Advancing Technology, Innovation and Partnerships

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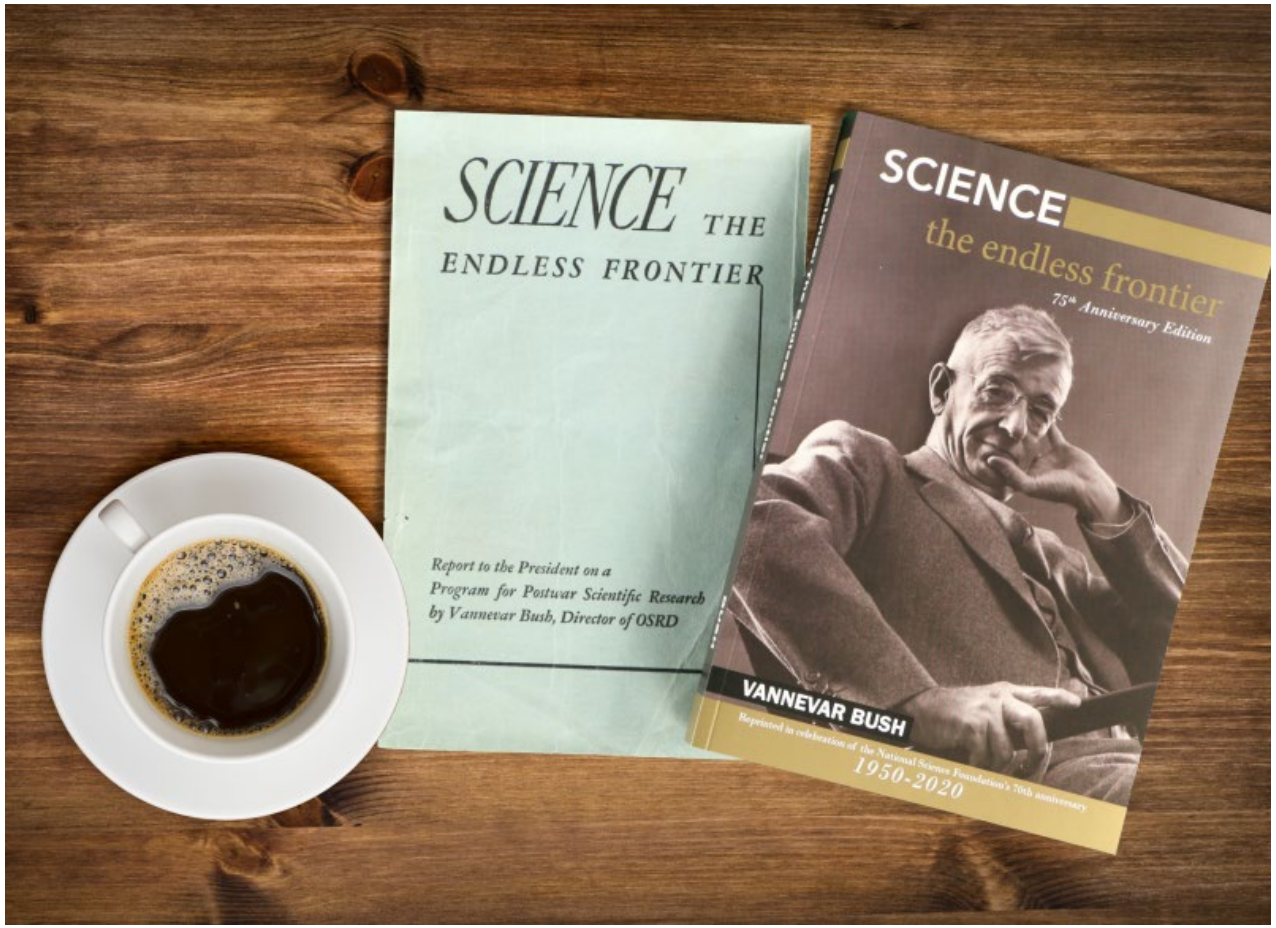
Introductory Webinar

Today’s agenda

- Inspiration, vision
- Mission, functions, programs
- Status

75 years ago: *The Endless Frontier*



A defining moment

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A defining moment: global competition

- Advanced manufacturing
- Advanced wireless
- Artificial intelligence
- Biotechnology
- Quantum information science
- Semiconductors and microelectronics
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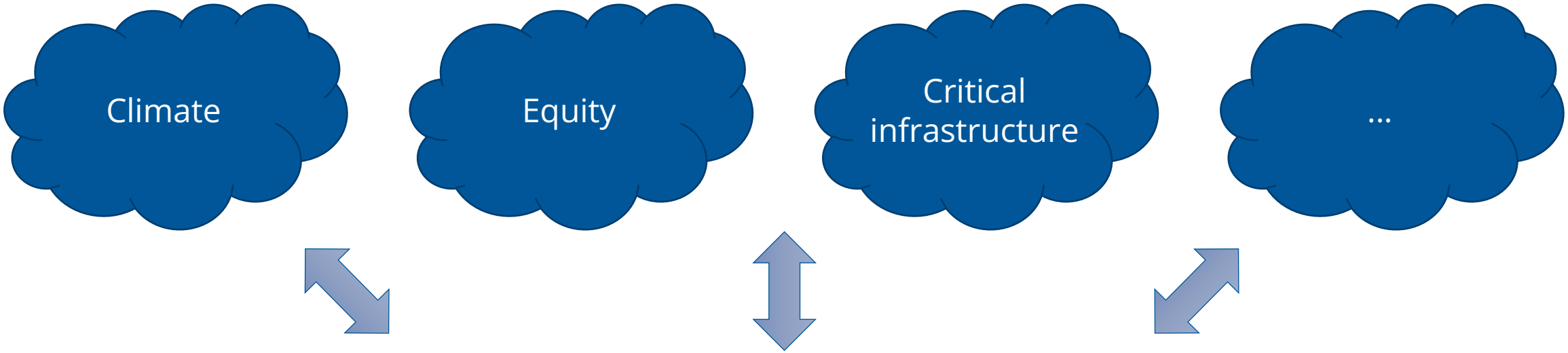
A defining moment: socioeconomic challenges

Changing climate

Equitable access to education, health care

Critical and resilient infrastructure

A defining moment: society + technology



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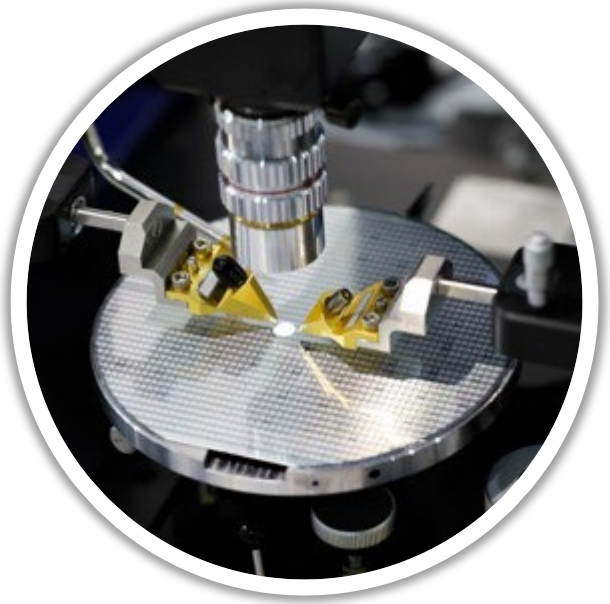

