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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The Large Facilities Workshop is an annual event hosted by NSF's Large Facilities Office (LFO). The workshop is a collaborative forum for NSF's Large Facilities community intended to provide participants with continuous learning and information sharing opportunities. Desired outcomes to advance the NSF mission of scientific research at Large Facilities include:

- Sharing knowledge and experience with best practices and common challenges that arise for both NSF and its Large Facilities.
- Discussing new initiatives and engaging the Large Facilities community for input.
- Demonstrating project management, operations, new policy initiatives, and business-related tools and techniques.
- Expanding our community of practice and connecting Large Facility colleagues to share information, experience, and expertise.

The workshop is held every year, with even year workshops in the Washington, DC area and odd year workshops in the field at a Large Facility.

1.2 Format

The agenda and presentations from the workshop are included in Appendices A and D and available on the <u>2016 NSF LFW webpage</u>. The list of participants and an overview of the range of participants are included in Appendix B and Section 3.

The workshop content targeted the following kinds of professionals:

- Project managers, estimators, schedulers, and controllers
- Principal Investigators and scientists
- Planners, architects, engineers, and construction managers
- Cooperative agreement and contracting officers
- Business professionals
- Policy and oversight stewards
- Facility operations, maintenance, and property managers

The agenda was structured to provide a diverse selection of relevant topics for the Large Facilities community along multiple tracks, including a dedicated business track. Various approaches for information sharing were used, with plenary presentations plus break-out sessions featuring presentations, panels, and roundtable discussions. The workshop was also structured to present NSF's evolving oversight approach at a high level, followed by more detailed discussions of key elements. Recommendations from the <u>National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) Panel Report on NSF Use of Cooperative Agreements to Support Large Scale Investment in Research</u> were also presented. The overall NAPA recommendations were then linked to individual break-out sessions, including sequenced

sessions where solutions from other federal agencies were first presented then later followed by roundtable discussions soliciting feedback from the community for development of NSF guidance. Speakers were encouraged to present and elicit "Best Practices" or "Actionable Recommendations" which were then captured by dedicated note takers.

NSF was proud to co-sponsor the 2016 workshop with the Smithsonian Institution and showcase highlights from our similar missions. The workshop took place on the National Mall at the Smithsonian S. Dillon Ripley Center. The Smithsonian also generously arranged three behind the scenes tours of their newest construction and renovation projects, including unopened exhibits and museums:

- Major exhibit renovations at the National Air and Space Museum
- Construction and exhibit design at the new National Museum of African American History and Culture
- Major renovations and historic preservation of the Arts and Industries Building

2 Presentation Highlights

This section provides very brief summaries of the presentations, including their purpose, major points, and discussions. Any key takeaways from interactive discussions that can be characterized as "Best Practices" or "Actionable Recommendations" are also noted. Where possible, organizations responsible for following up on any actions are also identified. This section is intended to summarize and supplement the detailed, expert slide presentations included in Appendix D and available on the 2016 NSF LFW webpage, not transcribe all comments and discussions. More detailed but rough notes on the various viewpoints expressed during the discussions are available and may be requested from LFO. These notes will be used by LFO to help inform the Action Recommendations.

2.1 Tuesday May 24, 2016

Welcome, Opening Remarks

Speakers: Matt Hawkins (Head, Large Facilities Office (LFO), NSF), Nancy Bechtol (Director, Facilities, Smithsonian Institution)

NSF and the Smithsonian Institution welcomed attendees, gave an overview of the workshop, and discussed their respective large facilities portfolios. Open discussion and collaboration among organizations was encouraged as well as promulgating any actionable recommendations and best practices from attendees.

Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO): The Inside Story

Speaker: Mike Landry (Detection Lead Scientist, California Institute of Technology, LIGO Hanford Observatory)

Advanced LIGO began operations in 2015 with spectacular results, detecting gravitational waves in the first month! The presentation discussed highlights and best practices from initial proposal of the LIGO Hanford and Livingston Observatories through their path to discovery, including construction, advanced instrumentation, testing, transition to operations, and first detection.

- Proposal for observatories clearly identified that initial detection instruments were at the frontiers of technology and that upgraded detectors must be accommodated in the future.
- 10x increase in instrument sensitivity was >10x harder.
- Adopted "checklist manifesto" using lists with a minimum set of things to do, akin to aviation style checklists.
- Importance of safety, supported through checklists, hazards analyses, and stop work orders.
- Importance of quality assurance for hardware and software.
- Advanced LIGO increased organizational hierarchy over LIGO but delegated authority and responsibility downward to increase decision making speed.

- Find ways to discover potential installation and coordination issues as early in a project as possible, e.g., testing and commissioning of second observatory included more parallel efforts while implementing lessons learned from first observatory.
- Continuity of key personnel: much of the staff that operated LIGO was involved with Advanced LIGO construction and now operation.

Transforming Concepts Into Reality: Project Management Insights from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center

Speaker: Dave Mitchell (Director, Flight Projects Directorate, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center)

Helped broaden NSF's community of practice with personal experience and perspective on project management from NASA science mission projects. Highlights included reflections on the development of the MAVEN mission to Mars which launched in November 2013 and arrived at the Red Planet in September 2014.

- Need schedule and budget contingency to mitigate risks.
- Need to manage technical reserves and design margin to mitigate impacts to design, mission performance, and schedule.
- Need to manage schedule sensitivities and deadlines, e.g., launch windows.
- Complex designs may need unique or one-of-a-kind facilities and support equipment.
- Major unplanned events often require a project "stand-down" and re-plan.
- Importance of communicating project scope and contingency management when involved in partnerships with outside organizations.
- Requirements creep, both in the science and engineering areas, must be minimized to stay on schedule and within budget.
- Facilitate wide open communication listen and share the good, the bad and the ugly.
- Establish, maintain, and implement an executable baseline develop clear, stable objectives/requirements from the outset; establish clean interfaces; track changes, implement corrective actions when necessary; and maintain effective configuration control.
- Rigorous tracking of metrics (cost, schedule, technical) is critical to keeping leadership aware of negative trends in order to react early.
- Proper early project staffing brought the schedule lead, financial manager, and Earned Value Management (EVM) lead onboard at the beginning of the project to design a Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)-based schedule and EVM system.
- Stability of leadership and continuity of key personnel through the project lifecycle is critical.
- Push to get front line managers in the project office that have strong hardware development experience.
- Match heritage system with heritage people since not all documentation is available.
- Wisely structured competitions yield the most suitable team to complete the project.
- Perform periodic reviews to capture and implement lessons learned.
- Managing a green project better than a red project have to start explaining the project rather than managing the project.

Actionable Recommendations:

• Perform independent cost and schedule reviews 6 months prior to Preliminary Design Review as these provided significant benefit. [ACTION: LFO will provide additional expectations in draft Large Facilities Manual (LFM) section 4.2.]

NSF and the Federal Budget

Speaker: Michael Sieverts (Division Director, Budget Division, NSF),

An overview of the federal budget process was provided to provide additional context and perspective for how the NSF budget and the Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction (MREFC) budget requests fit into the overall process. The budget planning timeline was presented and the community was informed of current events related to the FY17 budget request and provided links to additional resources.

"Lightning Talks" from Large Facilities

Speakers: Demian Bailey (Project Manager, Regional Class Research Vessel, Oregon State University), Andy Adamson and Scott Kleinman (Associate Director Operations and Associate Director Development, Gemini Observatory), Mike Carrancho (Deputy Director, Engineering and Design Division, Office of Planning, Design and Construction, Smithsonian Facilities), Joel Brock (Director, Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source), Jamie Allan (Program Director, Integrated Ocean Drilling Program, GEO, NSF), Rick Farnsworth (Senior Program Manager, National Ecological Observatory Network), John Kelly (Program Director, Arecibo Observatory), Murray Stein (Director of Marine Operations / Marine Superintendent, University of Alaska Fairbanks)

Speakers highlighted recent accomplishments and challenges from a cross section of NSF and Smithsonian facilities. Session served an opportunity to share and collaborate with the community.

Best Practices:

- Need to be nimble to handle different funding scenarios.
- University teams are often still used to "grad students and duct tape"; cultural shift to more rigorous project management and systems engineering approaches is challenging.
- Renovation and retrofit projects present unique cost and schedule risks.
- Buy down risks up front when possible, e.g., via advanced procurements.
- Emphasize and carefully evaluate the unique aspects of each facility.
- Make facilities sustainable via green initiatives.

Actionable Recommendations:

• NSF: Consider setting goals during design and reporting requirements during operations for "uptime metrics" (e.g., % time and costs for operations, maintenance, idleness). [ACTION: LFO will consider providing additional information via the LFM.]

Business Practices Roundtable Part I: Making Sense of Audits and Reviews

Facilitators: Florence Rabanal (Large Facilities Advisor, LFO, NSF), Anna-Lee Misiano (Grants and Agreements Officer, DACS/CSB, NSF), Charlie Zeigler (Cost Analyst, DIAS, NSF)

Provided overview of the common types of audits and reviews, including the purpose and personnel involved. Engaged participants to gather input and ideas for improvement and identify areas where NSF clarification or assistance is needed.

Best Practices:

Clarify in communications the specific type of review and audit being conducted.

Actionable Recommendations:

- NSF: Clarify and communicate the scope and timeline for completion of audits and reviews. [ACTION: LFO will consider providing additional information via the LFM and/or website.]
- NSF: Disseminate best practices and lessons learned from audits and reviews to the large facilities community to allow continuous improvement. [ACTION: LFO will compile major issues identified over the last 5 years for distribution to the community. LFO will have "BSR Hot Topic" presentations at annual LFW.]

GAO – Schedule Assessment Guide & Cost Estimating and Assessment Guide

Speaker: Jason Lee (Assistant Director, Applied Research and Methods, US Government Accountability Office)

Provided an overview of GAO Cost Estimating and Assessment Guide and the GAO Schedule Assessment Guide, focusing on best practices to facilitate integrated project planning and management. Discussed the characteristics of a reliable, high-quality cost estimate. Discussed the characteristics of a reliable, high-quality schedule. Identified how to participate in update to the GAO cost estimating guide.

- The steps and best practices in the GAO cost guide can be organized into the four characteristics of a reliable, high-quality cost estimate: Comprehensive, Well-Documented, Accurate, Credible.
- Include life-cycle costs in estimates they are typically much higher than construction costs.
- Importance of WBS to organize the estimate and clearly determine whether costs are double-counted or omitted.
- The GAO Cost Guide presents 8 types of independent cost reviews; any of the review types meets the intent of the GAO guide to get an independent check on the estimate.
- An independent cost estimate (ICE) is the most rigorous review type; reconciliation of the ICE with the project estimate helps ensure estimate is Credible and Accurate.
- A Well-Documented estimate can be quickly recreated by an analyst unfamiliar with the program and yield the same result.
- Importance of including ground rules and assumptions and accuracy range when presenting estimate to management, not just presenting the point estimate.
- The GAO Schedule Guide presents four characteristics of a reliable, high-quality schedule: Comprehensive, Well-Constructed, Credible, and Controlled.

• Importance of resource-loading schedules.

Actionable Recommendations:

- GAO can provide material they use in cost and schedule assessments (e.g., lists of requested documents; interview questions; record of analysis templates; MS Excel workbooks for assessing MS Project files; MS Project filters, tables and views for assessing MS Project files; Primavera P6 workbooks and filters (still under development)). [ACTION: LFO has received available GAO material and will post publically on LFO website.]
- GAO can provide training on the cost and schedule guides. [ACTION: LFO will consider options
 for GAO training into the professional training, experience, and qualification guidance being
 developed and discussed further below.]

Smithsonian Institution – Building Information Modeling & Asset Management

Speaker: Mike Carrancho (Deputy Director, Engineering and Design Division, Office of Planning, Design and Construction, Smithsonian Facilities)

Provided an overview of the Smithsonian's recent initiative to use data rich Building Information Modeling technology for design, construction, and lifecycle management of capital assets.

Best Practices:

- Find out how all stakeholders could use a system before writing requirements.
- Justify adoption of new systems by the value they offer, not based on arbitrary criteria like counts or area.
- Make the results widely available within the organization.
- Consider security of information from the outset.
- BIM is becoming widely used standard practice for lifecycle management of capital assets.
- BIM is a very useful tool for project visualization and reviews, providing 3D interactive models, with immersive virtual reviews under development.

Organizational Climate Studies – Experience from NSF's Advanced Cyberinfrastructure Projects

Speaker: Lizanne DeStefano (Georgia Tech Center for Education, Integrating Science, Mathematics, and Computing)

Presented methods for assessing organizational climate based on experience within the Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment (XSEDE) and Blue Waters supercomputing projects. Stressed importance of collecting and acting upon feedback to create a positive work atmosphere and a high performing organization focused on continuous improvement.

- Consider use of organizational climate studies and similar tools to get feedback for improvement.
- Involve an institutional review board when designing surveys and evaluation protocols.
- Have performance measures to identify promising or problematic trends.
- Use logic models to map processes and help identify potential problems and solutions.
- Encourage feedback and clearly demonstrate and communicate resulting improvements.

Business Systems Reviews (BSR) Hot Topics

Speaker: Florence Rabanal (Large Facilities Advisor, LFO, NSF)

Discussed recurring BSR observations on property and equipment management. Solicited community stakeholder feedback on property management expectations, requirement, and challenges.

Best Practices:

• Importance of well-organized and comprehensive repositories for key information (e.g., warranties, maintenance).

Actionable Recommendations:

- NSF: Highlight property and equipment capitalization requirements to recipients with construction projects. [ACTION: LFO will consider options for highlighting existing guidance.]
- NSF: Provide guidance to recipients on how to report equipment that is used for multiple projects. [ACTION: LFO will consider options for providing additional guidance.]
- NSF: Provide examples of best practices for reporting work in progress and construction in progress. [ACTION: LFO will consider options for providing additional examples.]
- NSF: Work with NSF Property Office and discuss where LFO or other NSF-wide Large Facility stakeholders might partner and assist in the processing of property-related requests. [ACTION: LFO will consider options for facilitating property-related requests.]

2.2 Wednesday May 25, 2016

NSF Future Investments, NAPA Report, and Evolving Oversight

Speaker: Matt Hawkins (Head, LFO, NSF)

Presented summary of Dr. Cordova's "NSF Ideas for Future Investments" presented to the National Science Board in May. Noted NSF initiative to lower the threshold for MREFC expenditures for "mid-scale research infrastructure" below \$100M, including appropriate modification of processes, to increase the flexibility for science projects.

Provided an overview of the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) Panel Report on NSF Use of Cooperative Agreements to Support Large Scale Investment in Research. The NAPA report supported NSF use of cooperative agreements and provided recommendations intended to improve NSF's oversight and project management practices for large facility construction projects. Requested community input to facilitate implementation of recommendations and inform forthcoming guidance within our Large Facilities Manual. Discussed initiative to develop a community of practice for documenting, sharing, and implementing lessons learned. Discussed initiative to implement requirements for project management experience, certification, and training.

Best Practices:

• Importance of clearly communicating when new initiatives apply to Large Facilities construction and/or operation.

Smithsonian Institution – Lessons Learned Database and Implementation

Speaker: Jim Yuengert (Smithsonian Institution (SI), Office of Planning, Design and Construction)

Described Smithsonian's recent development of an electronic database and process for collecting and implementing lessons learned throughout their community. Shared examples from Mathias Lab Construction and Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum Renovation. The interactive discussions helped inform NSF of ways to develop a lessons learned database.

- Culture change is challenging make a leadership priority and emphasize open communication and constructive learning environment.
- Keep the system simple including required background information.
- Leverage existing systems and business processes.
- Document lessons as they come up, don't wait until the end of the project.
- Capture key words to allow searching and trending.
- Find ways to act on lessons to reinforce their value.

Cyberinfrastructure (CI) Scoping Roundtable

Facilitator: Bill Miller (Division of Advanced Cyberinfrastructure, CISE, NSF)

Reviewed outcomes from the December 2015 NSF-sponsored workshop on "Cyberinfrastructure for NSF Large Facilities," which brought together the topic of cyberinfrastructure and the topic of large facilities for the first time. Discussed the NSF goals to have a deeper understanding of CI needs within and external to facilities, foster dialogue and collaboration, and create a dynamic CI ecosystem.

Best Practices:

- Proactively engage other organizations to facilitate partnering in big data issues.
- Continually communicate NSF capabilities for data analytics.

Integrated Cost-Schedule Risk Analysis

Speaker: David Hulett (Principal, Hulett & Associates)

Provided overview of advanced integrated cost and schedule risk analysis.

Best Practices:

- Carefully consider correlation and multiplicative effects of risks, they can affect time and cost and multiple activities.
- Carefully consider systemic risks.
- Add costs as time-dependent and time-independent resources.
- Interview personnel for good risk data.
- Prioritize risk-mitigation actions and commit to them.

The NSF Cybersecurity Center of Excellence: Large Facilities Cybersecurity Resources

Speaker: James Marsteller (Information Security Officer, Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center)

Provided overview of the Center of Trustworthy Scientific Cyberinfrastructure (CTSC), including CTSC mission, past work with large facilities, key resources and events of interest to large facilities. Highlighted CTSC efforts to improve situational awareness for large facilities.

- Build and maintain highly effective cybersecurity programs appropriate for the science mission and responsive to evolving risks and requirements.
- Highly effective programs require budget for personnel and tools, clearly defined rules for governance, situational awareness, and engagement with the NSF cybersecurity community.

