions with OMB and OPM, NSF first utilized the framework while developing the 2004 FAIR Act Inventory, and it continues to be utilized for the annual inventory.

NSF's 2012 FAIR Act Inventory continues its use of Reason Code A to identify those commercial activities that are core to the agency's mission, and therefore are not appropriate for private sector performance. The 2012 justification for the use of Reason Code A remains largely unchanged from previous years.

NSF will continue to refine our Inventory and evaluate the viability of competitive sourcing as a tool to ensure that business process efficiencies are maximized at the Foundation. We appreciate OMB's ongoing support of our efforts to maintain an agile workforce.

Please contact Judith Sunley, Division Director of Human Resource Management, at 703-292-8180 for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cora B. Marrett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cora B. Marrett
Deputy Director

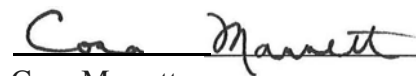
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JUSTIFICATION FOR EXEMPTED COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

Justification Statement for Reason Code A

Efficient achievement of the Foundation's mission requires a collaborative effort among a variety of staff including scientists, engineers, program assistants, administrative personnel and support staff. The interaction between Directorate staff and Universities is critical to the announcement, receipt, processing, review, decision and oversight of grants. The relationship of program staff with program directors and senior officials within the Directorates is vital because of the broad responsibilities and relatively small size of the program staff. The need for program continuity, recognition of program priorities and continuous interaction with the research community is core to the Foundation's mission, and make program staff integral to the Foundation's success. Loss of the continuity afforded by the in-house performance of the functions listed below would result in substantial risk to the Foundation's ability to accomplish its unique mission. Therefore, the following functions, although potentially commercial in nature, should not be subject to privatization, commercialization or potential outsourcing:

C315 Financial Management (16 FTE)
D300 Statistical Analysis (37 FTE)
D707 Program Evaluation (95 FTE)
D000 Regulatory and Program Management Administrative Support (106 FTE)
L000 Grants Management Administrative Support (124 FTE)



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Deputy Director

Commercial and Inherently Governmental Inventory Worksheet

Seq. No.	<u>Org Unit</u>		<u>Location</u>			<u>Status</u>			<u>Additional Information</u>				
	Agy_Bur	Abbreviation	State	City	Country	Total Employees	Activity Fct Code	Status/Reason	First Year On Inventory	Agency Suffix	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved
1	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	16	C315	A	2000				
2	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	106	D000	A	2000				
3	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	37	D300	A	2000				
4	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	94	D707	A	2000				
5	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	124	L000	A	2000				
6	422-00	NSF	COLORADO	DENVER,COLORADO	US	1	D707	A					
7	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	4	B000	B	2000				
8	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	28	B700	B	2005				
9	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	2	C300	B	2000				
10	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	11	C307	B	2000				
11	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	42	D000	B	2000				
12	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	2	G102	B	2000				
13	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	2	I000	B					
14	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	2	S000	B	2000				
15	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	12	S999	B	2000				
16	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	2	W000	B	2000				
17	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	64	W310	B	2002				
18	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	3	Y000	B	2000				
19	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	16	Y515	B	2004				
20	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	10	Y570	B	2004				
21	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	1	B000	I					
22	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	1	B501	I					
23	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	7	B710	I					
24	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	5	C000	I					
25	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	17	C110	I					
26	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	13	F310	I					
27	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	67	F320	I					
28	422-00	NSF	COLORADO	DENVER,COLORADO	US	1	I100	I					
29	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	16	I100	I					
30	422-01	NSF	COLORADO	DENVER,COLORADO	US	1	I110	I					
31	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	5	I110	I					
32	422-00	NSF	COLORADO	DENVER,COLORADO	US	4	I440	I					
33	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	17	I440	I					
34	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	NORFOLK,VIRGINIA	US	1	I440	I					

35	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	12	I520	I
36	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	57	L000	I
37	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	128	R110	I
38	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	373	R120	I
39	422-00	NSF	ANTARCTICA	MC MURDO SOUND,ANTARCTIC	ANTARCTICA	2	R140	I
40	422-00	NSF	CHINA	BEIJING,CHINA	CHINA	1	R140	I
41	422-00	NSF	FRANCE	PARIS,FRANCE	FRANCE	1	R140	I
42	422-00	NSF	JAPAN	TOKYO,JAPAN	JAPAN	1	R140	I
43	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	9	R140	I
44	422-00	NSF	FRANCE	PARIS,FRANCE	FRANCE	1	R999	I
45	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	60	R999	I
46	422-01	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	1	S000	I
47	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	11	S100	I
48	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	2	W000	I
49	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	14	W100	I
50	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	24	W601	I
51	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	1	Y000	I
52	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	1	Y105	I
53	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	11	Y405	I
54	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	8	Y501	I
55	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	3	Y510	I
56	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	3	Y620	I
57	422-00	NSF	VIRGINIA	ARLINGTON,VIRGINIA	US	22	Y999	I