Pace of discovery accelerated by data, emerging technologies

Demand for societal impact

Opportunity to leverage partnerships

Catalyzing a paradigm shift

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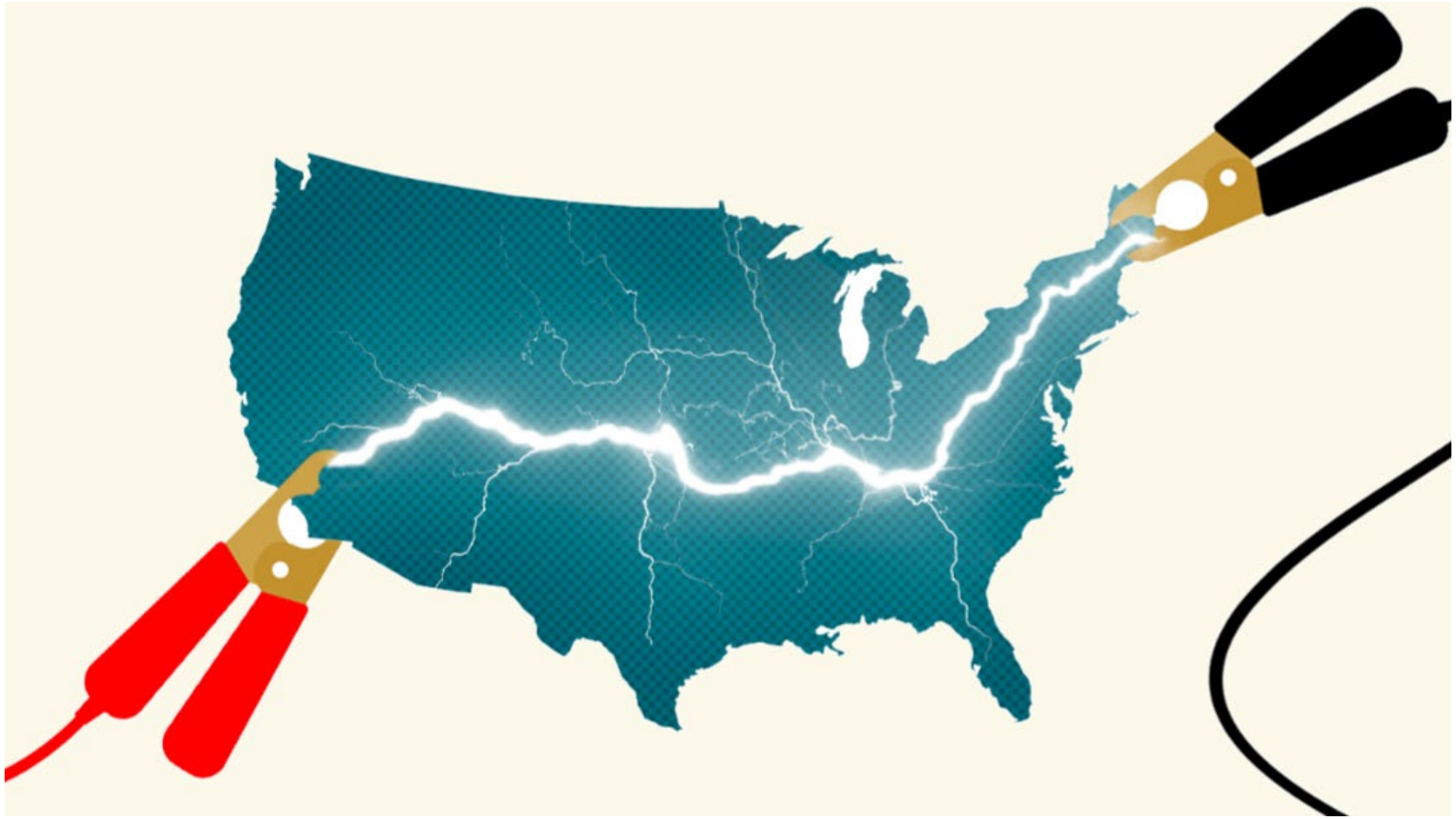
"Technology / supply push"	+ ***"Market / demand pull"***

Today: *Jump-Starting America*



CHIPS and Science Act of 2022

- Appropriates $54 billion for semiconductors incentives, R&D, workforce development
- Authorizes NSF, DOE, NIST, NASA
- Authorizes $81B for NSF:
  - +$36B for the agency
  - Of that, +$20B for TIP
- Authorizes a new NSF Directorate for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships

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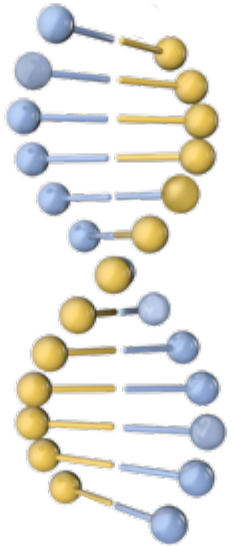
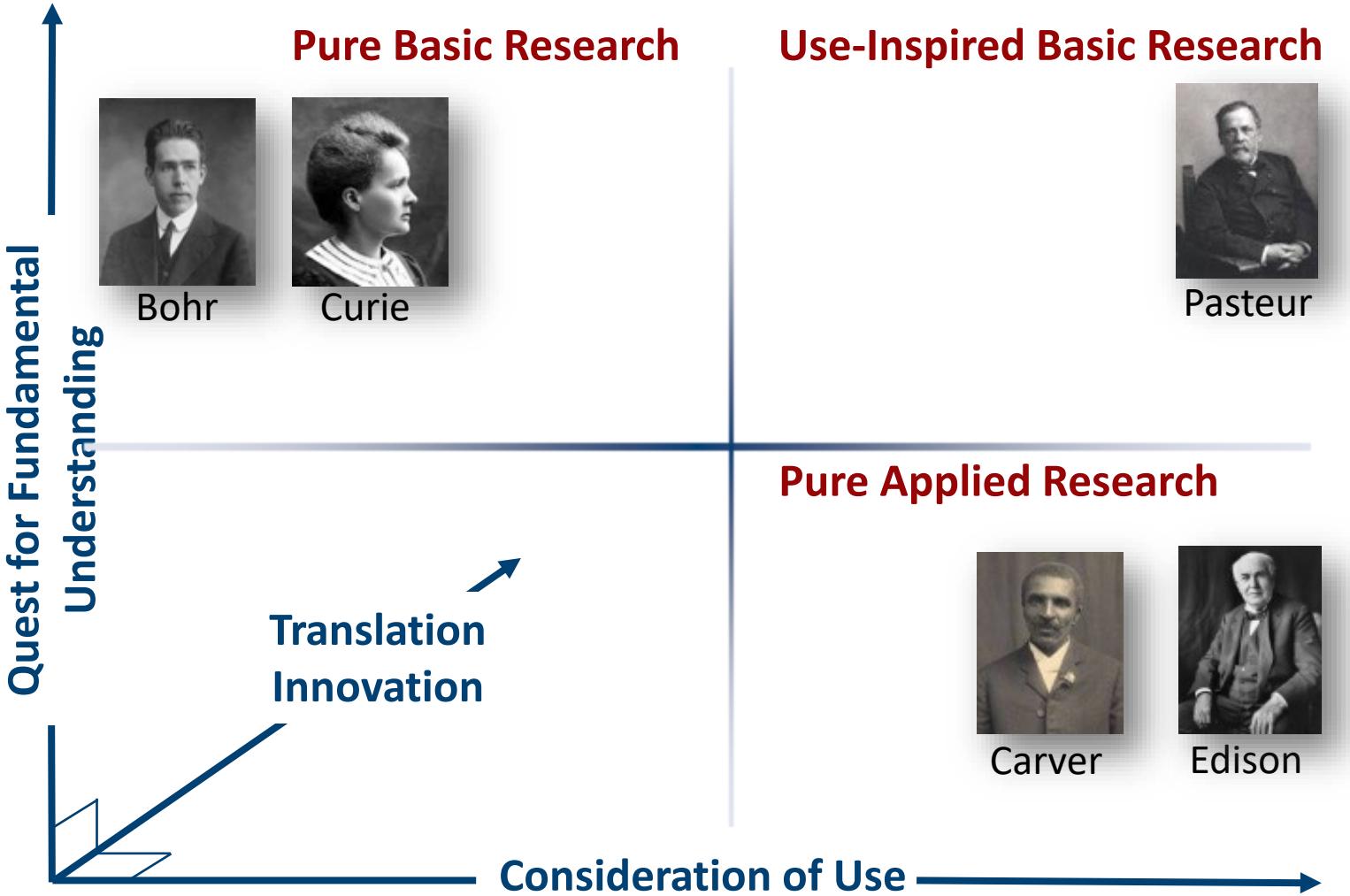
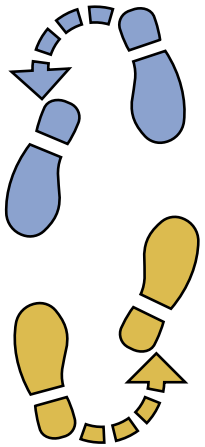
NSF mission


Promote the progress of science
NSF
Advance the national health, prosperity and welfare
Secure the national defense