DOE Project Management Career Development Program

Speaker: Linda Ott (DOE Office of Project Management Oversight & Assessments)

Described DOE's Project Management Career Development Program (PMCDP). Included discussion of the value proposition of investing in project management skillset development, DOE's reason for establishing PMCDP, lessons learned, the value of tracking and measuring Federal Project Directors (FPDs), and the status of PMCDP and FPD certification a decade later.

The session provided an example of an existing federal program that was successfully implemented for developing project managers. Laid the ground work for Thursday roundtable discussion of how to develop a similar program for NSF and our large facility community. The session also touched on two main tenets of the NAPA report, qualifications of project managers and building a community of practice.

Best Practices:

- Devise or select a program for federal employees compliant with Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Managers (FAC-P/PM).
- Have a program that is rigorous, fair, and useful, but still flexible.
- Include elements of training, continuous learning, demonstrated experience, performance, leadership and communication skills, and peer superior reviews.
- Distance learning as valuable as classroom learning for most introductory classes; however, asynchronous deliveries (pre-recorded classes) are not as effective since students may "fast forward" through the content.
- Newsletter keeps the community engaged in current offerings and future directions.

Transition to Operations – Panel

Panel: Carol Wilkinson (Large Facilities Advisor, LFO, NSF), Mike Landry (Detection Lead Scientist, California Institute of Technology, LIGO Hanford Observatory), Derek Ross (Deputy Director, Construction Division, Office of Planning, Design and Construction, Smithsonian Facilities), Steve Ellis (Program Director, BIO, NSF)

The panel discussed approaches for transitioning into operations, including lessons learned from their recent projects. Differences in the projects required different approaches to transitioning (e.g., two observatories, distributed networks of observatories, standalone building), but the different approaches still had many common best practices. The interactive discussions helped inform NSF's development of additional guidance on transitioning into operations. No slides were used during the panel discussion.

- Need clear delineation of how and when a project will exit the Construction Stage and enter the Operations Stage.
- Need this clear delineation defined early in project development to set scope, cost, and schedule.
- Define requirements, roles, and responsibilities in a Transition to Operations Plan.
- Each project should determine the most appropriate transition approach for their unique circumstances.
- Importance of thorough and real time documentation for as-built configurations, proof of commissioning, testing, inspection, and acceptance.

- Be mindful of warranty periods and need for operations and maintenance manuals.
- Multi-disciplinary project teams design, construction, science, operations, maintenance with frequent in person communication can help drive Construction Stage to completion.
- Management of staff during any overlap period is critical good communications, clear expectations, same standards don't "throw it over the wall".

Business Practices Roundtable Part II: New Initiatives

Facilitators: Jeff Lupis (Division Director, DACS, NSF)

Provided additional background and context for recent initiatives to further review recipient financial information, cost information (award budgets and incurred costs), management fee, and to explain the "how, what and when" of new incurred cost audits. Community input was requested on business practices and oversight to improve processes.

Best Practices:

 Clearly communicate standardized guidance to help ensure facility compliance and proper NSF oversight.

2.3 Thursday May 26, 2016

NASA Evolvable Mars Campaign Development

Speakers: Stephen Hoffman (SAIC), Larry Toups (Johnson Space Center, NASA)

Provided an overview of the concept of operations, requirements, and organizational structure to pioneer an extended human presence on Mars. Described challenges associated with a harsh, distant, and uncertain environment. Described technology development and project management framework for projects that require new technologies and flexible approaches in uncertain environments.

Best Practices:

- Provide clear linkage of current investments in large scientific research facilities to future capability needs.
- Develop facility management approaches that work best for the unique research, operations, and maintenance requirements.
- If your project has unique technical risks and uncertainties, develop evolvable phased approaches, multi-use and flexible designs, and built in margin.
- Importance of mockup and testing for proving new systems.
- Look broadly for analogs of projects.
- Need to manage schedule sensitivities and deadlines, e.g., launch windows.
- Correlate tasks in each phase to logistics constraints.
- Use Technology Readiness Assessment Guides (e.g., NASA, DOE, DOD, forthcoming GAO Guides) to manage projects requiring cutting-edge technologies.

Actionable Recommendations:

• NSF: Consider use of Technology Readiness Assessment Guides. [ACTION: LFO will consider adding technology readiness guidance to the LFM.]

Large Facilities: Environmental Compliance and Permitting and Lessons Learned

Speaker: Caroline Blanco (Assistant General Counsel - Environment, OD/OGC, NSF)

Discussed need for large facility recipients to obtain permits and NSF responsibilities for environmental compliance. Discussed challenges faced by NSF and recipients when trying to meet their respective obligations, which can result in schedule delays and increased costs. Highlighted recent challenges from Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope (DKIST) and National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) and presented strategies for effective and efficient risk mitigation.

- Start early and be transparent.
- Clearly define NSF and recipient roles.
- NSF bears responsibility for environmental compliance while the project must obtain any necessary permits.
- Use NSF provided checklist to help NSF decide what kind of environment reviews, if any, must follow.

 Engage the public on a personal level and understand the local culture before holding public meetings.

Smithsonian Institution – Science Exhibit Highlights

Speaker: Elizabeth Musteen (Chief of Exhibit Production, Office of Exhibits, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution (SI))

Discussed highlights and lessons learned from the design and construction of some of the newest and most exciting Smithsonian science exhibits, including the Sant Ocean Hall, Kenneth E. Behring Family Hall of Mammals, Butterflies and Plants: Partners in Evolution, the Behring Family Rotunda, and the Annenberg Hooker Hall of Geology, Gems and Minerals.

Best Practices:

- Act as a visitor advocate when developing education and public outreach displays, put yourself in their shoes.
- Use on-line and other technologies to make education engaging and interactive, and readily accessible after leaving the exhibit.
- Simplify displays while still engaging and informing visitor.

Earned Value Management – Certification or Verification? – Roundtable Review

Facilitator: Carol Wilkinson (Large Facilities Advisor, LFO, NSF)

Discussed NSF initiatives to establish guidelines and requirements for Earned Value Management Systems (EVMS) used for evaluating construction project status and management. Other federal agencies have established EVMS requirements, with varying ranges of rigor, depth of inspection, and involvement by external EVM professionals, based on the 32 guidelines from Electronic Industries Alliance (EIA) Standard 748. Participants provided thoughts and experiences on the impacts and benefits of EVMS evaluation. Discussion will inform development of NSF EVM guidance and requirements for the LFM.

- Importance of ensuring good data in and out of the EVMS.
- EIA-748 is the standard for EVMS guidelines.
- If EVM is not valuable to a project, then it is not well implemented.
- The requirements for EVM can be tailored and structured to the particular project.
- Validation of EMVS should include review and acceptance for compliance with EIA-748.
- Validation methods are tailored and structured to the particular federal agency.

Evaluating Facilities-based Education and Public Outreach Activities

Speaker: John Taber (Director of Education and Public Outreach, Incorporate Research Institutions for Seismology (IRIS))

Discussed the IRIS education and public outreach activities, highlighting recent evaluation methods.

Best Practices:

- Having an evaluation plan prior to designing educational materials focuses efforts on generating highest quality outreach and education.
- Collaborative Impact Analysis Method and metrics helped improve activities and provide richer reporting of impacts.

Smithsonian Institution – Astrophysical Observatory Projects

Speaker: Steve Groh (Program Manager, Office of Planning, Design and Construction, Smithsonian Facilities), Marc Tartaro (Design Manager, Office of Planning, Design and Construction, Smithsonian Facilities)

Provided overview of telescope planning, design, construction, and maintenance from Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory work in Hawaii, Arizona, Greenland, and Chile with a focus on the impacts of remote and austere environments.

Best Practices:

- Early planning and attention is critical for addressing common challenges to astrophysical observatories.
- Carefully consider addressing common challenges: extreme climatic conditions, facility complexity, leased properties and sites, Native American lands, natural habitats, 24/7/365 operations, aging infrastructure, fiscal planning cycles, funding constraints, competitive science, tight deadlines, maintenance, and decommissioning.

Community of Practice Roundtable

Facilitator: Ivan Graff (Large Facilities Advisor, LFO, NSF)

Held discussion to help develop a community of practice for sharing, documenting, and implementing lessons learned. Etienne Wenger, who coined the term in 1991, defines communities of practice as "groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly." Discussion focused on how recipients and others have formed their own communities of practice and the best features of these communities. Discussed links to NAPA recommendations. Gained insights into community preferences for the architecture, function, interface, and population or usage requirements for a lessons learned database. The interactive discussions helped inform NSF of ways to expand our community of practice and develop a lessons learned database.

Best Practices:

• Develop template for lessons learned collection; make it simple, user-friendly, automated.

- Provide ability to categorize lessons for tracking, filtering, text searching, e.g. key words, categories.
- Thoughtfully consider how or if a lesson learned becomes policy; trends lend themselves to policy while one offs go into best practices or procedures rather than policy.
- Collect lessons learned in real time and make available for discussion.
- Collect lessons learned from the entire team, not just from managers.
- Make sure lessons are applicable to other projects.
- Include both positive and negative lessons learned.

Large Facilities Manual (LFM) – New Guidance on Cost Estimating and Analysis

Speaker: Kevin Porter (Large Facilities Advisor, LFO, NSF)

Provided overview of draft LFM guidance for cost estimating and analysis. Requested community input on guidance and noted public comment period. Discussed links to NAPA recommendations.

Best Practices:

- Follow GAO Cost Estimating and Assessment Guide.
- Properly designed cost model data sets can facilitate presentation of costs in various ways, e.g., by WBS and NSF budget category.

Broadening and Improving Science User Communities: The Roles of National User Facility Organization (NUFO) & NSF

Panel: Susan White-DePace (Executive Administrator, NUFO), Dave Morrissey (Associate Director of Operations, National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory), Carol Wilkinson (Large Facilities Advisor, LFO, NSF)

Shared experiences forming and managing science user communities with multiple agency and international partners. Provided an overview of the NUFO mission, activities, and facilities and benefits of involvement to users and facilities. Discussed NSCL external user organization and discussed links to NAPA recommendations.

Best Practices:

- Science user communities can facilitate sharing of best practices, professional development, public awareness, unified messaging, and policy change.
- Communication with users is critical; have a web presence and a single point of contact.

Project Management Personnel Development & Certification Roundtable

Facilitator: Ivan Graff (Large Facilities Advisor, LFO, NSF)

Discussed initiative to develop and implement requirements for project management training, experience, and certification. Discussed the costs and benefits and applicability of different types of

certifications available to the public and reviewed options for implementation. Discussed links to NAPA recommendations. Attendees provided substantive input. The interactive discussions helped inform NSF development of qualification requirements for inclusion in the LFM and cooperative agreements.

Best Practices:

- PIs at least need "awareness" of project management principles and practices to work better with the PM.
- Important "people skills" for a good PM include being able to run a meeting, conflict resolution, making decisions, and public speaking these cannot be readily taught or confirmed.

Business Practices Roundtable Part III: New Initiatives

Facilitators: Jeff Lupis (Division Director, DACS, NSF), Jemal Williams (Grants and Agreements Officer, DACS/CSB, NSF)

Continued previous discussions with focus on management fee. Discussed links to NAPA recommendations. Attendees provided substantive input. The interactive discussions helped inform NSF review of the management fee guidance in the LFM.

- Allowing organizations to request and receive a fee helps ensure competition among qualified organizations for large facility construction and operations.
- Eliminating management fee would deny awardees the ability to recover ordinary and necessary expenses not otherwise reimbursable.

3 Participant Summary Data

Appendix D contains a list of the 165 registered workshop participants. NSF's Large Facilities were well represented. Outreach to other federal agencies and organizations to build our community of practice was also successful. A cross section of different professionals were represented. Overall attendance exceeded expectations.

Organizations & Professions

	Large Facilities	NSF	Other Agencies & Organizations	TOTAL
Business Professionals	27	19	2	48
Project/Operations				
Managers, Program				
Officers	15	25	18	58
Executive	20		5	25
Scientists	10		6	16
Other	8	7	3	18
TOTAL	80	51	34	165

Facility Participation

Academic Research Fleet
Alaska Region Research Vessel
Arecibo Observatory
Atacama Large Millimeter Array
Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source
Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope
GEMINI Observatory
Geodesy Advancing Geosciences and EarthScope
Ice Cube
JOIDES Resolution, International Ocean Discovery Program
Large Hadron Collider, Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) Detectors
Large Hadron Collider, A Toroidal LHC Apparatus (ATLAS)
Large Synoptic Survey Telescope
Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory
National Center for Atmospheric Research
National Ecological Observatory Network
National High Magnetic Field Laboratory
National Optical Astronomy Observatory
National Radio Astronomy Observatory
National Solar Observatory
National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory
Natural Hazards Engineering Research Infrastructure
Ocean Observatories Initiative
Regional Class Research Vessel
Seismological Facilities for the Advancement of Geoscience and EarthScope
United States Antarctic Program

Other Agencies and Organizations

Smithsonian Institution
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Department of Energy
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Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center
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4 Survey Results Summary

Feedback on the workshop was requested both online each day and in person at the end of the three days. Data from online survey results is included in Appendix C. Some key takeaways are presented below and will be addressed to continuously improve future workshops.

Topics:

- More broadly solicit input for future topics, e.g., via listserv, online chat forums, surveys, and suggestion boxes.
- More sessions focused on topics relevant to operating facilities.
- Consider having recipient-only sessions with facilitators to allow more open communication.
- Identify topics earlier and establish annual topics.

Attendance:

- Consider making attendance mandatory in awards.
- Consider providing single-day or videoconferencing participation.

Miscellaneous:

- Provide additional time and opportunities for introductions, interaction, and communication among participants, e.g., between sessions, via interactive sessions, at the end of the day.
- Provide larger meeting rooms with more space for participants; plan for surge capacity.

Actionable Recommendations:

- Develop ways to more broadly solicit input for future topics. [ACTION: LFO will pursue options for the 2017 LFW.]
- NSF: Identify topics earlier and establish annual topics. [ACTION: LFO will identify topics, including annual topics, further in advance of the 2017 LFW.]

5 Overall Conclusions & Actionable Recommendations

Overall the workshop was successful and provided a constructive and collaborative environment for NSF's Large Facilities and other government agencies and partners. New initiatives were highlighted and rich interactive discussions will help inform development of future guidance. Many Best Practices were shared with the community. Many Actionable Recommendations were identified as summarized below and will be considered by NSF. NSF's Large Facility community of practice was expanded. Feedback of the overall workshop was collected and will help improve future workshops.

Actionable Recommendations:

- Perform independent cost and schedule reviews 6 months prior to Preliminary Design Review as these provided significant benefit. [ACTION: LFO will provide additional expectations in draft LFM section 4.2.]
- NSF: Consider setting goals during design and reporting requirements during operations for "uptime metrics" (e.g., % time and costs for operations, maintenance, idleness). [ACTION: LFO will consider providing additional information via the LFM.]
- NSF: Clarify and communicate the scope and timeline for completion of audits and reviews.
 [ACTION: LFO will consider providing additional information via the LFM and/or website.]
- NSF: Disseminate best practices and lessons learned from audits and reviews to the large facilities community to allow continuous improvement. [ACTION: LFO will compile major issues identified over the last 5 years for distribution to the community. LFO will have "BSR Hot Topic" presentations at annual LFW.]
- GAO can provide material they use in cost and schedule assessments (e.g., lists of requested documents; interview questions; record of analysis templates; MS Excel workbooks for assessing MS Project files; MS Project filters, tables and views for assessing MS Project files; Primavera P6 workbooks and filters (still under development)). [ACTION: LFO has received available GAO material and will post publically on LFO website.]
- GAO can provide training on the cost and schedule guides. [ACTION: LFO will consider options for GAO training into the professional training, experience, and qualification guidance being developed and discussed further below.]
- NSF: Highlight property and equipment capitalization requirements to recipients with construction projects. [ACTION: LFO will consider options for highlighting existing guidance.]
- NSF: Provide guidance to recipients on how to report equipment that is used for multiple projects. [ACTION: LFO will consider options for providing additional guidance.]
- NSF: Provide examples of best practices for reporting work in progress and construction in progress. [ACTION: LFO will consider options for providing additional examples.]
- NSF: Work with NSF Property Office and discuss where LFO or other NSF-wide Large Facility stakeholders might partner and assist in the processing of property-related requests. [ACTION: LFO will consider options for facilitating property-related requests.]
- NSF: Consider use of Technology Readiness Assessment Guides. [ACTION: LFO will consider adding technology readiness guidance to the LFM.]
- Develop ways to more broadly solicit input for future topics. [ACTION: LFO will pursue options for the 2017 LFW.]
- NSF: Identify topics earlier and establish annual topics. [ACTION: LFO will identify topics, including annual topics, further in advance of the 2017 LFW.]