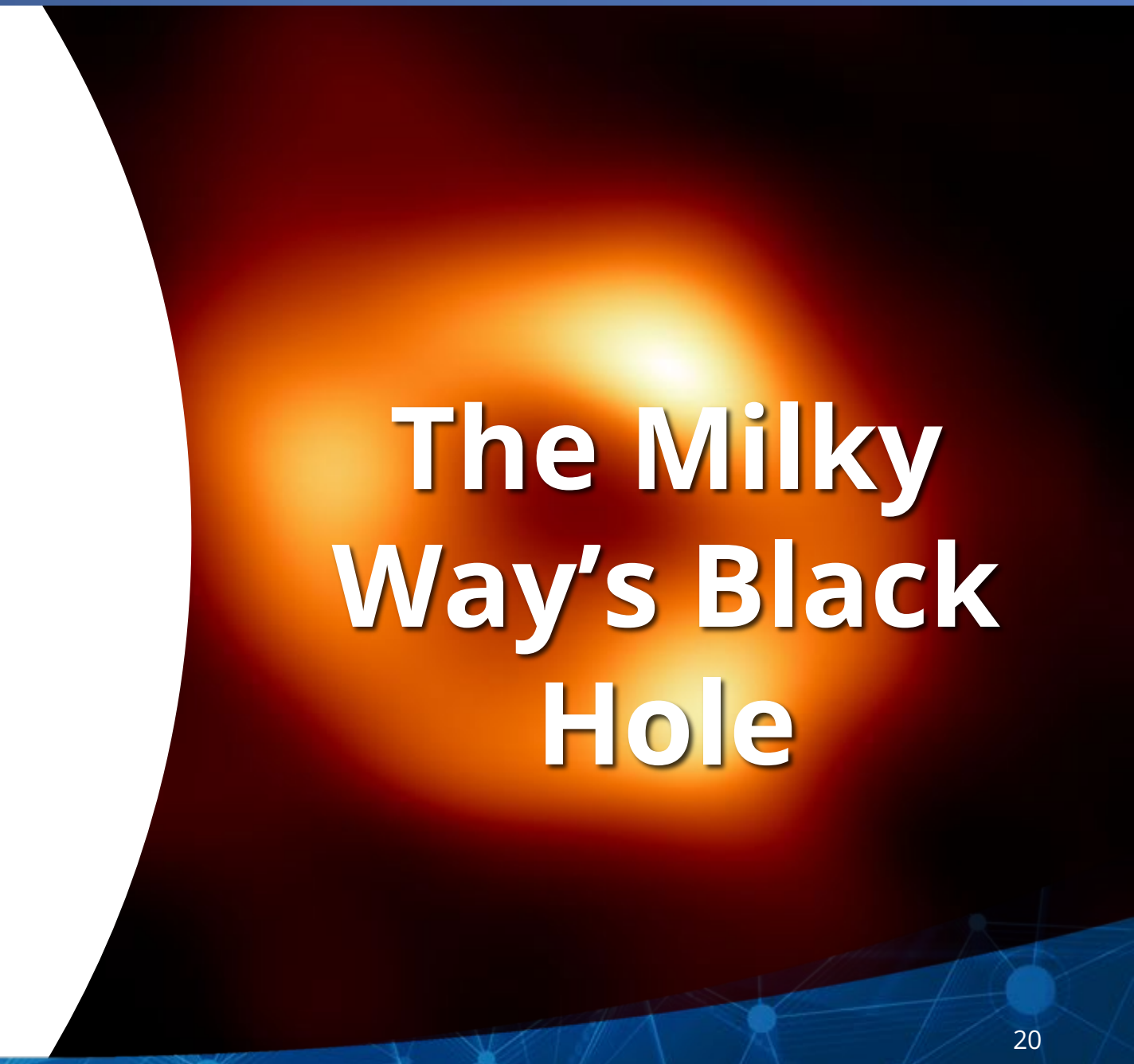
Meeting our moment with an intentional focus







CURIOSITY-DRIVEN, DISCOVERY-BASED EXPLORATIONS



The Milky Way's Black Hole

COVID-19 Response

USE-INSPIRED, SOLUTIONS-FOCUSED INNOVATIONS

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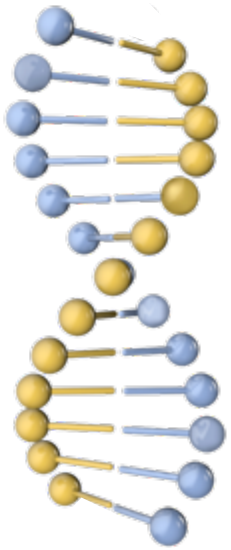

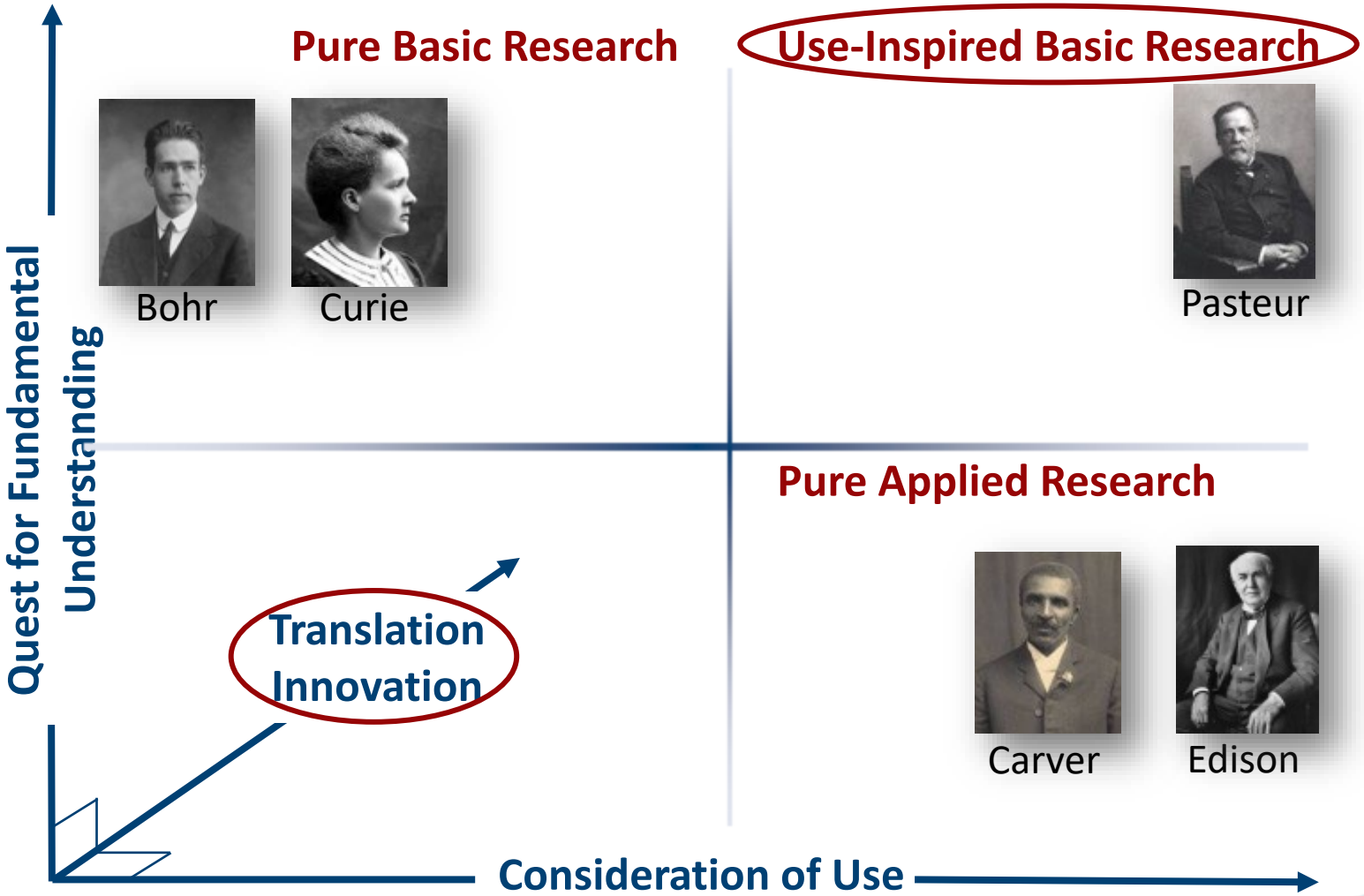

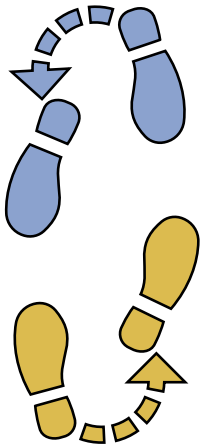

NSF's existing directorates and offices

A new “horizontal” to enhance use-inspired and translational research

Realigned investments

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Partnerships as a Foundation

Accelerate Partnerships

Partnerships: A timely, illustrative example

Intel to Invest at Least $20 Billion in New Chip Factories in Ohio

Building up U.S. chip production has been a focus of lawmakers and companies alike amid a global shortage of the crucial components.

"To help develop and attract a pipeline of skilled talent from within the region, Intel plans to invest approximately $100 million over the next decade in partnership with Ohio universities, community colleges and the U.S. National Science Foundation [ranging] from collaborative research projects to building semiconductor-specific curricula for associate and undergraduate degree programs."

intel NSF

"Significant investments such as this one will allow us to harness the best ideas from around the country to drive future semiconductor design and manufacturing as well as develop a diverse, next-generation semiconductor workforce, reaffirming U.S. competitiveness in this vital area. Today's announcement builds on our long history of collaboration with industry like Intel to accelerate fundamental research and rapidly bring solutions to market."

- Sethuraman Panchanathan
U.S. National Science Foundation Director

NSF, Intel partners to fund the development of a high-quality manufacturing workforce

Partnerships

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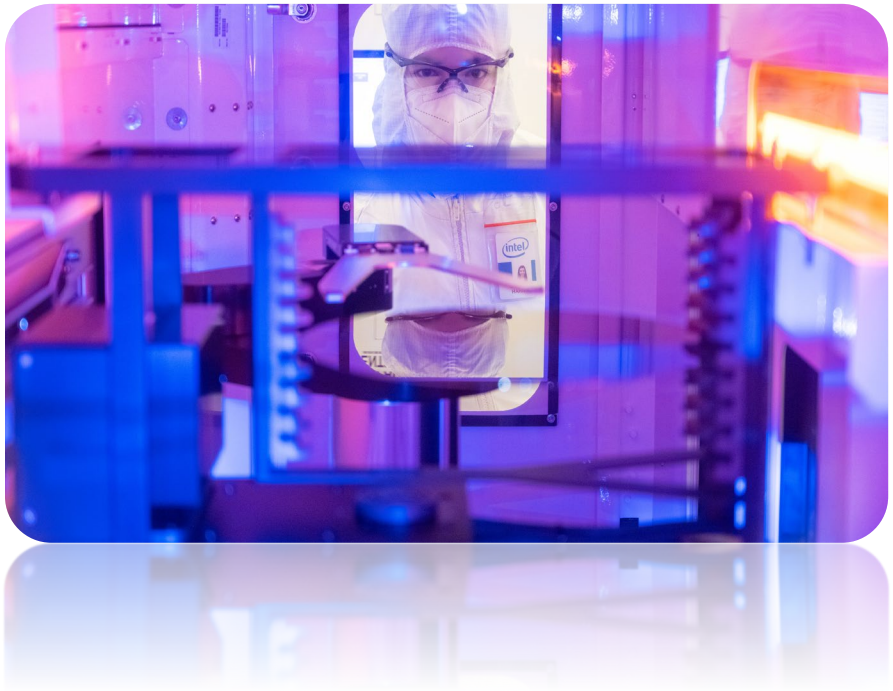

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$10 Million Investment

- To advance education and training for semiconductor manufacturing and design.
- To improve equitable STEM education at:
  - Two-year colleges;
  - Four-year universities, including minority-serving institutions.

Realigned investments

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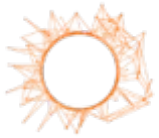
Convergence Accelerator






Track A

Open Knowledge Networks

Track B

AI and the Future of Work

Track C

Quantum Technology

Track D

AI-Innovation Data Sharing & Modeling

Track E

Networked Blue Economy

Track F

Trust & Authenticity in Communication Systems

2019 COHORT
Phase 2

2020 COHORT
Phase 2

2021 COHORT
Phase 1






Track G

Securely Operating Through 5G Infrastructure (joint with DOD)

Track H

Enhancing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

Track I

Sustainable Materials for Global Challenges

Track J

Food & Nutrition Security

Track K

Track Topic: TBD

Track L

Track Topic: TBD

2022 COHORT

FUTURE COHORT

NSF Convergence Accelerator, DOD partner to advance 5G technologies

Convergence Accelerator

latest news

$12 Million Investment

- 16 multidisciplinary teams in Track G: Securely Operating Through 5G Infrastructure.
- Supports enhancement and augmentations to 5G infrastructure, while meeting security and resilience requirements.

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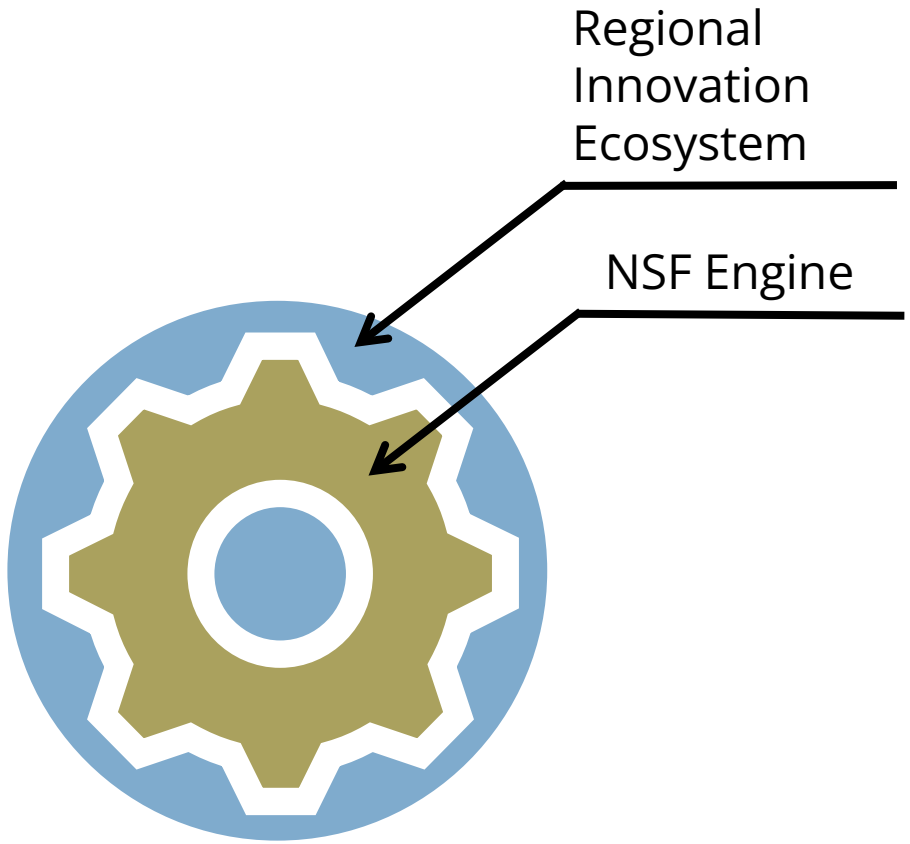
What is an NSF Engine?

A multi-sector **coalition** of regional partners working together to catalyze a **regional innovation ecosystem** in a **topic area** of regional relevance and national and societal significance.

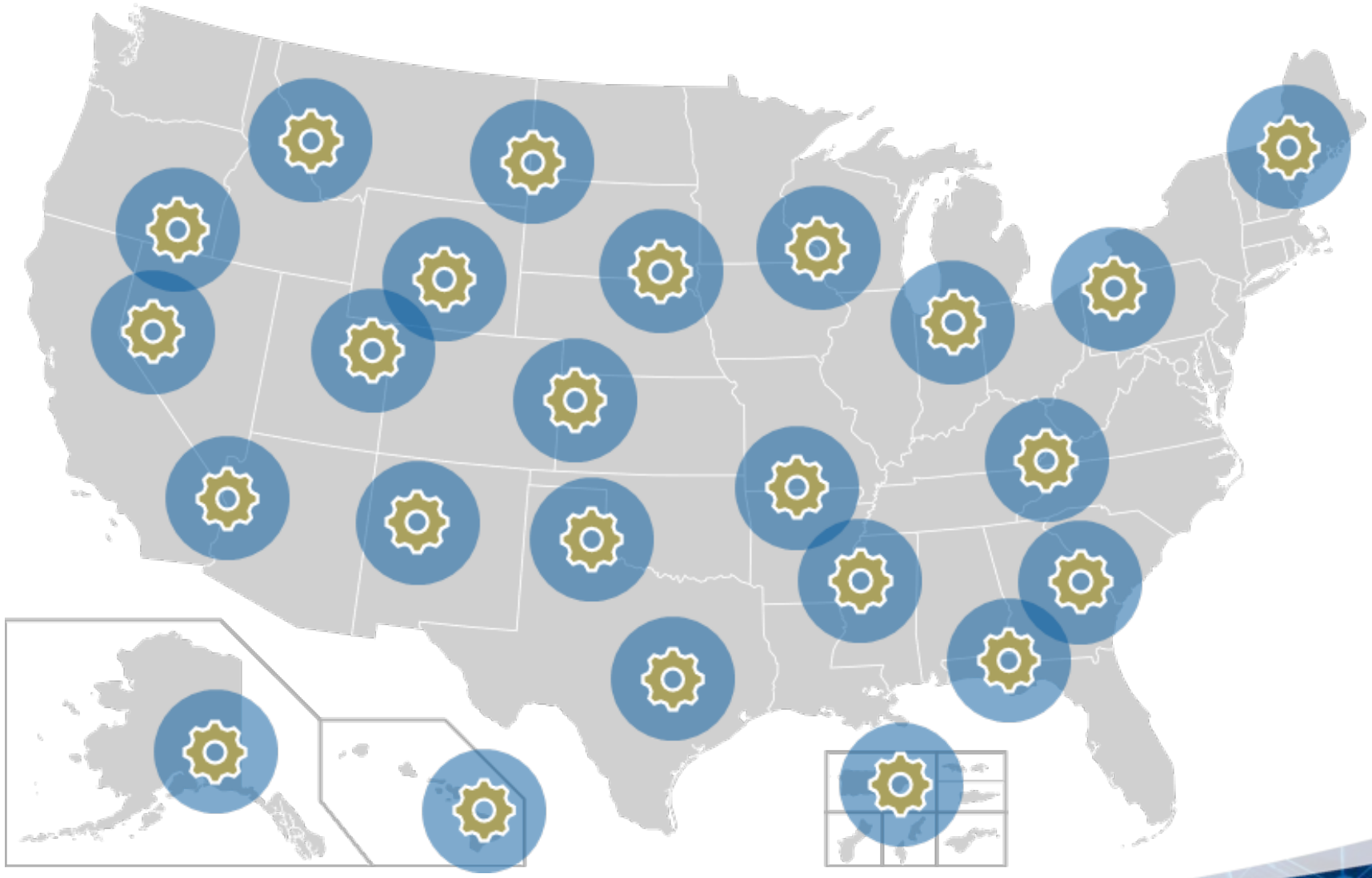
Engines are led by CEOs and include partners from industry, institutions of higher education, government, and non-profit and community organizations.