Appendix A: Agenda

National Science Foundation & Smithsonian Institution 2016 Large Facilities Office Workshop

Washington, DC Tuesday, May 24 – Thursday, May 26, 2016

Agenda

Tuesday, May 24	
8:00 – 9:15 AM	Registration, Light Refreshments Foyer 3111A, Room 3112
9:15 – 9:45 AM	Welcome, Opening Remarks Speakers: Matt Hawkins (Head, Large Facilities Office (LFO), NSF), Nancy Bechtol (Director, Facilities, Smithsonian Institution) Description: Welcome by NSF and Smithsonian, overview of the workshop, NSF and Smithsonian large facilities portfolios, and outcomes from 2015 Workshop. Room 3111
9:45 – 10:45 AM	Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO): The Inside Story Speaker: Mike Landry (Detection Lead Scientist, California Institute of Technology, LIGO Hanford Observatory) Description: LIGO began operations in 2015 with spectacular results, detecting gravitational waves in the first month! Highlights from transitioning into operations and lessons learned from their path to discovery. Room 3111
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Break
11:00 – 12:00 PM	Transforming Concepts Into Reality: Project Management Insights from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center Speaker: Dave Mitchell (Director, Flight Projects Directorate, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center) Description: Personal experience and perspective on project management from NASA science mission projects. Highlights include reflections on the development of the MAVEN mission to Mars which launched in November 2013 and arrived at the Red Planet in September 2014. Room 3111
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Working Lunch Room 3111
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Breakout Session #1
2:00 – 2:15 PM	Break
2:15 – 3:15 PM	Breakout Session #2
3:15 – 3:30 PM	Break

3:30 - 4:30 PM **Breakout Session #3**

5:00 PM Shuttle Buses Depart Ripley Center for Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown

Hotel

6:00 - 8:00 PM Reception, Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel

Breakout Session #1 (Choose 1 of 2)

1. "Lightning Talks" from Large Facilities

Speakers: Demian Bailey (Project Manager, Regional Class Research Vessel, Oregon State University), Andy Adamson and Scott Kleinman (Associate Director Operations and Associate Director Development, Gemini Observatory), Mike Carrancho (Deputy Director, Engineering and Design Division, Office of Planning, Design and Construction, Smithsonian Facilities), Joel Brock (Director, Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source), Jamie Allan (Program Director, Integrated Ocean Drilling Program, GEO, NSF), Rick Farnsworth (Senior Program Manager, National Ecological Observatory Network), John Kelly (Program Director, Arecibo Observatory), Murray Stein (Director of Marine Operations / Marine Superintendent, University of Alaska Fairbanks) Description: Speakers highlighting recent large facility accomplishments and challenges. Room 3111

2. Business Practices Roundtable Part I: Making Sense of Audits and Reviews

Facilitators: Florence Rabanal (Large Facilities Advisor, LFO, NSF), Anna-Lee Misiano (Grants and Agreements Officer, DACS/CSB, NSF), Charlie Zeigler (Cost Analyst, DIAS, NSF)

Description: Overview of the common types of audits and reviews and discuss how they fit together. Participants will share strategies for being responsive in an audit and identify areas where NSF clarification or assistance is needed.

Room 3035

Breakout Session #2 (Choose 1 of 2)

1. GAO – Schedule Assessment Guide & Cost Estimating and Assessment Guide

Speaker: Jason Lee (Assistant Director, Applied Research and Methods, US Government Accountability Office) Description: An overview of GAO schedule and cost estimating guides, focusing on best practices and updates, to facilitate integrated project planning and management.

Room 3111

2. Smithsonian Institution – Building Information Modeling & Asset Management

Speaker: Mike Carrancho (Deputy Director, Engineering and Design Division, Office of Planning, Design and Construction, Smithsonian Facilities)

Description: Overview of SI's recent initiative to use data rich Building Information Modeling technology for design, construction, and lifecycle management of capital assets. Room 3035

Breakout Session #3 (Choose 1 of 2)

1. Organizational Climate Studies – Experience from NSF's Advanced Cyberinfrastructure Projects

Speaker: Lizanne DeStefano (Georgia Tech Center for Education, Integrating Science, Mathematics, and Computing)

Description: Methods for assessing organizational climate and benefits to other large facilities projects based on experience within the Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment (XSEDE) and Blue Waters supercomputing projects.

Room 3111

2. Business Systems Reviews (BSR) Hot Topics

Speaker: Florence Rabanal (Large Facilities Advisor, LFO, NSF)

Description: Overview of recurring BSR observations on property and equipment management. Opportunity for information sharing, asking outstanding questions, understanding what to avoid. Attendees will be encouraged to share their challenges and solutions to aligning with NSF expectations. As time permits, highlights of new BSR process initiatives will be presented, such as the oversight tracking system and annual planning.

8:00 – 9:15 AM Registration, Light Refreshments

Foyer 3111A, Room 3112

9:15 – 10:45 AM NSF Future Investments, NAPA Report, and Evolving Oversight

Speaker: Matt Hawkins (Head, LFO, NSF)

Description: The presentation will begin with a summary of Dr. Cordova's "NSF Ideas for Future Investments" presented to the National Science Board in May. It will then segway into an overview of the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) Panel Report on NSF Use of Cooperative Agreements to Support Large Scale Investment in Research. The NAPA recommendations support NSF use of cooperative agreements with recommendations are intended to improve NSF's oversight and project management practices for large facility construction projects. Key recommendations include (1) developing a community of practice for documenting, sharing, and implementing lessons learned, and (2) implementing requirements for project management experience, certification, and training. Community input is requested to facilitate implementation of recommendations and inform forthcoming guidance within our Large Facilities Manual. Room 3111

10:45 - 11:00 AM Break

11:00 – 12:00 PM **Breakout Session #1**

12:00 – 1:00 PM Working Lunch

Room 3111

1:00 – 2:30 PM **Breakout Session #2**

2:30 – 4:00 PM Smithsonian Tours

Major Exhibit Renovations at the National Air and Space Museum

Construction and Exhibit Design at the National Museum of African American History

and Culture

Major renovations and historic preservation of the Arts and Industries Building

Breakout Session #1 (Choose 1 of 3)

1. Smithsonian Institution – Lessons Learned Database and Implementation

Speaker: Jim Yuengert (Smithsonian Institution (SI), Office of Planning, Design and Construction)
Description: Highlights from SI's recent development of an electronic database and process for collecting and implementing lessons learned throughout a community. SI will share examples from Mathias Lab Construction and Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum Renovation.

Room 3111

2. Cyberinfrastructure (CI) Scoping Roundtable (Bill Miller)

Facilitator: Bill Miller (Division of Advanced Cyberinfrastructure, CISE, NSF)

Description: This follow-up to the December 2015 NSF-sponsored workshop on "Cyberinfrastructure for NSF Large Facilities" will review outcomes from that workshop, and invite additional input, in areas such as

anticipated future needs, ways of increasing innovative collaboration between the CI and facilities communities, and leveraging of existing shared CI resources. The roundtable will provide helpful input to NSF in its efforts to plan future opportunities.

Room 3037

3. Integrated Cost-Schedule Risk Analysis

Speaker: David Hulett (Principal, Hulett & Associates)

Description: Expert overview of integrated cost and schedule risk analysis and contingency calculation methods which form the basis of the risk management chapters in the Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK© Guide) and the Large Facilities Manual.

Room 3035

Working Lunch

1. The NSF Cybersecurity Center of Excellence: Large Facilities Cybersecurity Resources

Speaker: James Marsteller (Information Security Officer, Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center)
Description: Brief overview of the Center of Trustworthy Scientific Cyberinfrastructure (CTSC), including
CTSC mission, past work with large facilities, key resources and events of interest to large facilities. Details on a
CTSC effort to improve situational awareness for larger facilities will be highlighted.
Room 3111

Breakout Session #2 (Choose 1 of 3)

1. DOE Project Management Career Development Program

Speaker: Linda Ott (DOE Office of Project Management Oversight & Assessments)

Description: Highlights from DOE's Project Management Career Development Program (PMCDP). Includes discussion of the value proposition of investing in project management skillset development, DOE's reason for establishing PMCDP, lessons learned, the value of tracking and measuring Federal Project Directors (FPDs), and the status of PMCDP and FPD certification a decade later.

Room 3111

2. Transition to Operations – Panel

Panel: Carol Wilkinson (Large Facilities Advisor, LFO, NSF), Mike Landry (Detection Lead Scientist, California Institute of Technology, LIGO Hanford Observatory), Derek Ross (Deputy Director, Construction Division, Office of Planning, Design and Construction, Smithsonian Facilities), Steve Ellis (Program Director, BIO, NSF) Description: A panel led discussion of lessons learned during transition to operations, with focus on recent projects.

Room 3037

3. Business Practices Roundtable Part II: New Initiatives

Facilitators: Jeff Lupis (Division Director, DACS, NSF)

Description: Additional background and context for recent initiatives to further review recipient financial information, cost information (award budgets and incurred costs), management fee, and to explain the "how, what and when" of new incurred cost audits. Community input is requested on business practices and oversight. Links to NAPA recommendations.

8:00 – 9:15 AM Registration, Light Refreshments

Foyer 3111A, Room 3112

9:15 – 10:45 AM NASA Evolvable Mars Campaign Development

Speakers: Stephen Hoffman (SAIC), Larry Toups (Johnson Space Center, NASA)

Description: Developing a concept of operations, requirements, and project management

structure for an evolving and flexible phased construction and start-up project to pioneer

an extended human presence on Mars.

Room 3111

10:45 - 11:00 AM Break

11:00 – 12:00 PM **Breakout Session #1**

12:00 – 1:00 PM Working Lunch

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1:00 – 2:00 PM **Breakout Session #2**

2:00 – 2:15 PM Break

2:15 – 3:45 PM **Breakout Session #3**

3:45 – 5:00 PM Workshop Feedback to NSF

Facilitator: Kevin Porter (Large Facilities Advisor, LFO, NSF)

Description: Informal opportunity to provide direct feedback to LFO immediately after

the workshop. Room 3031

Breakout Session #1 (Choose 1 of 3)

1. Large Facilities: Environmental Compliance and Permitting and Lessons Learned

Speaker: Caroline Blanco (Assistant General Counsel - Environment, OD/OGC, NSF)

Description: Large facility awardees must often obtain permits. NSF must also meet its environmental compliance responsibilities. Occasionally, NSF and its awardees encounter challenges in meeting their respective obligations, which can result in schedule delays and increased costs. Discussion will highlight recent challenges from DKIST and NEON and present strategies for effective and efficient risk mitigation.

Room 3111

2. Smithsonian Institution – Science Exhibit Highlights

Speaker: Elizabeth Musteen (Chief of Exhibit Production, Office of Exhibits, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution (SI))

Description: Highlights and lessons learned from the design and construction of some of the newest and most exciting Smithsonian science exhibits, including the Sant Ocean Hall, Kenneth E. Behring Family Hall of Mammals, Butterflies and Plants: Partners in Evolution, the Behring Family Rotunda, and the Annenberg Hooker Hall of Geology, Gems and Minerals.

3. Earned Value Management - Certification or Verification? - Roundtable Review

Facilitator: Carol Wilkinson (Large Facilities Advisor, LFO, NSF)

Description: NSF is establishing guidelines and requirements for Earned Value Management Systems (EVMS) used for evaluating construction project status and management. Other federal agencies have established EVMS requirements, with varying ranges of rigor, depth of inspection, and involvement by external EVM professionals, based on the 32 guidelines from EIA Standard 748. Participants will provide thoughts and experiences on the impacts and benefits of EVMS evaluation to inform development of NSF EVM guidance and requirements for the 2017 revision to the LFM. Links to NAPA recommendations.

Room 3035

Working Lunch

1. Evaluating Facilities-based Education and Public Outreach Activities

Speaker: John Taber (Director of Education and Public Outreach, Incorporate Research Institutions for Seismology (IRIS))

Description: Brief overview of the IRIS education and public outreach activities, highlighting recent evaluation methods.

Room 3111

Breakout Session #2 (Choose 1 of 3)

1. Smithsonian Institution – Astrophysical Observatory Projects

Speaker: Steve Groh (Program Manager, Office of Planning, Design and Construction, Smithsonian Facilities), Marc Tartaro (Design Manager, Office of Planning, Design and Construction, Smithsonian Facilities) Description: Overview of telescope planning, design, construction, and maintenance from Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory work in Hawaii, Arizona, Greenland, and Chile with a focus on the impacts of remote and austere environments.

Room 3111

2. Community of Practice Roundtable

Facilitator: Ivan Graff (Large Facilities Advisor, LFO, NSF)

Description: Discussion to help develop a community of practice for sharing, documenting, and implementing lessons learned. Etienne Wenger, who coined the term in 1991, defines communities of practice as "groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly." Discussion will focus on how recipients and others have formed their own communities of practice and the best features of these communities. Links to NAPA recommendations.

Room 3031

3. Large Facilities Manual (LFM) – New Guidance on Cost Estimating and Analysis

Speaker: Kevin Porter (Large Facilities Advisor, LFO, NSF)

Description: Overview of draft LFM guidance for cost estimating and analysis. Participants may provide input. The draft is also available for public comment. Links to NAPA recommendations.

Breakout Session #3 (Choose 1 of 3)

1. Broadening and Improving Science User Communities: The Roles of National User Facility Organization (NUFO) & NSF

Panel: Susan White-DePace (Executive Administrator, NUFO), Dave Morrissey (Associate Director of Operations, National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory), Carol Wilkinson (Large Facilities Advisor, LFO, NSF)

Description: The panel will share their experiences forming and managing science user communities with multiple agency and international partners. Includes an overview of the NUFO mission, activities, and facilities and benefits of involvement to users and facilities. NSF large facilities community is invited to provide insights during community discussion. Links to NAPA recommendations. Room 3111

2. Project Management Personnel Development & Certification Roundtable

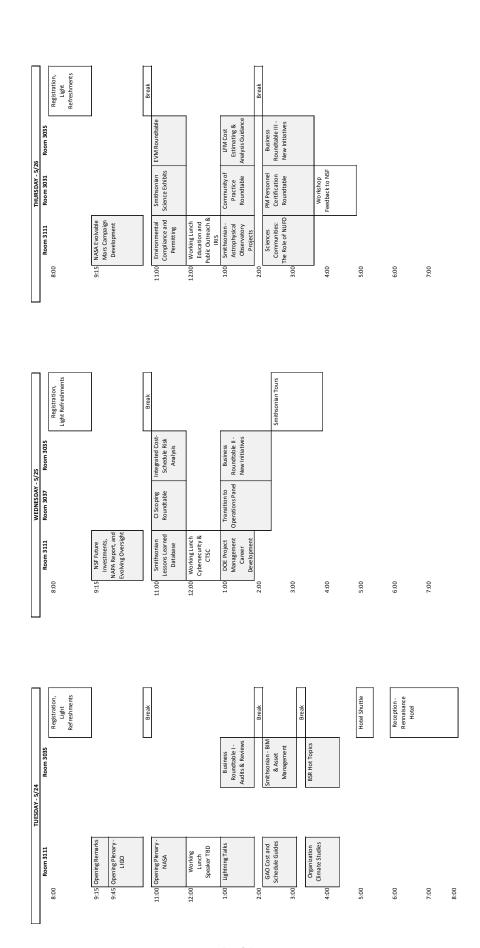
Facilitator: Ivan Graff (Large Facilities Advisor, LFO, NSF)

Description: Discussion to help develop and implement requirements for project management training, experience, and certification. Discussion will consider the benefits and applicability of different types of certifications available to the public and review options for implementation. Links to NAPA recommendations. Room 3031

3. Business Practices Roundtable Part III: New Initiatives

Facilitators: Jeff Lupis (Division Director, DACS, NSF), Jemal Williams (Grants and Agreements Officer, DACS/CSB, NSF)

Description: Continuation of "Business Practices Roundtable Part II: New Initiatives" with focus on community input. Links to NAPA recommendations.



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Appendix B: Participant Information

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Appendix C: Survey Data & Metrics

			Percent	Percentage Agree		
	I found the		I view the	The presentation	The presenter(s) considered my	
	presentation	I understood the	topic as	seemed well	comments or answered my	
	informative	presenter(s)	important	organized	questions	AVERAGE
Session Title						
Business Practices Roundtable Part I: Making Sense of Audits and Reviews	74%	75%	%86	25%	92%	73%
Business Practices Roundtable Part II: New Initiatives	%29	%96	%26	63%	70%	%6 <i>L</i>
Business Practices Roundtable Part III: New Initiatives	75%	75%	%56	%69	64%	75%
Business Systems Reviews (BSR) Hot Topics	%65	77%	93%	26%	63%	%69
Community of Practice Roundtable	100%	100%	%98	100%	100%	%26
Cyberinfrastructure Scoping Roundtable	78%	%68	%68	83%	100%	%88
DOE Project Management Career Development Program	73%	91%	%69	64%	%09	71%
Earned Value Management Certification or Verification Roundtable	%68	100%	100%	%68	83%	95%
Environmental Compliance and Permitting	94%	100%	%06	94%	100%	%96
Evaluating Facilities-based Education and Public Outreach Activities	%02	83%	83%	57%	43%	%19
GAO Schedule Assessment Guide & Cost Estimating and Assessment Guide	77%	%62	%88	77%	71%	78%
Integrated Cost-Schedule Risk Analysis	53%	20%	%56	54%	26%	92%
Large Facilities Manual (LFM) New Guidance on Cost Estimating and Analysis	83%	87%	100%	83%	86%	%88
Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO): The Inside Story	%88	86%	%9 <i>L</i>	95%	%09	%08
Lightning Talks from Large Facilities	%6L	84%	85%	73%	73%	%62
NASA Evolvable Mars Campaign Development	95%	95%	%89	95%	92%	81%
NSF Cybersecurity Center of Excellence: Large Facilities Cybersecurity Resources	87%	%26	%06	93%	82%	%06
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ional Climate Studies Experience from NSFs Advanced Cyberinfrastructure Projects	64%	95%	%89	84%	78%	77%
Project Management Insights from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center	94%	%26	%68	95%	84%	%16
Project Management Personnel Development & Certification Roundtable	91%	91%	%88	82%	%88	%88
Smithsonian Institution Astrophysical Observatory Projects	75%	100%	%19	75%	100%	83%
Smithsonian Institution Building Information Modeling & Asset Management	%59	%59	28%	%9 <i>L</i>	82%	%69
Smithsonian Institution Lessons Learned Database and Implementation	64%	64%	100%	64%	80%	74%
Smithsonian Institution Science Exhibit Highlights	100%	100%	78%	83%	100%	%26
The Roles of National User Facility Organization (NUFO) & NSF	82%	82%	%62	%92	%06	%28
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Tour: National Air and Space Museum	94%	94%	83%	%68	94%	%16
Tour: National Museum of African American History and Culture	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Integrated Cost-Schedule Risk Analysis	62%



Appendix D: Presentations

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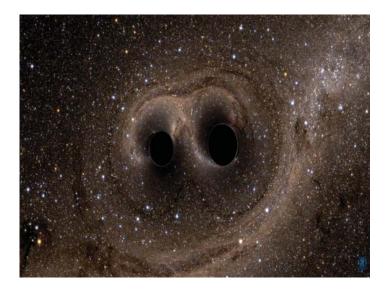


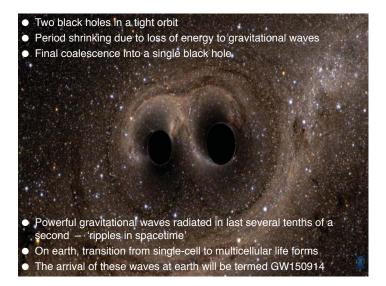
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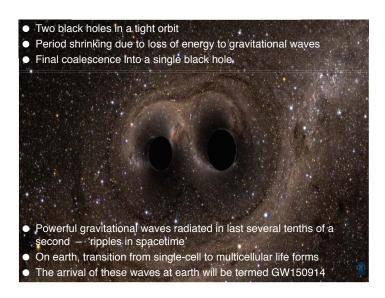




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NSF Large Facilities Workshop 24 May 2016











Outline

- A timeline of GW150914
- Some history of gravitational waves, and experiments
- Initial LIGO, the Advanced LIGO Project, LIGO Operations
 - » The experiments
 - » The phases and transitions, some problems and some lessons
- The Event itself, GW150914
- Some results and conclusions



100 years ago



- General Relativity is published in 1915 by former patent clerk, now Professor, A. Einstein
- First paper indicating that gravitational waves (GW) in 1916
 - Contains an algebraic error, leading Einstein to think that no energy is carried by GWs
- Second paper in 1918 corrects this error, but Einstein indicates that the effect is of no practical interest since the effect is too small to be detected

Meanwhile....