NSF Engines: Intentionally different

- A different scale
- Iterative co-design/co-creation through intentional engagement of broad, diverse stakeholders (“users”)
- Cohort-based training
- Milestone requirements for continued funding
- Focused success expectations:
  - Regional development
  - Individual and geographic diversity, including mentoring
  - Scaling and sustainability
  - Active participation and engagement
  - IP ownership extends to all contributing parties
  - Changing culture
  - Practitioner/entrepreneur development
  - Integrative/additive
- Evaluation of the overall approach

NSF Engines: Expanding innovation across the US



National Science Foundation
Regional Innovation Engines Program

Concept Outlines Explorer

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Map View of Submissions by Lead Organization State

By Organization State
By Lead Organization
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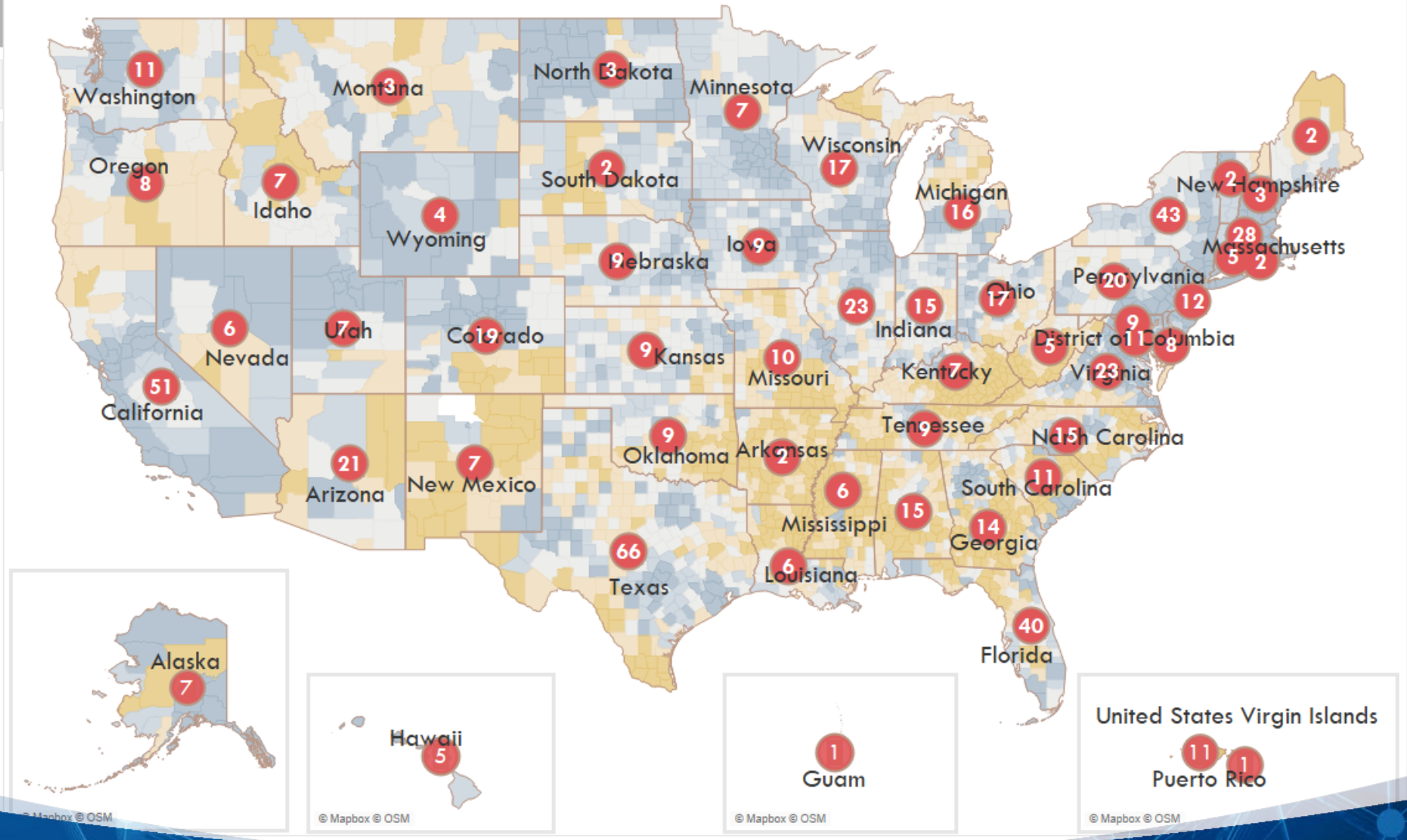
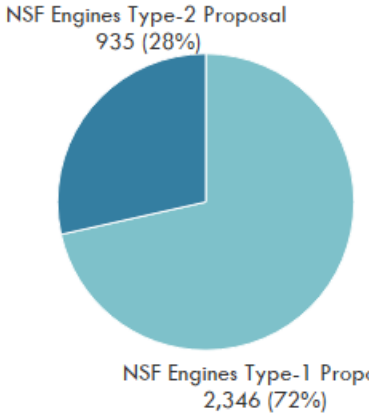


Concept Outline Submission Metrics

Number of Submissions Advancing	679
Number of Distinct Submitting Organizations	518
States and US Territories Submitting	54