 The gravitational waves from the binary black-hole merger cross Gacrux, a star in the Southern Cross







Gravitational waves

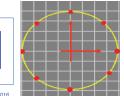
- Distortions in space-time, generated by changing quadrupole moments such as in co-orbiting objects, spinning asymmetric objects
- Interact weakly with matter even densest systems transparent to gravitational waves
- An entirely new phenomenon with which to explore the universe



Physically, gravitational waves are *strains*:



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A half-century ago



- Gertsenstein and Pustovoit, 1963: theoretical study of using laser interferometry to detect GWs (Russian)
- Others re-invent the notion among them Joe Weber, who pioneered experimental searches for GWs, in developing 'acoustic bar' sensors
- In 1972, Rainer Weiss publishes an internal MIT report
 - » Sets the concept and scale of LIGO
 - » This roadmap contains also noise sources and how to manage them
- Interest grows in Max Planck Garching (Germany), U. Glasgow, Caltech in this interferometric technique
- GW150914 passes HR 2225 in Canis Major

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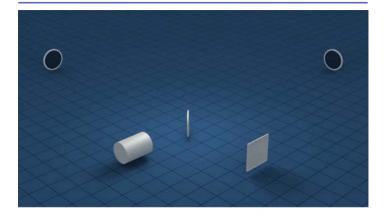


Rainer Weiss





Michelson interfometers





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Caltech

Two decades ago

- Caltech and MIT propose to the NSF to establish Observatories
- Proposal states clearly that the initial detectors only have a chance of detections, and that upgraded detectors must be accommodated and foreseen

Proposal to the National Science Poblication

UPPORTING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF A

LASER INTERFEROMETER GRAVITATIONAL-WAVE OBSERVATORY

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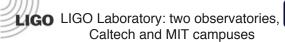


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- Artist's conception of what an observatory might look like
- GW150914 passing 82 Eridani...

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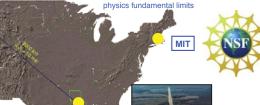








- and to operate them as astrophysical observatories Jointly managed by Caltech and MIT; responsible for operating LIGO Hanford
- and Livingston Observatories
 Requires instrument science at the frontiers of





LIGO Scientific Collaboration

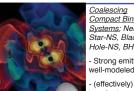






Astrophysical sources of gravitational waves





Compact Binary Systems: Neutron Star-NS, Black Hole-NS, BH-BH

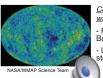
Strong emitters, well-modeled.



Asymmetric Core Supernovae

- Weak emitters, not well-modeled ('bursts'), transient

- Also: cosmic strings, SGRs, ulsar glitches



Cosmic Gravitationalwave Background Residue of the Big Bang

- Long duration, stochastic background

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Spinning neutron (nearly) monotonic waveform

- Long duration



Within 10 years

Advanced LIGO is funded in 2006: an upgrade of all components, 10x better sensitivity





- Initial LIGO deinstallation Oct 20, 2010, installation starts for Advanced LIGO after
 - GWs from the BH-BH cross Alpha Centauri, the closest star, just 4.4 light years away



Advanced LIGO support

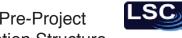


- NSF-supported (~\$205M MREFC phase)
 - Caltech as awardee, MIT and Caltech sharing responsibility institutionally, organizationally, scientifically, and technically
 - Several US LSC institutions supported on subcontracts from LIGO Lab in Project phase (all US-supported aLIGO work to be on aLIGO
- Foreign contributions from experienced collaborators
 - » Germany Pre-stabilized laser (value ~\$14M incl. development)
 - United Kingdom Test mass suspensions and some test mass optics (value ~\$14M incl. development)
 - Australia alignment sensors, optics, and suspensions (value ~ \$1.7M incl. development)



LIGO Pre-Project Organization Structure





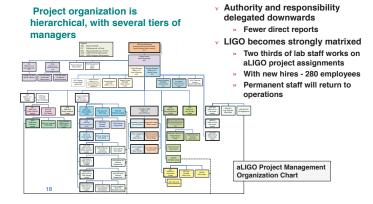


- Shallow management tree
 - » Top level only one or two reports away
 - » From 10 to 30+ direct reports per manager (~170 FTE)
- Authority and responsibility held by a few at the top
 - » Little delegation of budget, hiring, mission, and priority decisions
 - Technical staff not burdened by bureaucratic responsibilities



aLIGO Project **Organization Chart**









10X more sensitive, >10X harder...

- 14 unique fabricated parts
- 68 fabricated parts total
- 165 total including machined parts and hardware



Test mass suspension From Initial LIGO

- 188 unique fabricated parts
- 1569 fabricated parts total
- 3575 total including machined parts and hardware



Test mass suspension From Advanced LIGO





Key Installation elements

People

- » Steady state science running: ~40 people at each of the sites. At install peak ~90 people @ LHO, less at LLO
- » Included technicians, engineering, scientists, project controls, facilities, management, i.e. everything
- » Installation staff launched each day with coordination meeting
- » Also includes riggers/millwrights operating under \$3.3M time and materials (T&M) contract. Introduced to LIGO science to stress our unique needs (precision and contamination control, vs. speed)

Safety

- » Checklists
- » Hazard Analyses
- » Stop work

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Weld repairs





- Unauthorized weld repairs detected visually in some seismic plates; underscores need for good QA
- Investigated with contractor and x-rays
- At issue is trapped volumes and virtual leaks
- Concluded new parts were required





Fiber breakage







- ITMY fibers broken in shaking incident induced by code bug
- Stop work called; code fixed/reviewed, testing restarted
- Underscores need for code reviews and testing



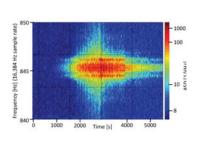


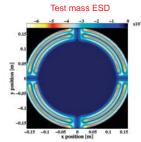
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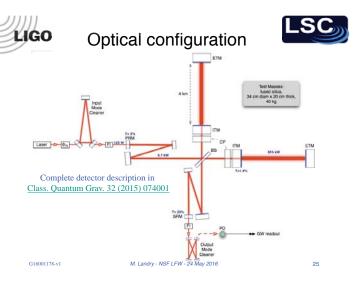


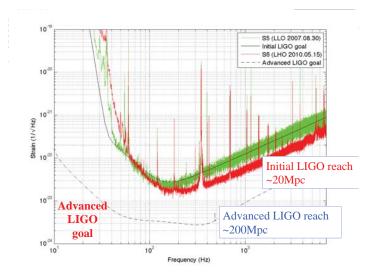


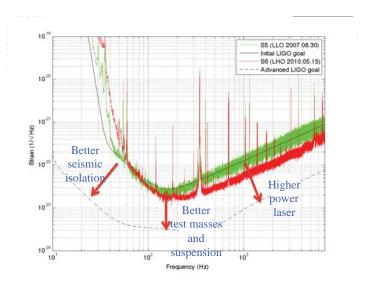
 Active damping using the electro-static drive, or ESD on the test masses

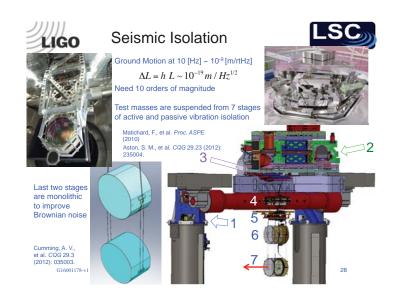














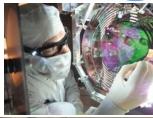
Test Masses





- Test mass coating brownian noise dominates strain sensitivity in the most sensitive region (~100 [Hz])
- Larger Mirrors → Increase Spot Size: Average over more surface area

Diameter	34 cm
Thickness	20 cm
Mass	40 kg
1/e ² Beam	5.3-6.2
Size	cm







200W Nd:YAG laser

Designed and contributed by Max Planck Albert Einstein



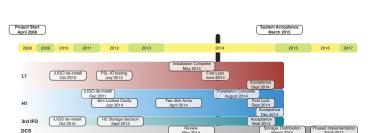


- Stabilized in power and frequency using techniques developed for time references
- Uses a monolithic master oscillator followed by injection-locked rod amplifier
- Delivers the required shot-noise limited fringe resolution





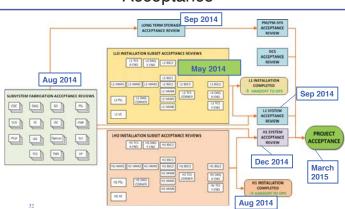
Project Schedule Highlights



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Acceptance





Transition to operations



aLIGO Project:

- Subsystem installation and testing.
- Integrated testing, leading to locked whole detector, ready for Ops acceptance.
- Data computing and storage installation.
- Training and documentation.

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Operations:

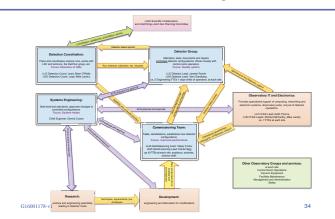
- Assembling of new teams and groups.
- Adapting and inventing operations and maintenance plans.
- Maintenance of detector components after installation complete.
- Commissioning detectors that are accepted.

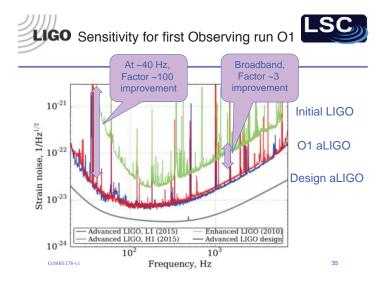
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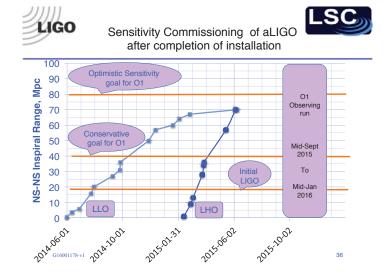
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OPS functional groups











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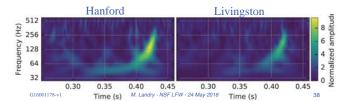


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- Scientists and grad students make final electronic logs and leave site
- GW150914 passes through Livingston site at 09:50:45 UTC, and 6.9ms later, through the Hanford site (02:50:45 Pacific time)
- Within 3 minutes it is detected by online search codes

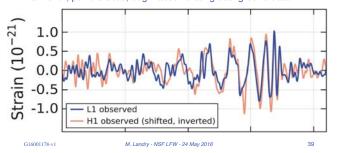


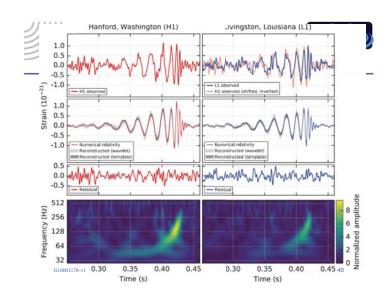


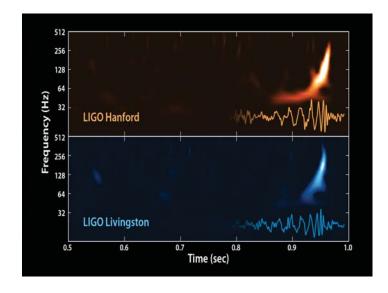
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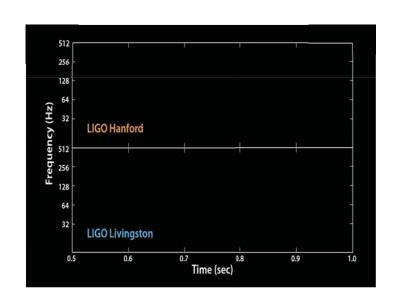


- Within ~15m, postdocs at AEI see the trigger in our GW database, suspect it is either a signal or an injection
- By 9am Pacific we know it is not a blind injection: we freeze the sites for a month, poll the sites, begin accumulating background data...









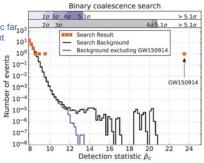




Detection confidence

- First seen with a 'burst' on-line detection system, but best statistical confidence measure obtained with a template search based on GR, and numerical solutions
- 'Off-source' background built up using non-physical time slides (>10 msec)
- Equivalent of 600,000 years of background used
- GW150914 had detection statistic far₁₀2 larger than any background event
- False Alarm rate <1/203,000 years, corresponding to 5.1σ.
- A very large SNR in quiet data.

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Source characteristics

Primary black hole mass 36+5M $29^{+4}_{-4}M_{\odot}$ Secondary black hole mass 62+4Mo Final black hole mass Final black hole spin $0.67^{+0.05}_{-0.07}$ Luminosity distance 410⁺¹⁶⁰₋₁₈₀ Mpc Source redshift z $0.09^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$



- 3 M_☉ radiated in GWs; $36 + 29 = 62 \dots + 3$
- Degeneracy in position and distance (only 2 detectors... need Virgo!)
 - » In the Southern Hemisphere, an annulus with some preference in angle
- Alerted EM partners, a group of over 60 telescope collaborations for follow-up
- Can determine a rich set of conclusions due to
 - » 'time trace' of amplitude of strain.
 - » Absolute calibration of the instrument in strain, and
 - » Excellent match to GR





More info: papers.ligo.org



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Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Merger





Analyses in companion papers



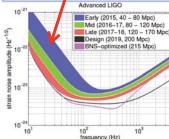
- Effects due to GR-violations in GW150914 are limited to less than 4% (see the Tests of GR paper)
- Electromagnetic followup made by astronomy partners (see Localization & Follow-up paper)
- Expected rate of BBH mergers (see the Rates paper) » 2-400 Gpc-3yr-1
- Limit on the mass of the graviton (Testing GR): $m_g \le 1.2 \times 10^{-22} \text{ eV/c}^2$ at 90% confidence
- GW150914 demonstrates heavy stellar mass black holes can form in binaries and merge within a Hubble time; requires weak massive-star winds, possible in low metalicity environments (see the Astrophysical implications paper)



Observing Scenario, focus on NS-NS Binaries http://arxiv.org/abs/1304.0670



Estimated $E_{GW} = 10^{-2} M_{\odot} c^2$ Run Burst Range (Mpc)		BNS Range (Mpc)		Number of BNS	% BNS Localized within		
Duration	LIGO	Virgo	LIGO	Virgo	Detections	5 deg ²	$20 \mathrm{deg^2}$
3 months	40 - 60	_	40 - 80	-	0.0004 - 3	-	
6 months	60 - 75	20 - 40	80 - 120	20 - 60	0.006 - 20	2	5 - 12
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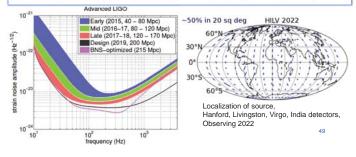


Localization of source, Hanford and Livingston LIGO detectors, First science run at end 2015

LIGO Observing Scenario, focus on NS-NS Binaries http://arxiv.org/abs/1304.0670



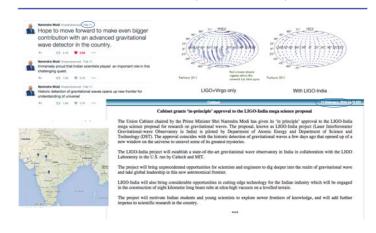
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2016-17	6 months	60 - 75	20 - 40	80 - 120	20 - 60	0.006 - 20	2	5 - 12
2017-18	9 months	75 - 90	40 - 50	120 - 170	60 - 85	0.04 - 100	1-2	10 - 12
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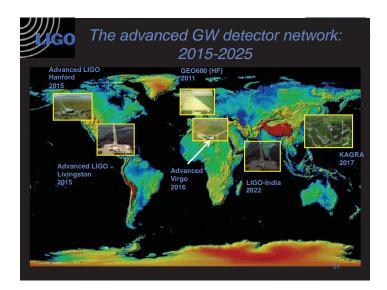


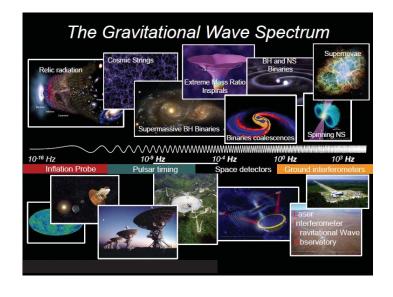
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LIGO India is a GO, after several years of delay













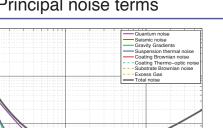


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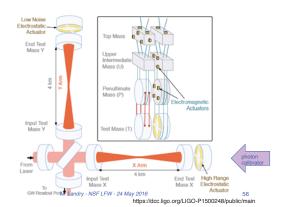




Principal noise terms



End mirror ("test mass") quadruplependulum suspensions



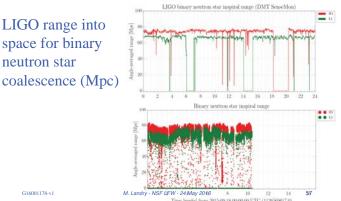


space for binary neutron star

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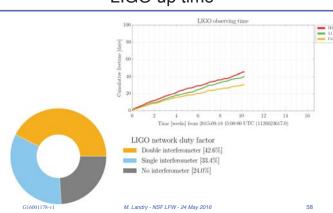
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LIGO up time



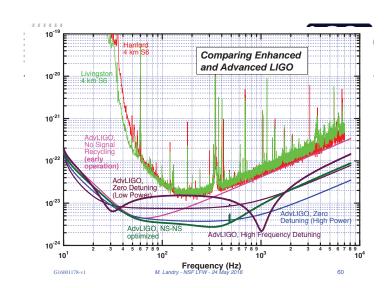






Expected data rates

- LIGO will produce, in raw science frames, ~ 10 MB/s ~ 840 TB/day ~ 300 TB/year per IFO.
- For 2 IFOs, with trend and RDS data included, we will generate on the order of 1 Petabyte of data per year total, per copy. (And we'll keep dual copies of all data, with one copy at the observatories and one copy at Caltech.)







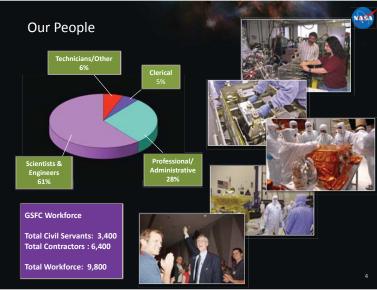
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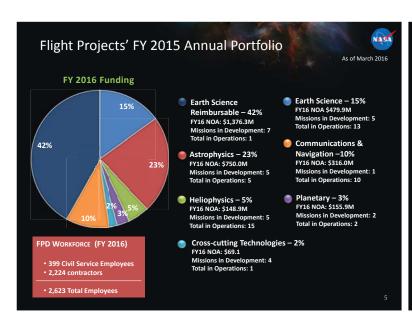
- Steady state science running: ~40 people at each of the sites
- At the peak of Advanced LIGO install ~90 people @ LHO, fewer at LLO owing to single interferometer
- Includes technicians for assembly and clean and bake, engineering, scientists, project controls, facilities, management, i.e. everything
- Also includes riggers/millwrights operating under \$3.3M time and materials (T&M) contract. Expertise in rigging, pipefitting, sheet metal, etc. Flexibility in numbers (currently 4 at LHO, 2-3 part time at LLO)
- Visitors: Lab and LSC visitors to sites. LSC on subcontract M. Landry - NSF LFW - 24 May 2016

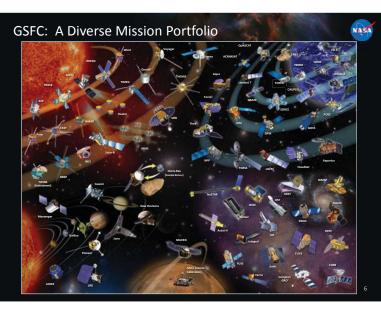












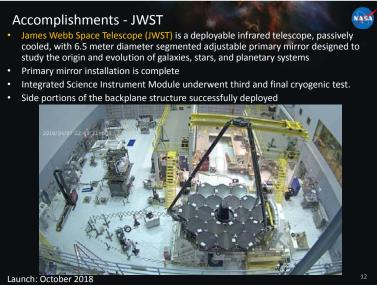
























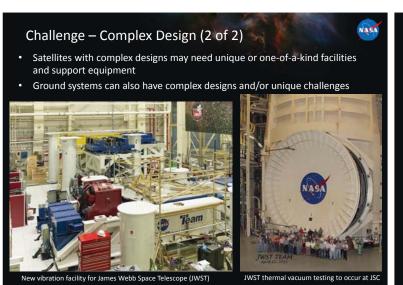


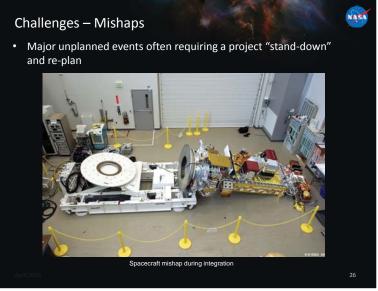




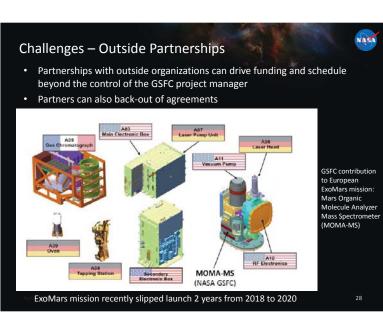




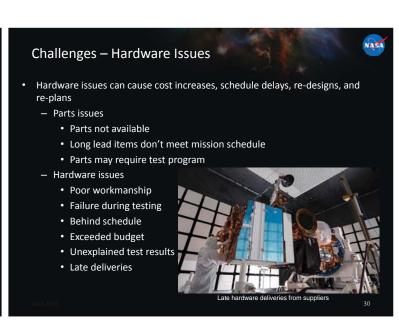






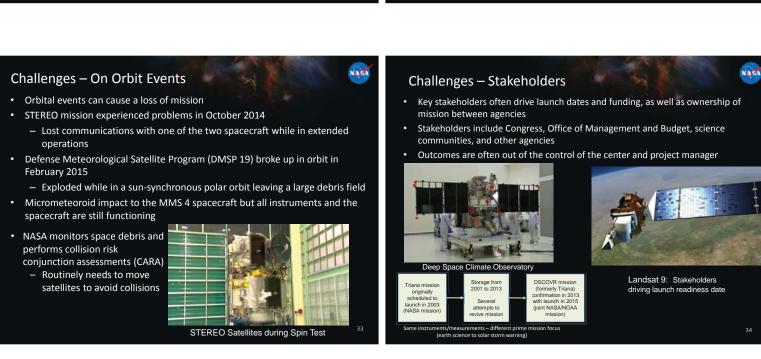




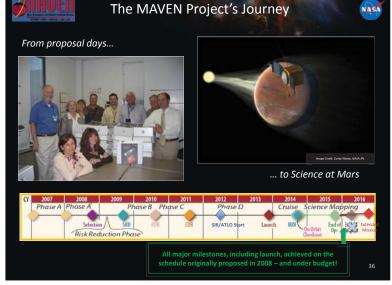


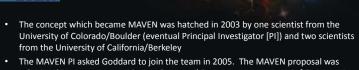






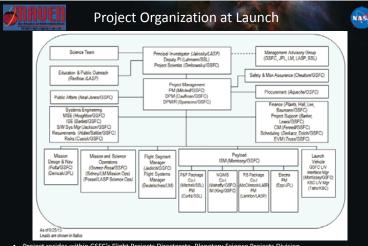






Historical Perspective

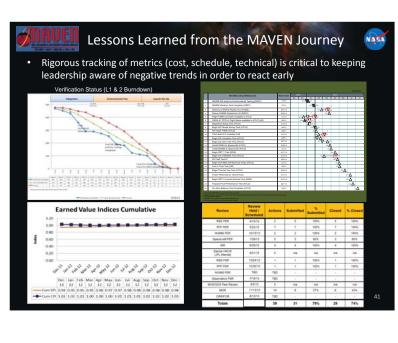
- submitted in response to NASA Headquarters' Scout II Announcement of Opportunity in 2006
- MAVEN was one of 20 Step-1 proposals. Two were selected for a more-detailed feasibility or Phase A study
- Following the competitive Phase A study, MAVEN was selected to move forward to flight in 2008
- After a 1-year "risk reduction phase," MAVEN transitioned to a 4-year development phase for launch. MAVEN was confirmed in 2010
- MAVEN was included in the government shutdown in October 2013, less than 7 weeks from launch. Launch-preparation activities were restarted after 2 days
- MAVEN launched on November 18, 2013. This was the first day of its 3-week launch period, and it launched at the first opportunity at the start of its 2-hour firing window that day. MAVEN entered Mars orbit on September 21, 2014
- MAVEN launched on schedule, under budget, and with the full technical capability that was intended



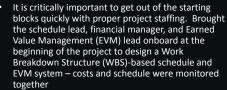
- Project resides within GSFC's Flight Projects Directorate, Planetary Science Projects Division Support from GSFC internal organizations, as well as NASA Headquarters, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Kennedy Space Center, and industry partners is key
- Note that MAVEN is a University of Colorado at Boulder-Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics PI-led mission, with project management coming from GSFC











Held early face-to-face meetings with organizations supplying schedule and EVM data to set expectations and assess institutional capabilities. This created a collaborative environment





Lessons Learned: Schedule Execution



Lessons Learned from the MAVEN Journey



- All schedules were reviewed 30, 60, and 90 days
- During each shift of key integration and test events, the product lead met with the team, quality control representatives, and the scheduler to review planned and completed activities and status
- During mission integration and test
 - At the beginning and end of every shift, team reviewed the daily and hourly schedule to prepare and execute assignments
 - Daily schedule briefings were held. The team focused on tasks scheduled for the coming days and weeks. Problems were addressed, identifying workarounds to save schedule
- The project team acted with the mindset of "schedule is king" during every phase of the mission. The team had to, given the constrained planetary launch period



November 18, 2013

Stability of leadership through the project lifecycle is critical

Push to get front line managers in the project office that have strong hardware development experience

- Maintain a sense of urgency throughout the project lifecycle even if your mission does not have a constrained planetary launch period. Time is money
- Communicate, communicate, communicate with the project office, the PI, partner institutions, program office and NASA HQ; regular face-to-face interactions are critical. You/your team have to be road warriors
- Transparency and openness with your team is critical. You want to hear about concerns early, not days before or after launch



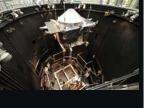
Lessons Learned from the MAVEN Journey



Lessons Learned from the MAVEN Journey



- Fight for sufficient cost reserves at the outset of the mission (and sufficient up-front funding and carryout). These cost reserves will be needed to address many of the unknowns during development
 - Pressure to cut bid price during the competitive phase was rebuffed by the Principal Investigator and
 - the Project Manager Descoped two instruments shortly before final proposal submission to ensure proper reserves
 - Execution is much more efficient when the project remains green throughout development rather than going yellow or red
- Resist requirements creep, both in the science and engineering areas
 - A solid mission was proposed and we stuck to it even under pressure from various corners (e.g., add a camera, add a student instrument, add a "free" foreign instrument)





- Transition into integration, test, and on-orbit operations (Phase CDE) on a project is a large effort. For a planetary project, any loss of schedule is critical. In an effort to expedite the CDE proposal process, the spacecraft contractor opened the lower level internal subsystem reviews to the Project prior to submittal of the Phase CDE proposal. The result was a delivered proposal that contained no surprises
- Negotiate partner institution Phase C-E contracts before the Confirmation Review - MAVEN retired a significant cost growth risk and bounded the overall scope of effort
- The spacecraft contractor and Project Office personnel traveled extensively together to kickoff meetings at vendor facilities. These meetings set expectations on how we wanted the vendors to operate
- Heritage systems help but just as importantly you need the matching "heritage people" building the hardware (this isn't always possible)
 - In one case, a technician who built circuit boards for previous instruments retired and the replacement tech did not implement the correct high-voltage workmanship techniques because they hadn't been documented



Lessons Learned from the MAVEN Journey



Lessons Learned from the MAVEN Journey



- Spending money early to retire risk significantly reduced late surprises and overruns
- There was a large amount of interest from external parties that impacted "normal" work. Be prepared for significant data requests, questions, audits. Staff accordingly
- Brought the Joint Cost/Schedule Confidence Level (JCL) independent review team into the mix with the project 6 months before the Preliminary Design Review (PDR). This was significant in relieving any disconnects in the run up to Mission PDR and Confirmation Review

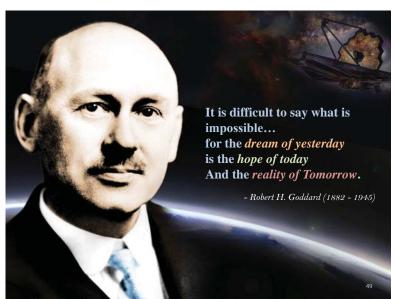


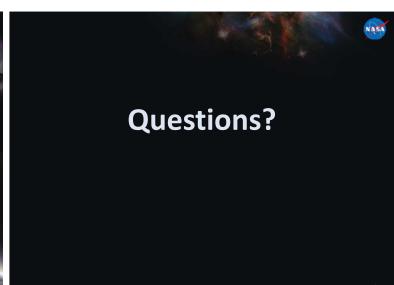


- We encountered plenty of issues on MAVEN that required us to assess the impacts and move forward with Plan B. Surprises along the way:
- Two instruments were delivered months late, during the year of launch

The first lesson in planning is that you can't plan for everything.

- Application of a new material in a heritage system (MetGlas) and impacts in I&T. Must fully evaluate new materials and their application prior to use
- Sequestration, with imposition of a travel cap in FY 2012 that threatened MAVEN's approach to conducting business
- FY 2014 furlough beginning 7 weeks before scheduled launch and how we preserved MAVEN's full launch period
- Removal of an instrument at the launch site for rework back at Goddard (the "Cannot Duplicate Problem" that surfaced again during launch preparations at KSC, and forced a late, tough decision)
- Comet Siding Spring truly an "unknown unknown" when we bid the mission in 2008. This comet was discovered in January 2013 and drove a significant amount of analysis and mitigation planning and implementation for the October 2014 encounter
- Find opportunities to team build at frequent intervals and schedule in lessons learned opportunities during every phase of development





NSF and the Federal Budget

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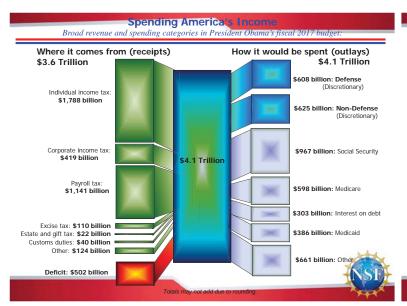
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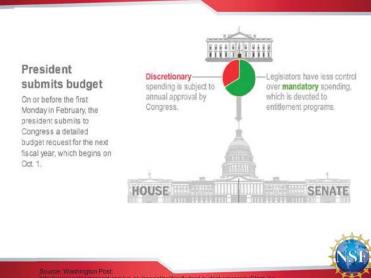


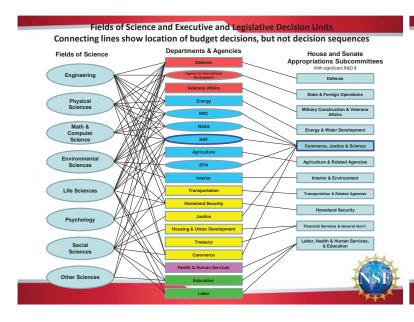
Main Topics

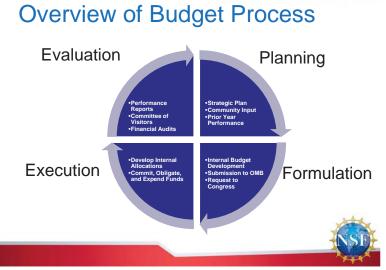
- Federal Budget: Some Basics
- NSF Budget Process
- NSF Appropriations
- Current Events











Budget Planning Timeline FY 2016 FY 2017 Dec 15 Jan 16 Feb 16 Mar 16 Apr 16 May 16 Jun 16 Jul 16 Aug 16 Sep 16 Commit, Obligate and Spend FY16 Funds Publish FY16 Budget Cycle Publish FY16 AFR Develop FY17 Appropriation Commit, Obligate and Spend FY17 Funds Develop FY17 Budget Cycle Submit FY17 Commit, Obligate and Spend FY17 Funds Develop FY17 Budget Cycle Submit FY17 Budget Cycle Submit FY17 Budget Cycle Submit FY18 Budget Cycle Insuguration Budget Formulation Budget Formula

What is the "budget"?