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Submission Theme

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Number of Submissions: 679

ID	NSF Engines Type	Submission Title	Organization Name	Last Name	Region Of Service	States	Topic Summary	Keywords	
INQ-22-00640	Type 1 Proposal	Bridging the Gap in the Digi..	XLerateHealth	Willmot	The region of service..	KY,WV,SC..	The Engine proposes to ca..	virtual care,digital health,access,equity,southeast	
INQ-22-00925	Type 1 Proposal	Carbon-negative cementitiou..	Worcester Polytechnic Ins..	Eggleston	New England	MA	The Engine proposes to cr..	carbon negative,construction material,polysiloxanes,additive manufacturing,in..	
INQ-22-00907	Type 1 Proposal	NSF Engines: Type-1: A Ga..	Worcester Polytechnic Ins..	Smith	Southern New Engla..	MA,RI,CT	The Engine proposes the i..	Null	
INQ-22-00636	Type 1 Proposal	ICoN: Integrative Connectivit..	Worcester Polytechnic Ins..	Wyglinski	New England (CT, M..	CT,MA,ME,..	The Engine proposes to o..	connectivity,integrative,new england,wireless,workforce development	
INQ-22-00491	Type 1 Proposal	NSF Engines: Type-1: WPI – ..	Worcester Polytechnic Ins..	Woolridge	Central MA, the sout..	MA	The engine proposes to w..	biotech manufacturing,tech workforce development,biomedical ecosystem,bio..	
INQ-22-01119	Type 1 Proposal	A statewide innovation engin..	WiSys	Sanga	WI	WI	The Engine proposes to w..	agriculture,sustainability,technology,commercialization,startup	
INQ-22-00444	Type 2 Proposal	NSF Engines: Type-2: Advan..	Wichita State University	Tomblin	Kansas with a focus ..	KS	The Engine proposes to e..	artificial intelligence,machine learning,hypersonics,lightning	
INQ-22-00457	Type 1 Proposal	NSF Engines: Type-1: West ..	Western Michigan Univer..	Atilhan	Western Michigan	MI	The Engine proposes to w..	per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances,pfas,wastewater,environment,remediation	
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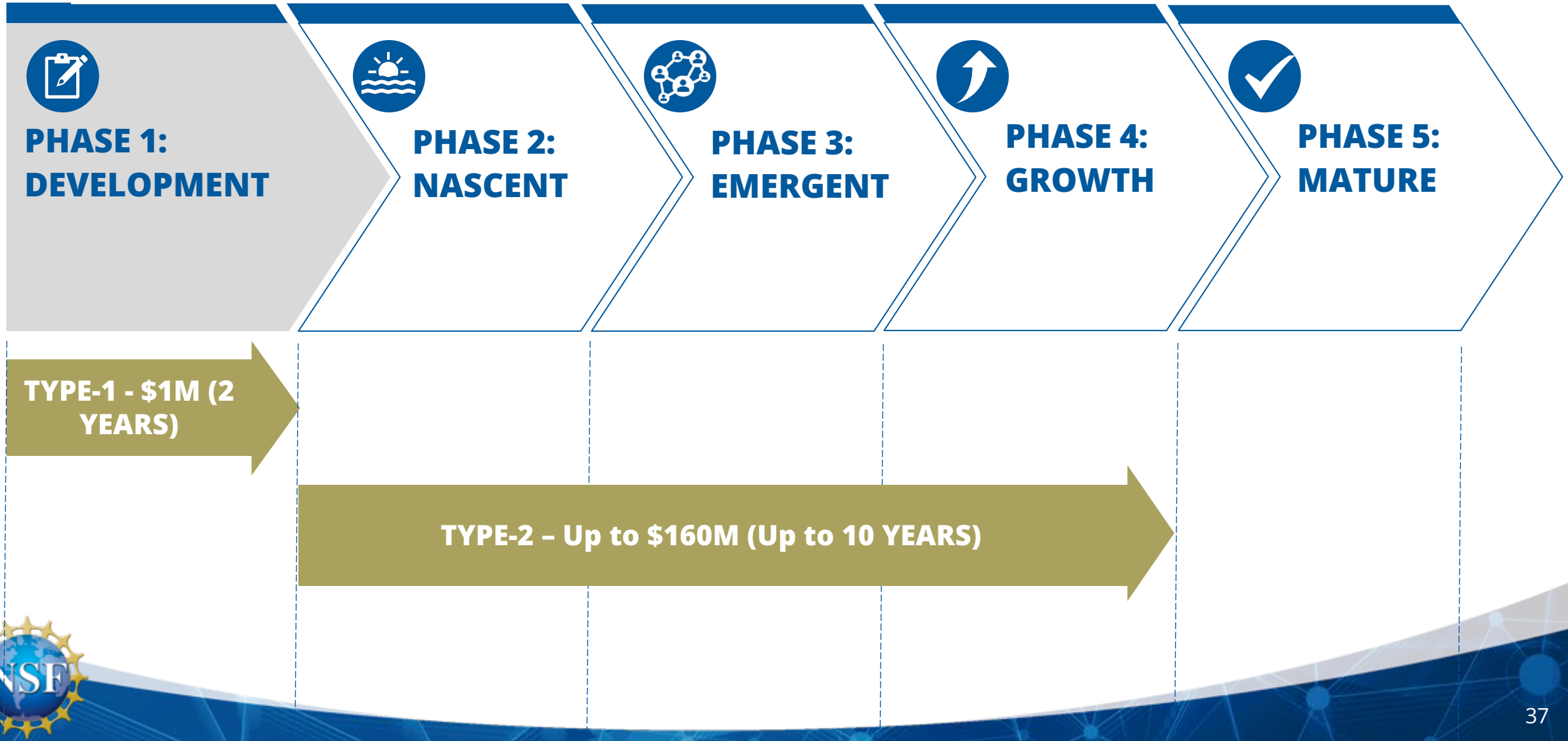
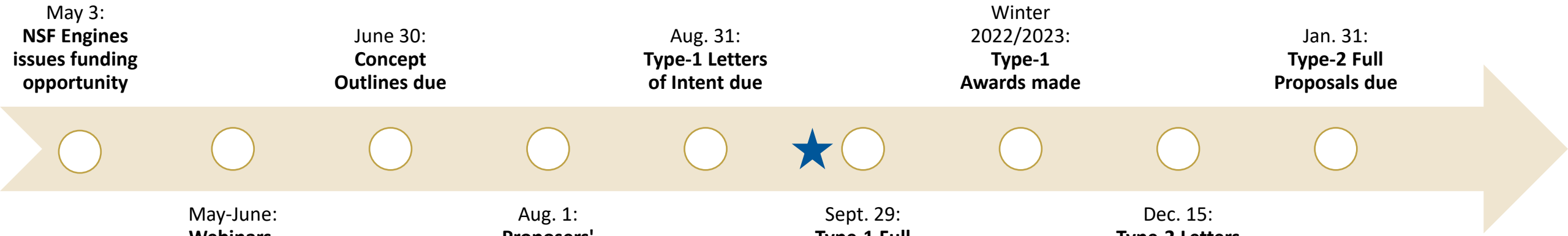
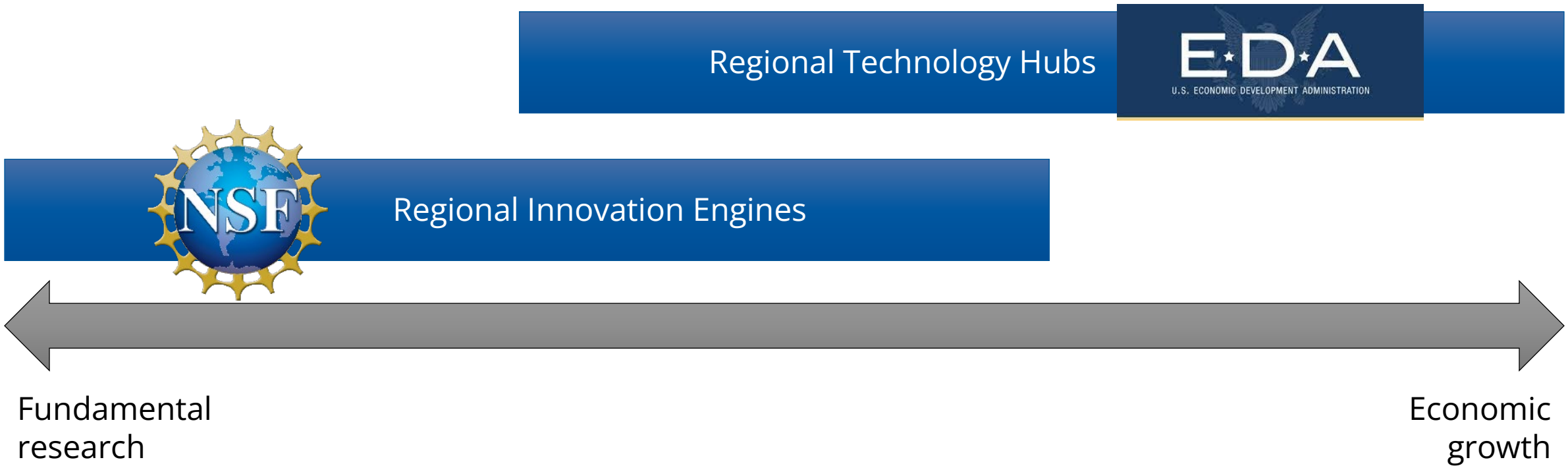
NSF Engines: Accepting two proposal types



NSF Engines: Timeline and status



CHIPS and Science Act: NSF + EDA



NSF and EDA are working together

Regional Innovation Engines

- Start at the fundamental research and R&D layer
- Piping into existing economic growth structures
- Create research and translation spine for regions
- Broaden participating by URM populations in STEM
- Multiple entry points and different stages of development
- 8-10 years, up to $160M per Engine

Place-based

Long-term investments

Economic growth, tech focus

Connective tissue for innovation ecosystem

Public and private partnerships

Regional Tech Hubs

- Build on a region's now and future economic drivers
- Later-stage technology development & demonstration
- Scale up capacity to deploy breakthrough technologies
- Create physical, human, and systems infrastructure
- Lead tech-/industry-aware workforce development initiatives
- Designation, planning, and implementation for hubs

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US/UK Privacy Enhancing Technologies (PET) Prize Challenges

Goal: Advance Privacy-Preserving Federated Learning

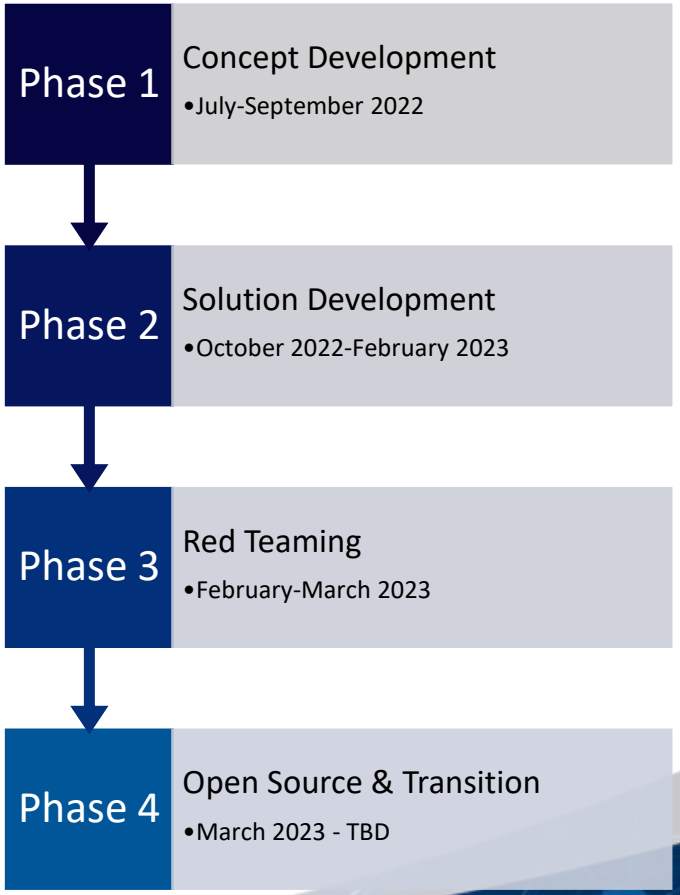
- **Drive innovation** in development and application of PETs
- **Develop a privacy-preserving solution** that is capable of efficiently generating high-utility machine learning models
- **Deliver strong end-to-end privacy guarantees** against a set of common threats and privacy attacks, leveraging a combination of input and output privacy techniques

Challenge Tracks:

Track A: Develop a model to identify anomalous financial transactions *Data provider*: SWIFT	**Track B**: Develop a model to predict an individual's risk to infection *Data provider*: University of Virginia	**Generalizable**: Develop a solution that can be adapted for use in both data sets

Total Prize Awards = $800,000

Phases & Timeline:



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Technology Translation

- I-Corps
- PFI
- SBIR/STTR
- Innovative Pathways

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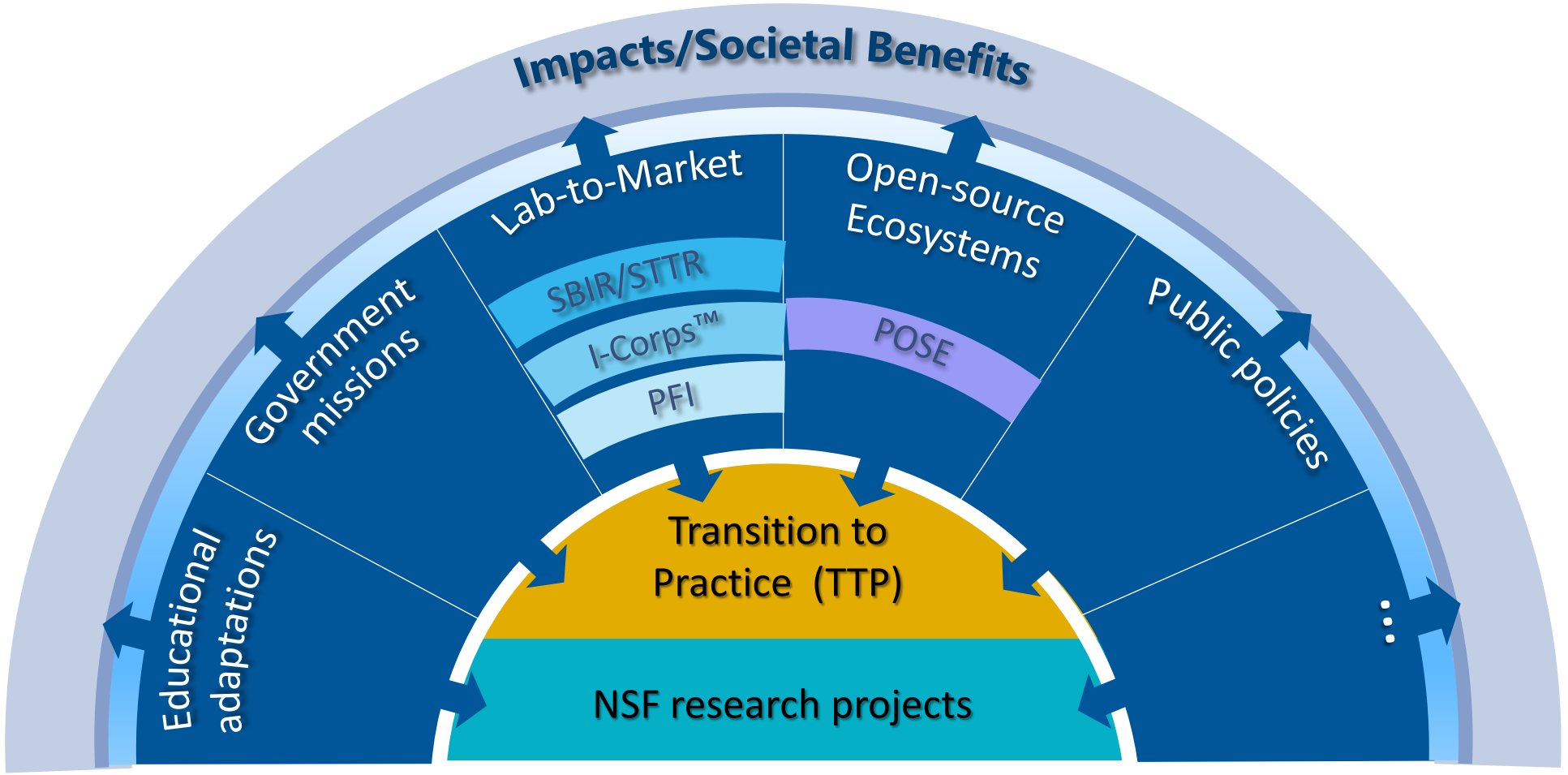

NSF expands the National Innovation Network with 5 new I-Corps Hubs

I-Corps™

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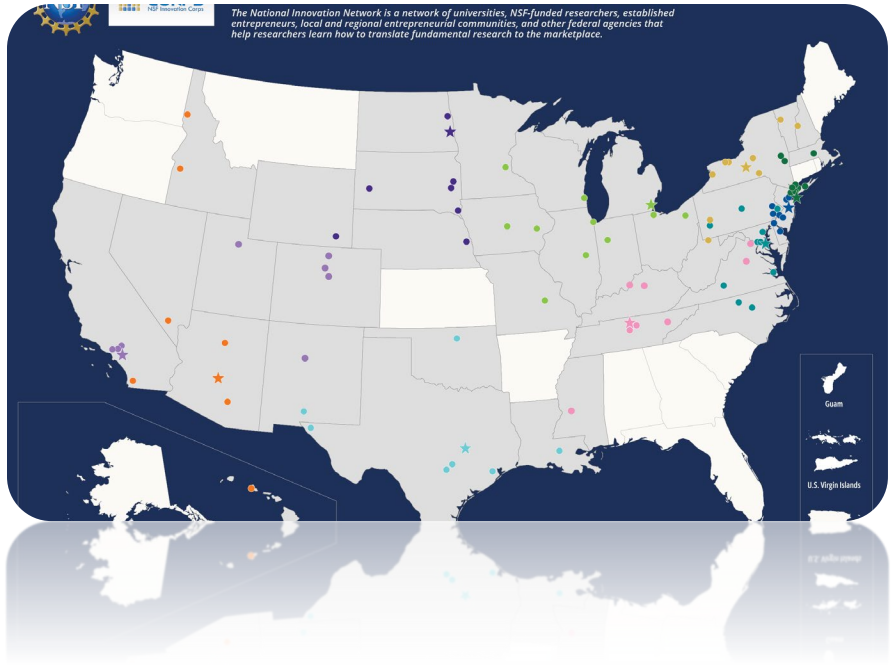