- Congressional Justification
 - Justification of Estimates of Appropriations to the Congress
- NSF:
 - 2 pages of appropriations language
 - ~570 pages of "justification"
- Know your pages
 - http://www.nsf.gov/about/budget/





NSF Budget

NSF Total Budget (FY 2016): \$7.463 billion

NSF receives funding in six appropriations to finance its mission

Programmatic Activities Research and Related Activities (R&RA) Education and Human Resources (EHR) Major Research Equipment and Facilities

Construction (MREFC)

Administrative & Management Activities

Agency Operations and Award Management (AOAM)

National Science Board (NSB)
Office of Inspector General (OIG)

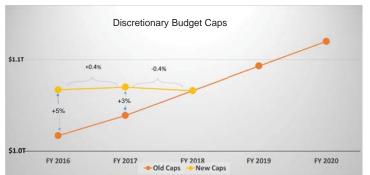


NSF BUDGET STRUCTURE FY 2016 Appropriations by Account - \$7,463 million Office of Inspector General \$15 million (<1%) National Science Board \$4 million (<1%) Agency Operations & Award Management \$330 million (4%) Major Research & Related Activities \$6,034 million (81%) Major Research & Related Activities \$6,034 million (81%) Facilities Construction \$200 million (3%)

Program Accounts

- R&RA & EHR:
 - Major Directorates and Offices.
 - -~93% of Total Appropriation for NSF
- MREFC:
 - Major facility projects
 - -~3% of Total Appropriation for NSF

Current Events: Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 (P.L. 114-74)







National Science Foundation FY 2017 Budget Request to Congress

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	FY 2016	FY 2017 Request -	FY 2017 F Discretion FY 2016 E	ary over	FY 2017 Request -	FY 2017	FY 2017 F Total (FY 2016 E	over
Account	Estimate	Discretionary	Amount	Percent	Mandatory	Request - Total	Amount	Percent
Research & Related Activities	\$6,034	\$6,079	\$46	0.8%	\$346	\$6,425	\$392	6.5%
Education & Human Resources	880	899	19	2.1%	54	953	73	8.3%
Major Research Equipment & Facilities Construction	200	193	(7)	-3.6%	-	193	-7	-3.6%
Agency Operations & Award								
Management	330	373	43	13.0%	-	373	43	13.0%
National Science Board	4	4	*	0.2%	-	4	*	0.2%
Office of Inspector General	15	15	*	0.3%	-	15	*	0.3%
Total, NSF	\$7,463	\$7,564	\$101	1.3%	\$400	\$7,964	\$501	6.7%

Totals may not add due to rounding



- Different category of Federal spending than NSF typically sees
- Also known as "direct spending"
- GAO Definition: budget authority that is provided in laws other than appropriations acts
- Most commonly associated with entitlement programs (Social Security, Medicare, etc.) but also supports R&D
- Not subject to discretionary caps
- In FY 2017, the Administration is seeking legislation to provide mandatory funding for NSF on a one-time basis



Congressional Action to Date

- FY 2017 Budget Hearings in the House
 - House Appropriations, Subcommittee Commerce, Science, Justice March 16, 2016
 - House Committee on Science, Space & Technology March 22, 2016
- > Senate markup on April 21, 2016
- > House subcommittee markup on May 17, 2016
- Congress not considering Administration's proposal for new mandatory funding



National Science Foundation

FY 2017 Senate Markup: Comparison to FY 2017 Request (Discretionary) and FY 2016 Estimate

		(Dollars in Mi	llions)				
						FY 2017 Se	nate over
		FY 2017		FY 2017 Se	Senate over FY 2017 Reque		Request-
	FY 2016	Request-	FY 2017	FY 2016	Estimate	Disc	retionary
Account	Estimate	Discretionary	Senate	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Research & Related Activities	\$6,034	\$6,079	\$6,034	-	-	-\$46	-0.8%
Education & Human Resources	880	899	880	-	-	-19	-2.1%
Major Research Equipment & Facilities Construction	200	193	247	46	23.1%	53	27.7%
Agency Operations & Award	330	373	330	-	-	-43	-11.5%
Management National Science Board	4	4	4	-	-	*	-0.2%
Office of Inspector General	15	15	15	*	0.3%	-	-
Total, NSF	\$7,463	\$7,564	\$7,510	\$46	0.6%	-\$54	-0.7%

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House Mark-up

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FY 2017 House Markup: Comparison to FY 2017 Request (Discretionary) and FY 2016 Estimate

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SENATE

- > Third Regional Class Research Vessel
- > GAO review of projects funded via MREFC account
 - Based on GAO review of NASA projects
- > NSB report re: facilities O&M
- > AOAM funding insufficient to cover relocation to Alexandria

HOUSE

- No details yet
- No Regional Class Research Vessel funding



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Outlook

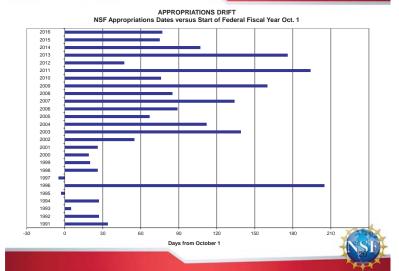
➤ Uncertainty – Potential Outcomes....

• Appropriations enacted by Oct. 1

-- OR --

• Continuing resolution until after election or inauguration





For More Information

NSF Budgets – Budget and Performance link at bottom of nsf.gov

http://www.nsf.gov/about/budget/

http://www.nsf.gov/about/performance/

NSF Budget Primer -

http://collaboration.inside.nsf.gov/bfa/Budget/Budget%20Process%20Primer/01 Primer Introduction.aspx

NSF Budget Internet Information System (BIIS) - http://dellweb.bfa.nsf.gov/

NSF Enterprise Information System (EIS) – http://budg-eis-01/eisportal/default.aspx

NSF Program and Financial Coding Manual FY 2016

https://inside.nsf.gov/tools/toolsdocuments/Inside%20NSF%20Documents/NSF%20 Manual%2021.pdf

Lightening Talks

National Science Foundation Large Facilities Workshop May 24, 2016





- Passed CDR/PDR/BSR/Acquisition Review
- FDR in October
- NSB recommended 2 vessels based on Decadal Survey. NSF has \$106M in FY17 Pres Bud.



RCRV











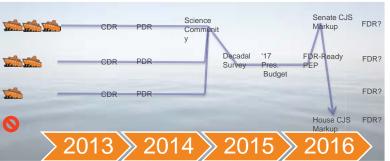
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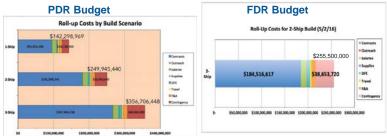
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Challenge and Achievement #2 RCRV Scenario Development









































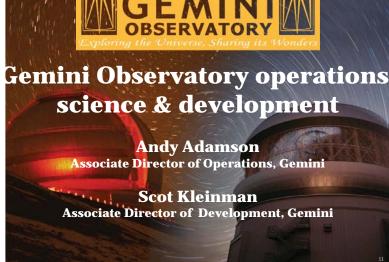












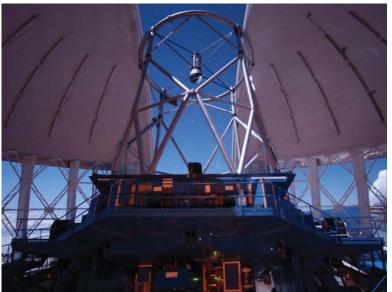


Basis of Glosten Charges Estimated using \$250/hr.
Estimate Phase IC: Cost of having Glosten evaluate for









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Proposing for time at Gemini

The regular proposal: *once per semester,* through the national Time Allocation Committees (TAC) for regular proposals

Large & Long Programs: once per year, through the Large Program TAC for large and/or long **ambitious** proposals

Fast turnaround programs: once per month, 'peer reviewed', no TAC

for short, rapid, immediate and/or follow-up proposals

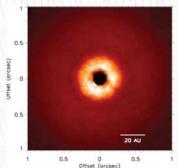
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Recent Science Highlights



TW Hydrae 1.2 micron (near-infrared) Polarized intensity image from GPI

Rapson et al. 2016

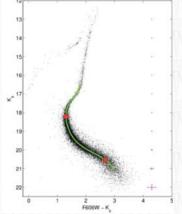
- GPI probes w/in 10AU of TW Hydrae
- Comparison with simulations suggests 0.2M Jupiter planet at 21A

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Recent Science Highlights

Turri et al. 2015

- Globular cluster NGC 1851
- Around 16,000 stars
- Depth and precision allow combination with HST
- Double subgiant branch
- Main sequence "knee" reddening- and distance-independent age

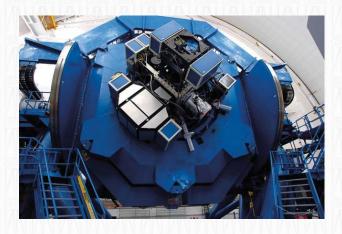


GeMS/GSAOI Multiconjugate, laser-supported AO



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Gemini Instruments



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Engaging the Community

Bring your Projects

Apply for Long and Large, Fast Turnaround, or standard TAC; Upgrade a current instrument, or build part or all of a new one

Bring your Instrument

Contact us if you would like to bring a Visiting Instrument or propose for our new projects and initiatives

Bring yourself

Rediscover the advantages of classical observing and mitigate weather loss with Priority Visiting Observing

Bring your Student

Give your student the extra boost of motivation by taking her/him along and we'll chip in to pay for it!

Bring your Code

Share your reduction/analysis code or just expertise on our new User Forum. Win observing time.

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Contracting Issues

- Negotiations typically drag on longer than hoped
- Approval process through oversight and NSF takes a long time
- Sometimes difficult to take advantage of opportunities while adhering to procurement requirements
- Reserves, contingency, risk mitigation funds: a moving target in policy, but critical for projects
- Typical university teams still used to grad students and duct tape; hard to move to more rigorous project management and systems engineering approaches

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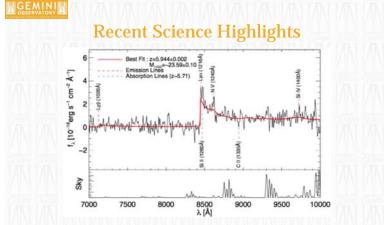
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... and one more thing

Very interested in how you do resource planning for both current and future operations and projects in your organizations.



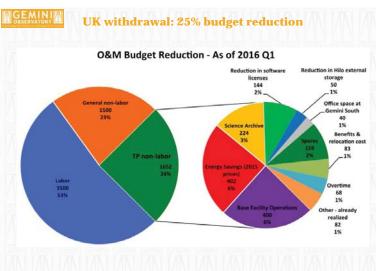


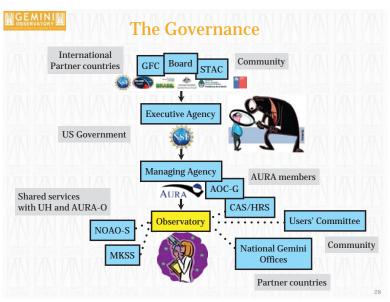


Kim et al. 2015 • first publication from Korean participation in Gemini partnership • GMOS-S spectroscopy confirm source as quasar, and redshift • sample from Infrared Medium-Deep Survey • not enough quasars for cosmic reionization, even considering candidates as well as confirmed quasars in the survey

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National Air & Space Museum

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Cost Risks & Impacts

- Very Large, complex, renovation project
- Complete HVAC replacement
- Complete stone envelope and primary weather barrier replacement
- Museum to remain open and operational during project
- "Like rebuilding a 747 while in flight" Ret. Gen J. Dailey

Top Cost Risk Drivers					
No.	Risk Description	Cost Impact	Time Impact (days		
1	Congressional approval of funding amount may be less than requested	\$24,306,400	96		
2	Uncertainty	\$22,178,500	121		
3	Client initiated/requested changes	\$18,246,100	75		
4	Impact of delayed funding for any particular sequence (construction)	\$13,917,700	59		
5	Stone Risk - Production (Fabrication and Inspection)	\$8,495,210	96		
6	Contractor's construction management team may not be competent to manage project of this complexity	\$7,996,700	21		
7	Major design defect or error	\$4,963,780	6		
8	Lack of laydown & staging areas requiring close in off site storage for construction for GC	\$4,773,020	13		
9	Lack of adequate SI "Supervision and Administration" budget	\$4,407,350	0		
10	Proposed schedule for de-mount/deinstallation of 3-5 months may be insufficient.	\$4,202,490	27		

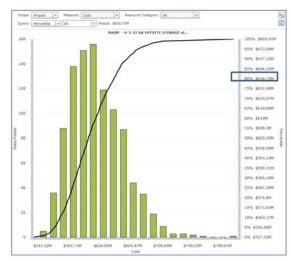


Schedule Risks & Impacts

Top Schedule Risk Drivers					
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3	Stone Risk - Production (Fabrication and Inspection)	96	\$8,495,210		
4	Client initiated/requested changes	75	\$18,246,100		
5	Planned 24 hour construction operations will have negative impact (morale, fatigue, union grievances, tying up supervisors time) - from collections movement perspective.	66	\$2,553,200		
6	Impact of delayed funding for any particular sequence (construction)	59	\$13,917,700		
7	Proposed schedule for re-mount/reinstallation of 10-12 months may be insufficient.	31	\$740,064		
8	Proposed schedule for de-mount/deinstallation of 3-5 months may be insufficient.	27	\$4,202,490		
9	Contractor's construction management team may not be competent to manage project of this complexity	21	\$7,996,700		
10	Protest from unsuccessful bidders	19	\$984,379		

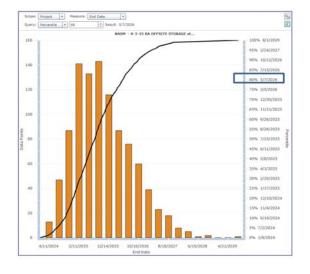


Cost Probabilities





Schedule Probabilities





Questions

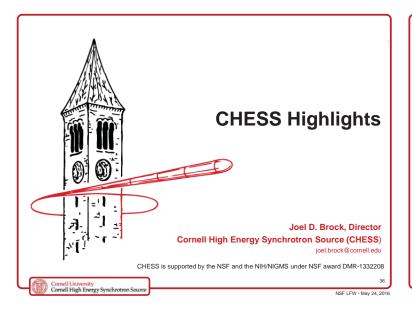


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CHESS at a Glance



- NSF stewarded, national user facility providing synchrotron x-ray facilities to an international, multidisciplinary user community
- Located on central campus of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
- Our X-ray facilities are optimized for high-flux, high-energy applications in: Materials Research, Life Science, Engineering, Biology, Physical Sciences, and Cultural Heritage.
- Over 1,300 user visits, 800 unique visitors each year
- 11 experimental stations
- > 3600 hours per year of x-ray operations.
- >\$20M/year in funding
- ~75 FTEs, ~150 people on payroll
- 60 undergraduates per year participate in laboratory research.
 - X-ray Beam time awarded via competitive proposal process
 - Proposals rated by (domain science) experts
 - ~ 60% success rate
 - ~1 publication / day of operations



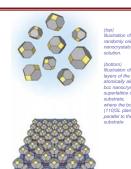
Nanocrystal self-assembly sheds its secrets: a new approach gives a real-time look Tisdale (MIT) DMR-1332208

The transformation of simple colloidal particles — bits of matter suspended in solution — into tightly packed, beautiful lace-like meshes, or superlattices, has puzzled researchers for decades. Pretty pictures in themselves, these tiny superlattices, also called quantum dots, are being used to create more vivid display screens as well as arrays of optical sensory devices. The utilization of the make any surface into a smart exceence. ultimate potential of quantum dots to make any surface into a smart screen or energy source hinges, in part, on understanding how they form.

Through a combination of techniques including controlled solvent evaporation and synchrotron X-ray scattering, the real time self-assembly of nanocrystal structures has now become observable *in-situ*. The findings were reported in the journal Nature Materials in a paper by Assistant Professor William A. Tiscale and grad student Mark C. Weidman, both at MIT's Department of Chemical Engineering, and Detel-M. Smilgies at the Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source (CHESS) [1].

To make the nanoscale movies (see third page), the group took advantage of a CHESS-developed experimental chamber and a recently developed dual detector setup with two fast area detectors, while environmental conditions were changed during the formation of superlattices. Using lead sulfide nanocrystals, they were able to conduct simultaneous small-angle X-ray scattering (capturing the structure of the superlattice) and wide-angle X-ray scattering (capturing atomic scale orientation and alignment of single particles) observations during the evaporation of a solvent

"We believe this was the first experiment that has allowed us to watch in real time and in a native environment how self-assembly occurs," Tisdale says. "These experiments would not have been possible without the experimental capabilities developed by Detlef and the CHESS team." [2]







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- Science What was found? What is new?

 Demonstrated the first experiment to view in real time and in a native environment how self-assembly occurs

 Developed a new method to observe self-assembly of nanocrystals using controlled solvent evaporation and synchrotron X-ray scattering

 The discovery will lead to relined models for self-assembly of a wide range of organic soft materials.

- Impact Why is it important?

 The broader adoption of nanocrystals into energy conversion technologies has been limited by the lack of knowledge about how they self-assemble

 These tiny superlattices, also called quantum dots, are being used to create more vivid display screens as well as arrays of optical sensory devices
- devices.

 The ultimate potential of quantum dots to make any surface into a smart screen or energy source hinges, in part, on understanding how they form.

 This new findings will enable direct manipulation of resulting superlattices, with the possibility of on-demand fabrication and the potential to control the formation of related soft materials such as proteins and polymers and materials needed for new technologies.

- materials needed for new technologies

 Why did this research need CHESS?

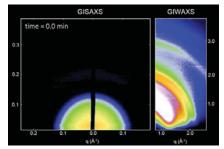
 CHESS-developed experimental chamber and a recently developed dual detector setup with two fast area detectors was needed to control environmental conditions during the formation of superlattices.

 The CHESS D1 experimental station has high-flux, wide energy-bandpass x-ray optics and can support multiple simultaneous fast 2D detectors and a fast data-acquisition compute farm to capture time-resolved kinetics of the in-plane and out-of-plane molecular ordering

Work supported by an Energy Frontier Research Center (DOE-BES), made use of MRSEC Shared Evperimental Facilities at MIT (NSF DMR-08-19762), a NSF cuted to Seraty (NSF DMR-08-19762). A NSF Cuted to Seraty (NSF DMR-1332208). CHESS DMR-1332208 - 2016



Nanocrystal self-assembly sheds its secrets: a new approach gives a real-time look Tisdale (MIT) DMR-1332208



The Future: optimizing for high-flux, high-energy x-rays CHESS-U



Funding (awaiting public announcement by Governor Cuomo)

- New York State's Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI)
- \$15M over 3 years (completion 12/31/2018)
- Goal is regional economic development (job creation and retention in Southern Tier) - public/private partnerships

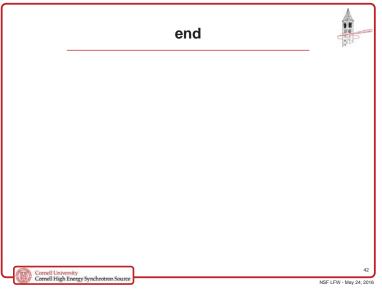
Capital Project - optimize for high-flux, high-energy x-rays

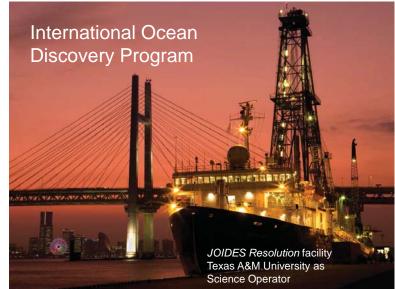
- Single particle beam operation
- Increase storage ring energy from $5.3 \rightarrow 6.0 \text{ GeV}$
- Increase storage ring current from $100 \rightarrow 200 \text{ mA}$
- Decrease storage ring emittance
- Increase number of undulator sources from 2 to 10
- (re)build/upgrade 6 x-ray beamlines and experimental stations











Scientific Ocean Drilling

Largest and longest running international research program dedicated to exploring Earth's history and structure

- Project Mohole: 1958-1966
- Deep Sea Drilling Project (DSDP): 1968-1983
- Ocean Drilling Program (ODP): 1985-2003
- Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP): 2003-2013
- International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP): 2013-2023



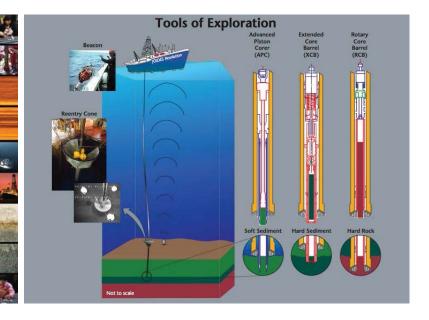
The International Ocean Discovery Program: Multiple Platforms



JOIDES Resolution

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Mission Specific Platforms







The JOIDES Resolution is a 1300m² floating

laboratory...

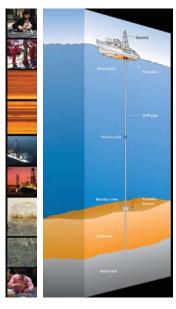


...and a floating university



Major Accomplishments of Scientific Ocean Drilling

- Confirmation of the Seafloor Spreading Hypothesis
- Discovered that the Mediterranean Sea completely dried repeatedly ~5 million years ago
- Recovered direct evidence that a bolide impact caused the mass extinction that killed off the dinosaurs
- Recovered an intact section of the upper oceanic crust
- Recovered first samples of gas hydrates from continental margins
- Discovered that deep ocean waters flow vigorously through the crust (world's largest aquifer)
- Discovered that the deep seafloor hosts abundant microbial life.

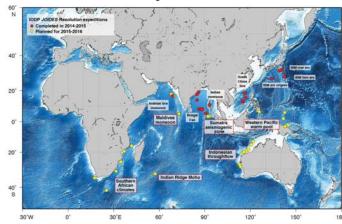


JR Facts

- Owned: Overseas Drilling Limited, Inc.
- Built 1978 as exploration vessel Sedco/BP 471
- Converted to science research in 1985
- Rebuilt 2009; facility is reliable- breakdown contract rate 0-2% 2009 -2016
- Length: 143 m (471 ft)
- Drill pipe: 5" and 5.5" tapered string
- Drill string capacity: >9 km (~30,000 ft)
- Deepest hole penetration: 2111 m (6924 ft)
- Shallowest water: 35.5 m (123 ft)
- Deepest water: 5980 m (19,614 ft)
- Most core on single cruise: 8003 m (26,250 ft)
- Total core recovered: >230 km (>146 miles)



JOIDES Resolution Recent and Upcoming Expeditions





National Ecological Observatory Network

- Battelle was recently selected by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to assume management of the construction and initial operations of the NEON observatory
- Battelle began transition in Mid-March
 - Transitioning key staff to Battelle Ecology Inc.
 - Ensuring smooth transition of permitting, contracts, etc.
 - Continuing construction and Operations
 - Expect to complete transition of Observatory by June 2016



NEON is a continentalscale observation system for examining ecological change over time.

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Battelle Mission and Purpose

Our mission: To translate scientific discovery and technology advances into societal benefits



- Nonprofit, charitable trust formed in 1925
- Profits reinvested in science & technology and in charitable causes, making the world better for generations to come





Battelle

Schedule Change Highlights

- + Following Final Design Review there were five major areas that could potentially cause Project schedule changes
 - + Funding to continue the project Accelerated from FDR because the Project was "shovel ready" when American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funding became available, no impact on Project schedule.
 - + Shipyard Contract Award Accelerated from FDR because of availability of ARRA funding, no impact on Project schedule.
 - Delivery of Owner Furnished Z-Drives to the Shipyard Accelerated from FDR because of shortened lead time for gear sets, no impact on Project schedule.
 - + Shipyard Execution and Ship Delivery Date
 - + Post-delivery trials

Shipyard Execution and Ship Delivery Date

- + Original contract delivery date 22 January 2013
- + Actual delivery date o6 June 2014
- Two shipyard contract modifications that contractually extended delivery a total of 197 days:
 - Mod 34 added 185 days due to lengthening of the ship 26 July 2013
 - + Mod 50 added 12 days due to OFE Z-drive issue 07 August 2013
- + Shipyard was 303 days late with delivery of the ship:
 - + Significantly protracted shipyard tests and trials
 - + Shipyard paid \$2,250,000 in liquidated damages (maximum allowed by the contract) for late delivery

Change Orders

- + Decided to:
- + Increase length to 6 feet to increase reserve buoyancy
- + Change from Steel to Aluminum structure above o2 deck
- + Eliminate elevator service above o1 deck
- + Other weight savings: light-weight joinery, steel reductions
- + VCG is below the line, including full icing and science loads

Post-Delivery Trials

- + Late delivery and two funded science cruises in late 2014 reduced time for warm water trials and pushed piston coring trials off until 2016.
- Plan for post-delivery shipyard availability was reduced in scope necessitating a second post-delivery shipyard availability in late 2015:
 - + Timeline for original post-delivery shipyard period was too early
 - + Funded science cruises in the Arctic in summer/fall 2015 didn't allow for extending the post-delivery shipyard period
- + Complexity of the ship required more time for fully testing the systems than originally planned.
- + Replacement A-frame schedule and timeline for discovery of postdelivery issues from trials necessitated second post-delivery shipyard period

The Greening of R/V Sikuliaq

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Shrinking a Ship's Environmental

- + Bottom Coating
- + Waste Incinerator
- + Integrated Power Plant
- + Waste Heat Recovery System
- + Biodegradable Lubricants
- + Double Bottom Hull
- + State of the Art MSD
- + Ballast Water Management System
- + Specialized Hull Configuration and Propulsion

THE END





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2016 NSF Large Facilities Workshop Making Sense of Audits and Reviews Business Roundtable I

May 24, 2016

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Presentation Goal, Objectives and Agenda

GOAL: TO IMPROVE OUTCOME of REVIEWS/AUDITS

OBJECTIVES:

- Outline various types of Audits/Reviews
- Explain the overall purpose of each [Audit/Review]
- Identify the Business Owners associated with [Audit/Review]
- Highlight key interactions amongst Business Owners
- Engage stakeholders to gather input and ideas

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PRESENTATION SCOPE and Content

- Defines Audits/Reviews broadly as "a careful/methodical check or review of something";
- Recognizes the <u>necessity of [audits/reviews] and fiduciary</u> <u>responsibilities</u> inherent to the stewardship of Federal funds.
- Covers <u>administrative business of audits/reviews</u> of NSF Large Facility Portfolio, and NOT audits/reviews associated with project management (e.g., EVM, contingency) or scientific/technical components
- Presents an <u>overview of "what, why and who"</u>, NOT the details of "how"
- Complements <u>related</u> (more detailed) held in <u>Business Roundtable II</u> and III discussions.

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Engaging Stakeholders

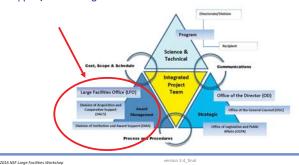
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KEY [NSF] ASSURANCE MEMBERS/ AWARD MANAGEMENT:

Division of Acquisition and Contract Support, the Division of Institution and Award Support, and the Large Facilities Office



AUDITS/REVIEWS: OVERVIEW BY TYPE

AUDIT/REVIEW TYPE	SIMPLIED DESCRIPTION	BUSINESS OWNER			
STATUTORY					
Single Audit (A-133)	ANNUALLY, to provide assurance to the US federal government as to the management and use of such funds by recipients such as states, cities, universities, and non-profit organizations	Independent certified public accountant (CPA)			
OIG-led/contracted	RISC-BASED, to promote efficiency and effectiveness, through assessment of internal controls, financial management, information technology, and other systems that affect the operation of Agency programs. To investigate fraud, misuse of funds, and other violations of laws and regulations.	NSF Office of Inspector (OIG)			
Improper Payments	ANNUALLY, to identify for reducing improper payments	NSF Division of Financial Management (DFM)			
	POST-AWARD MONITORING				
	oing a reasonable assurance that institutions managing the <u>higher-risk awards</u> poperly manage federal awards	ossess adequate policies,			
Business Systems Review	RISK-BASED, to provide oversight/assurance of the suite of business systems (people, processes, and technologies) that supports the administrative management of a Facility (http://www.nst.gov/pubs/2013/nst13100/nst13100.pdf)	NSF Large Facilities Office (LFO)			

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AUDITS/REVIEWS: OVERVIEW BY TYPE

AUDIT/REVIEW TYPE	SIMPLIED DESCRIPTION	BUSINESS OWNER				
POST AWARD MONITORING, Cont.						
	ADVANCED: focus on developing a reasonable assurance that institutions managing the higher-risk awards possess adequate policies, processes, and systems to properly manage federal awards					
Advanced Monitoring Desk Review & Site Visit	RISK-BASED, to assess the extent that an awardee maintains a control environment within which awards are likely to be administratered in compliance with Federal financial and administrative regulations and NSF agreement provisions (http://www.ndi.gov/bla/dia/cia/das/focs/focthert_desk.pdf)	NSF Division of Institution and Award Support (DIAS)				
BASELINE: focus on post-award actions and financial transactions for most awards and verify that awardee institutions implement awards in compliance with federal regulations and the terms and conditions of NSF award agreements						
Award Expenditure Transaction Testing	RISK-BASED, reveal potential financial anomalies, inaccurate expenditure reporting, or evidence of a possible misunderstanding of, or non-compliance with, federal cash management requirements and/or NSF guidelines.	NSF Division of Financial Management (DFM)				
Grants and Agreements Monitoring	ONGOING, reveal a misunderstanding of, or non-compliance with, federal regulations and the terms and conditions of NSF awards	NSF Division of Grants and Agreements (DGA)				
Active Payment/ACM\$ Screening	ONGOING, focused on daily, monthly, quarterly, and annual transactional activity.	NSF Division of Financial Management (DFM)				
Program Income	ONGOING, to verify that awardee institutions are properly reporting program income in accordance with NSF's policies.	NSF Division of Financial Management (DFM)				

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AUDITS/REVIEWS: OVERVIEW BY TYPE

AUDIT/REVIEW TYPE	SIMPLIED DESCRIPTION	BUSINESS OWNER
	MREFC LIFE-CYCLE BASED	
PRECONSTRUCTION STAGES: t	o assess whether [costs] they are reasonable and realistic as the design matures equent operations awards	in preparation for the eventual
High-Level Cost Analysis #1	Post CDRto only frame the initial parametric cost estimate, ensure coordination with the other NSF assurance divisions and offices, and identify areas of further refinements with the cost book and PEP that are necessary during the Preliminary Design Phase"	Division of Acquisition and Cooperative Support (DACS)
Cost Analysis #2	POST PDR, "to give confidence in the Not-To-Exceed estimated Total Project Cost (TPC) also identify areas of further refinement with the cost book and PEP that are necessary during the Final Design Phase."	Division of Acquisition and Cooperative Support (DACS)
Cost Analysis #3	~90-180 DAYS PRIOR to PLANNED AWARD DATE, " to give confidence in making the actual award for construction based on the best-available cost information, including updated cost proposal information received during the Final Design Phase."	Division of Acquisition and Cooperative Support (DACS)
Independent Cost Estimate Review/s	AD HOC, To assess, through independent mechanisms, the credibility of the [Large Facility's] cost estimate.	Large Facility Office (LFO)
Accounting System	PRIOR TO MAKING CONST AWARD, "to assess and determine if awardee and subawardee accounting systems are adequate for use with cost reimbursement type agreements."	Division of Acquisition and Cooperative Support (DACS)

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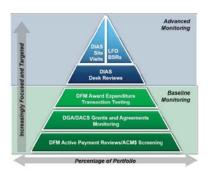
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MREFC LIFE-CYCLE BASED, Cont.					
	CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION STAGES: to assess whether [costs] they are reasonable and realistic as the design matures in preparation for the construction award and subsequent operations awards				
Business Systems Review	RISK-BASED, to provide oversight/assurance of the suite of business systems (people, processes, and technologies) that supports the administrative management of a Facility https://pubs/instance/pdf	NSF Large Facilities Office (LFO)			
Accounting System, Other Business Systems	PRIOR TO MAKING CONST/OPS AWARD, "to assess and determine if awardee and subawardee accounting systems are adequate for use with cost reimbursement type agreements."	Division of Acquisition and Cooperative Support (DACS)			
Cost Incurred Audit	AT LEAST ANNUALLY, AWARD [>\$100M], "to assure the existence of adequate controls which will prevent or avoid waste, fraud, and abuse and inefficient practices."	Division of Acquisition and Cooperative Support (DACS)			
Budget Review	ALL AWARD ACTIONS> \$10M, over all award years funded at that time. Ensure budgeted costs are reasonable and realistic to accomplish project scope.	Division of Institution and Award Support (DIAS)			
Indirect Cost Rate Negotiation	GENERALLY ANNUALLY, with provisional to final indirect cost rates. Where NSF acts as cognizant Federal agency, review of indirect cost pool expenses may include transaction testing.	Division of Institution and Award Support (DIAS)			

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NSF Post Award Monitoring

- Baseline monitoring, executed in the course of post-award administration, seeks to verify that awardee institutions implement awards in compliance with federal regulations and the terms and conditions of NSF award agreements.
- NSF's advanced monitoring activities focus on developing a reasonable assurance that institutions managing the higher-risk awards possess adequate policies, processes, and systems to properly manage federal awards.



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MREFC Life-Cycle Based View: [NSF-coordinated] Audits/Reviews



- BUSINESS SYSTEMS REVIEW, ideally conducted during CDR phase and prior to PDR, if employed

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- **BUDGET REVIEW,** ALL AWARD ACTIONS> \$10M, over all award years funded at that time. Ensure budgeted costs are reasonable and realistic to accomplish project scope.
- INDIRECT COST RATE NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY ANNUALLY, with provisional to final indirect cost rates. Where NSF acts as cognizant Federal agency, review of indirect cost pool expenses may include transaction testing.

Strategies for Improving Audit and Review Interactions and Outcomes

- ROLES AND RESPONSIBLITIES
 - Identify single point of contact/dedicated person, in appropriate organizational role
 Coordinate, coordinate, coordinate Organization-wide

 - Maintain routine and open communication with your auditors/reviewers
- PLANNING
 - Plan ahead, don't wing it
 - Create deliberate internal and external communication strategies, include routine interactions
 Provide staff training
- DOCUMENTATION
 - Organize well packaged and externally-oriented materials
 - Avoid the extremes, "too much, too little"
 Provide easy and timely access
 - Assure underlying systems are robust

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GAO's Cost and Schedule Assessment Guides

U.S. Government Accountability Office

Applied Research and Methods Cost Engineering Sciences

Jason T Lee, Assistant Director May 2016

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Agenda

- The role of GAO
- GAO Cost Guide and the characteristics of a reliable cost estimate
- GAO Schedule Guide and the characteristics of a reliable schedule
- How is the government performing?
- Proposed updates to the Cost Guide
- Reliability assessment example for a large-scale infrastructure project

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The Role of GAO in Government

Known as the investigative arm of Congress, GAO exists to support Congress in meeting its constitutional responsibilities. To that end, GAO works to

- · Help improve the performance of federal government
- Ensure government agencies and programs are accountable to the American people
- · Examine the use of public funds, and
- Evaluate federal programs by providing analyses and recommendations to help Congress make informed oversight and funding decisions

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Cost Estimating and Assessment Guide

- Drafted 2005-2007, published in 2009
- Outlines GAO's criteria for assessing cost estimates during audits
- Contains 20 chapters with supporting appendixes
- Chapters 1-17: developing credible cost estimates and the 12-step cost estimating process for developing high quality cost estimates
- Chapters 18-20 address managing program costs once a contract has been awarded and discuss Earned Value and risk management
- Also provides case studies of prior GAO audits to show typical findings related to the cost estimating process

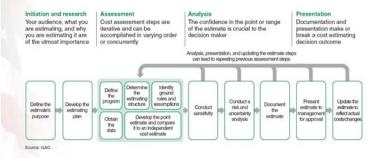


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A Reliable Process for Developing Credible Cost **Estimates**



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Characteristics of Reliable Cost Estimates

Are all costs included?