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$15 Million Investment

- I-Corps Hubs work collaboratively to build and sustain a diverse and inclusive innovation ecosystem across the U.S.
- Each Hub receives up to $3 million investment per year for five years.
- Now, a total of 10 regional I-Corps Hubs with nearly 100 universities scale the NSF-led National Innovation Network

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“Designing in” DEIA

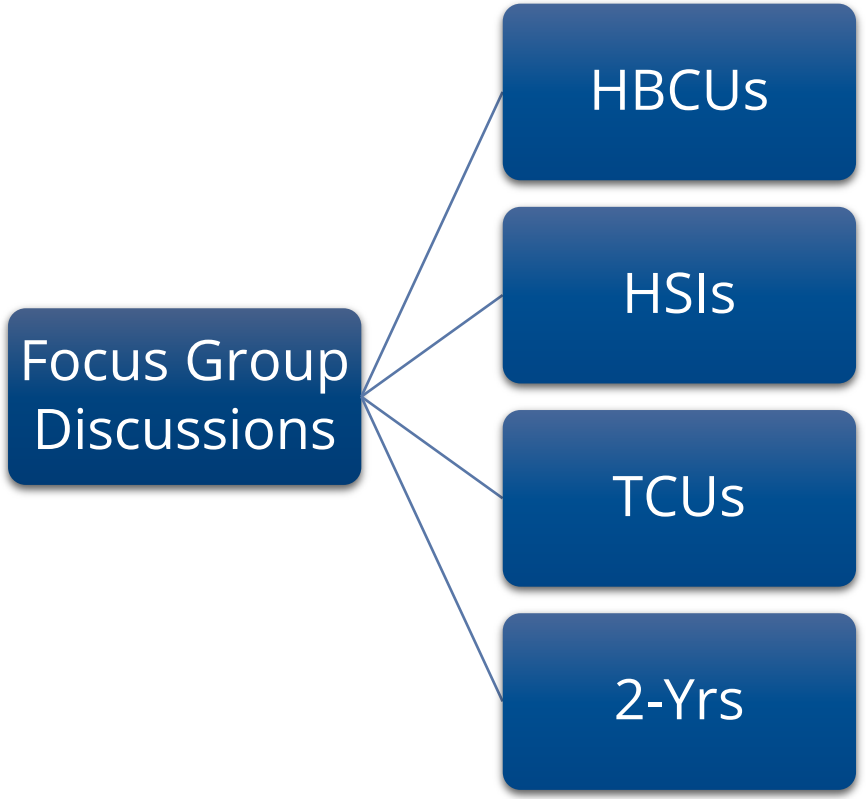
GOAL:
To ensure the successful inclusion of minority-serving institutions, two-year institutions, and other academic institutions underrepresented in the NSF portfolio in the NSF Engines program.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Emphasize the essential role that MSIs will play in realizing the mission of the NSF Engines

2. Gather insight from participating institutions about how they can benefit from and best contribute to the NSF Engines

3. Address the questions, concerns, and challenges about engaging in the NSF Engines, or TIP more generally



259 participants
143 different organizations

“Designing in” DEIA

Challenges to building strong **partnerships**

Need for **capacity building** at small institutions

Issues related to **NSF policy**

Challenges due to **geographic isolation**

The value of **mentoring**

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Ramping up TIP

Jan. 21:
NSF + Intel announce semiconductor workforce partnership

March 16:
NSF establishes TIP

Privacy-Enhancing Technologies
PRIZE CHALLENGES

July 20:
NSF, NIST, OSTP, UK announce privacy prize challenges

Sept. 7:
NSF, DOD partner to advance 5G security

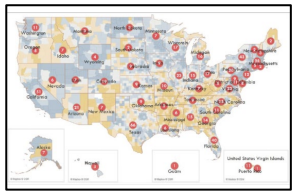
Activate

Sept. 19:
NSF announces Entrepreneurial Fellowships

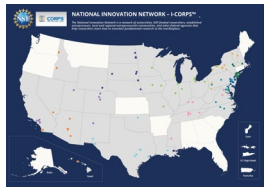
Feb. 15:
Pathways to enable Open-Source Ecosystems launches

May 3:
NSF Engines program launches

July 28:
NSF Engines Concept Outlines published



Sept. 8:
NSF awards five new I-Corps™ Hubs



FY 2023 President's Budget Request

Investments in the Administration's priorities of responding to the pandemic, tackling climate change, spurring economic recovery, innovating for equity, and ensuring national security and economic resilience.

THE DIRECTORATE FOR TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION, AND PARTNERSHIPS (TIP)
$879.87 million

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING
$421.51 million

ADVANCED WIRELESS
$168.56 million

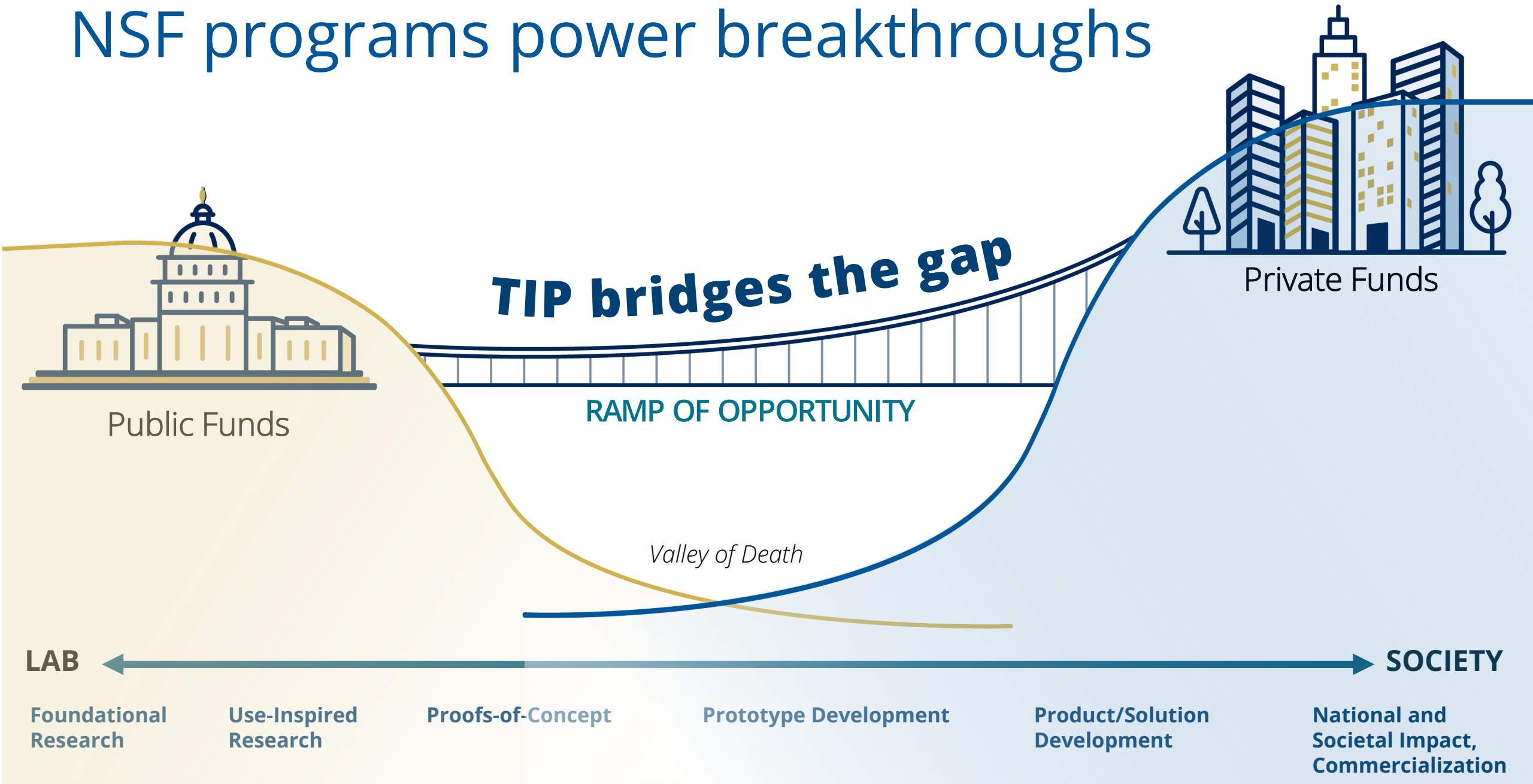
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
$734.41 million

BIOTECHNOLOGY
$392.26 million

MICROELECTRONICS AND SEMICONDUCTORS
$145.69 million

QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE
$261.0 million

NSF programs power breakthroughs



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