- Develop the
- Determine the estimating approach



- Develop the estimating plan point estimate
 - Compare the point estimate to an independent estimate
 - Update the estimate with actual costs

What is the uncertainty?

Create an

- independent cost estimate Conduct
- sensitivity analysis Conduct risk and uncertainty

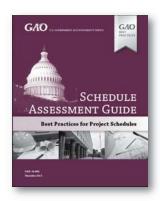
analysis



- Define the program
- Identify ground rules and assumptions
- Obtain data estimate
- to management

Schedule Assessment Guide

- Drafted 2010-2015, exposure draft published May 2012
- Final publication December 2015
- Outlines GAO's criteria for assessing master schedules
- Contains chapters for each of the 10 best practices plus supporting appendixes
- Also provides case studies of prior GAO audits to show typical findings related to the scheduling process



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Four Characteristics of a Reliable Schedule

Is all effort included?

Is the network logical?

What is the uncertainty?

Confirm

vertical and

horizontal

Is progress measured?

- · Capture all activities
- Assign resources to all activities
- Establish durations for all activities

Well Constructed

- Sequence all activities Confirm the
- critical path Confirm reasonable
 - traceability Conduct a schedule risk float (slack) analysis

Credible

- Update the schedule with progress
- Maintain a schedule **baseline**

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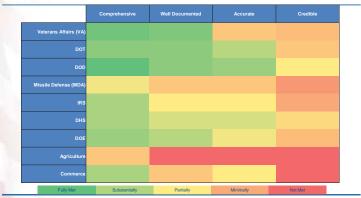
How Is the Government Performing?

The extent to which agencies are adhering to cost and schedule best practices

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How is the government performing in developing cost estimates?



Data based on agencies and departments with three or more GAO cost estimate assessments

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How is the government performing in developing and maintaining schedules?



Results reflect agencies and departments with three or more GAO schedule assessments

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Some Proposed Cost Guide Updates

- Integration with and references to the
 - > GAO Schedule Assessment Guide (GAO-16-89G)
 - > GAO Standards for Internal Control (GAO-14-704G)
 - > GAO Technology Readiness Assessment Guide (expected summer 2016)
 - > GAO Federal Agile Software Guide (issue date TBD)
- Improved definitions and descriptions of several best practices and their mappings to the 12 steps and 4 characteristics
- Applicability of best practices to all types of capital programs
- Appendixes: risk breakdown structures, spreading contingency dollars through the WBS; updated laws and guidance

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Invitation to Participate in Further Updates and Discussion about Best Practices

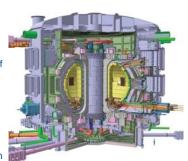
GAO invites interested parties to meet with us and other experts to discuss further updates to the cost and schedule guides so that the guides continually reflect best practices.

If interested, please e-mail your contact information to:

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International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) Project: Background

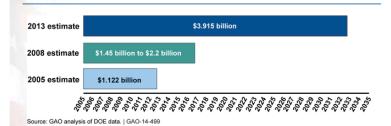
- ITER is an international research facility being built in France to demonstrate the feasibility of fusion energy.
- Other countries involved in ITER include Russian Federation, Japan, European Union, People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, and India.
- The United States has committed to providing about 9 percent of ITER's construction costs through contributions of hardware, personnel, and cash, and DOE is responsible for managing those contributions, as well as the overall U.S. fusion program.
- GAO reviewed costs and schedules in 2014 (GAO-14-499)



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ITER: Cost estimates of U.S. Contribution



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ITER: Key Findings

- Cost: Estimate of U.S. contribution has grown by almost \$3 billion
- Schedule: Estimated completion date has slipped by 20 years
- Causes: 1) refined design and requirements of U.S. hardware;
 2) changes to the international schedule;
 3) changes to ITER design;
 4) U.S. funding constraints and associated inflation;
 5) increased ITER construction costs
- Assessment:
 - U.S. schedule estimates substantially meet best practices
 - U.S. cost estimates substantially meet best practices, but only partially meet Credible because they did not develop a sensitivity analysis or independent cost estimate
 - DOE has been unable to set a cost and schedule baseline in part because the international schedule has not been set

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ITER: Recommendations

- Revise U.S. ITER Project Office to develop a sensitivity analysis for the cost estimate and compare to an independent cost estimate
- Develop proposal describing what actions are necessary to create a reliable international schedule and improve ITER Organization program management
- Once ITER Organization creates a reliable master schedule, use that schedule to update the U.S.
- Develop strategic plan to address DOE's fusion program priorities

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Conclusion

- The GAO Cost Guide and Schedule Guides provide criteria to evaluate many types projects
- The GAO Cost Guide and Schedule Guides can serve as the basis for agency project control guidance
- GAO recommendations have been aimed at improving oversight to keep projects on cost and schedule.

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Thank you- Any Questions?

Guides Available Online:

- GAO Cost Estimating and Assessment Guide: http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-09-3SP
- GAO Schedule Assessment Guide: http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-89G



Consider This:

- · 92% believe it will be 'de facto' design standard in 3 years
- Only 25% of US owners have 'very high involvement' in BIM
- 75% of these stated that the AEC team used BIM when it wasn't required by the owner
- UK is a leader in BIM with over 98% of owners having some involvement in BIM compared to 59% in the US



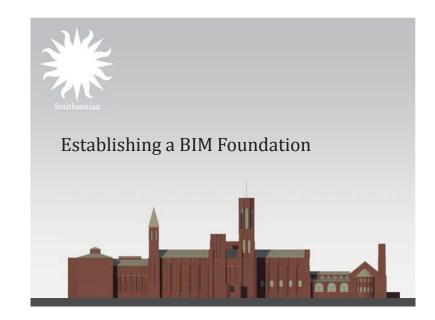
(Sources: NBS National BIM survey, 2015; McGraw Hill Constructon, 2014)

SF BIM Program Timeline

- 2013: Planning for BIM

 - Market and industry survey
 Use Case Analysis, SI staff and AEs
 - In-house BIM Technician
- 2014: BIM Pilots, Standards and Wiki Sites
 - Identified major upcoming design project
 - Developed draft language for SOW
 - Create BIM templates & Guidance
 - BIM Viewer and Model Checker recommendations
 - Develop internal BIM Wiki sites using MS Sharepoint
- 2014 2015:
 - Updated AE Center, public facing website
 - Refine BIM guidelines and design deliverable requirements through pilot project feedback
 - Implement BIM Viewer
 - Focus on Asset replacement workflows
- 2015 2016:
 - · Developing AE Scope of work language
 - Developing Div 1000 construction specification language
 - Implement Model Checker





SF BIM: Begin with the End in Mind

Required Outcomes of using BIM

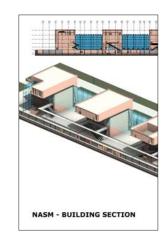
- BIM usefulness required long after design and construction
- Asset management
- Portable for maintenance and operations personnel
- Accessible at multiple user levels across the institution

During Design

- Incorporate specific BIM design review capabilities
- Address multiple user capabilities: equipment & skills
- · Develop standards for AE to follow

During Construction

- Define 'As-Built BIM'
- Asset management
- Integration with Computerized Facility Maintenance System (Tririga Facility center)



Use Cases

Capital Program

• Introduce use of 2D and 3D (low detail) to visualize location and extent of capital project areas

Design

More efficient access to accurate as-builts, shop drawings

Facilities Management

Support preventative maintenance through visualization of work tasks and asset location

Energy Management

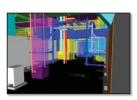
 Introduce geospatial component to existing power and water usage analysis

Smithsonian Gardens

Support geospatial analysis of exterior spaces

Historic Preservation

· Identify rooms and spaces of historic importance

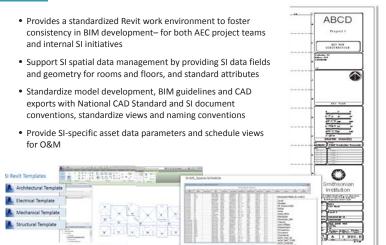






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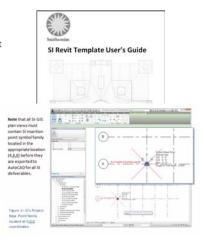
SI BIM Templates



Guidance & Standards

Revit Template User's Guide

- Guidance for AEC project teams (primarily)
- Develop consistent model development across projects (and in-house)
- Not a tutorial expect reader to know Revit
- Walks the user through Smithsonian minimum standards
- Based on National CAD Standard (v5) 5
- Customized title blocks, syntax for SI
- Identifies "Best Practices" (items not required)



Data Framework

FM BIM: Data Development

IWMS/CAFM

- Provide critical asset data, "ready" for Tririga Facility Center Upload
- Focus: less data and higher quality

GIS

• BIM exchanges CAD geometry + data attributes for rooms and spaces



SI Revit templates organize data to be developed in the project BIM, and delivered to SI at project turnover, exported to GIS and IWMS

Guidance & Standards

Guidance for BIM Deliverables

Level of Development Guide (DRAFT)

- SI has developed a guidance framework for the level development required for BIM deliverables
- BIM LOD will be identified early in the project (passed on to the team to detail in the project BIM PxP)
- The **Scope of Work** of the project ultimately defines the BIM requirements



Guidance & Standards

BIM Project Execution Plan (PxP)

- A living document populated and updated by the project team
- Clarifies and maintains the project BIM development process for the owner, and the team
- Provides a vetting process for any changes made in the BIM development process



Plan

Supporting SI BIM Project Reviews



Model Checkers

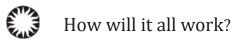
- Provides an automated means to check a BIM against a customized rule set
- Useful by SI and by their project consultants

BIM Viewers

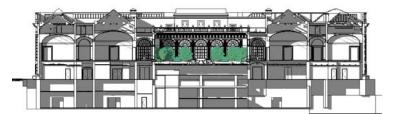
- Provides a means to review developing project models by SI users who are not Revit experts
- Offers versatile methods for viewing BIM:
 PDFs, mobile devices

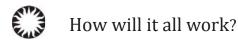


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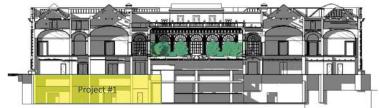


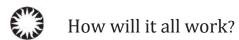
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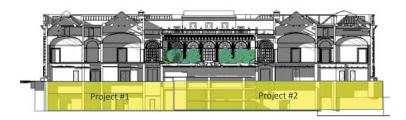


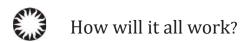
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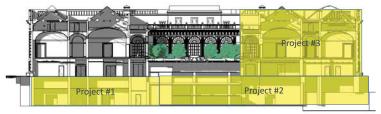


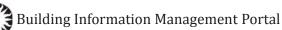
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BIM data improvement over time





BIM "Wiki"

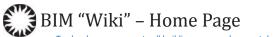
Develop a go-to source for information about SI facilities

- Highly visual
- Collaborative web-based environment
- Leveraging SI's SharePoint expertise

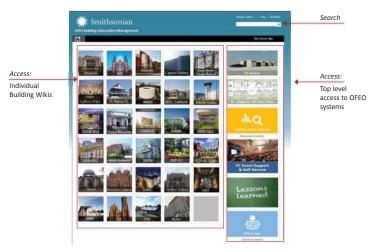
Provide links and information from <u>existing SI</u> systems

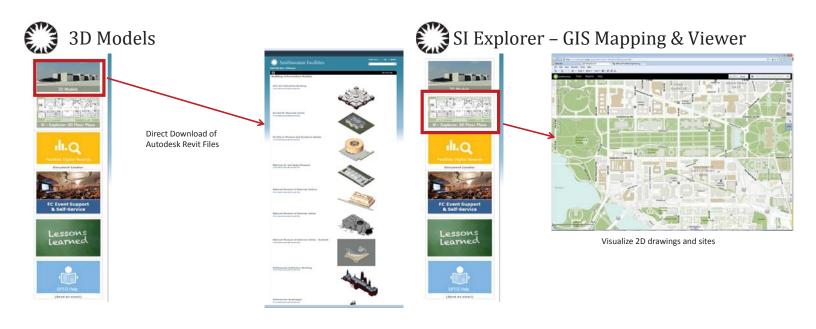
- No new data, just a clearinghouse for existing systems
- SI campus specific
- Simplifies access to critical facilities information





Top level page – access to all building pages and support documentation

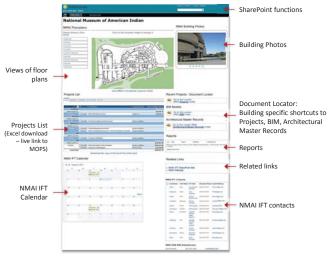








Building - Home Page (NMAI)









- More templates life safety and security templates
- BIM Viewer easy to use -- to facilitate early project visualization by clients and reviewers
- Model Checker to assist both contractors and SI staff in verifying data accuracy – especially in complex deliverables.





Questions



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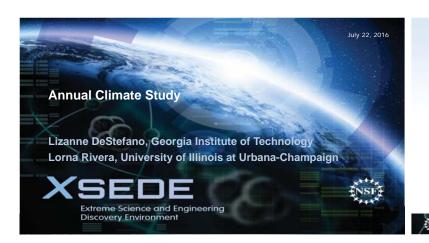


Three Evaluation Strategies

- Climate Study
- · Dashboard Display of KPIs and area metrics
- Logic Models







Purpose of the Climate Study

Support XSEDE's organizational health by providing data over time to:

- Better understand current working conditions
- Recognize successes and areas of concern
- Develop responses to improve working conditions
- Improve workplace efficiency and satisfaction



Method

- Annual on-line Survey to all XSEDE staff and leadership
 - Core items
 - XSEDE specific items
 - May/June administration
- Disaggregation by Level 2, 3, site, FTE, length of employment
 Special requests by L2 and L3 managers
- EXTENSIVE dissemination and interaction around results
- Documentation of XSEDE response to results
 - Quarterly Meetings

Six Climate Indices

- Responsiveness
- Leadership
- Communication Tools
- Values and Satisfaction
- Communication and Decision-making
- Resources and Support
- Equity

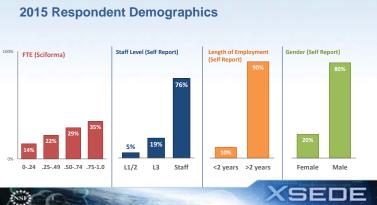






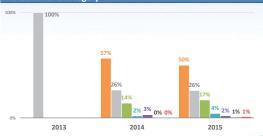






2015 Respondent Demographics Continued

Racial/ethnic diversity: Note that totals may not equal 100% since respondents could select more than one category.





2013 Recommendation: Promote staff directory on main XSEDE staff wiki page. Consider adopting a universal online document storage and collaboration solution.

2014-2015 XSEDE Response: Complete reorganization of wiki. Retirement and replacement of Sciforma in XSEDE2.0. Expansion of Communication Tools dimension in 2015 Climate Study.

Climate Study Results

Survey Item	Mean 2013	Mean 2014	Mean 2015
Q1A. The XSEDE staff wiki helps me find information across the project.	-	3.26*	3.58**
Q1C. The XSEDE staff wiki contains information that is useful to me and my work.	-	-	3.82
Q1E. The XSEDE staff wiki helps me to communicate effectively with other XSEDE staff.	3.04	2.99	3.18
Scale: Strongly Disagree (1) to Strongly Agree (5)	* p <	.05, ** p < .01	l, *** p < .001

"The wiki reorganization has helped me find things outside my level 3 WBS area"

"...It would also help to expand the use of good collaborative tools to a more complete integrated tool suite, e.g., integrated wiki/issue system/source control/code review system.



2013 Recommendation: Maintain detailed FTE assignments, coordinate with local supervisors, and regularly recognize outstanding work.

2014-2015 XSEDE Response: Detailed FTE assignments included in PY5 and XSEDE2.0 planning budgets. Internal newsletter highlights of staff work.

Climate Study Results

Survey Item	Mean 2013	Mean 2014	Mean 2015
Q7A. I am satisfied with the balance between my work for XSEDE and my work on other projects.	3.33*	3.54	3.59*
Q7D. I am satisfied with how my program area is managed.	3.57**	3.75	3.93**
Scale: Strongly Disagree (1) to Strongly Agree (5)	*,	o < .05, ** p < .0	1, *** p < .001

"I work for an XSEDE partner. I feel that my interactions with XSEDE staff are very good."

"...Perhaps there should be annual performance reviews, and the Level 3's could shift funds between people and institutions based on who is actually delivering." **2013 Recommendation:** Establish explicit procedures including time limits for XSEDE decision making.

2014-2015 XSEDE Response: Expanded communication & decision making dimension in 2014 Climate Study and again in 2015. All hands meetings implemented at sites. Retirement of projects lacking desired outcomes.

Climate Study Results

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Survey Item	Mean 2013	Mean 2014	Mean 2015		
Q3A. XSEDE's decision making process is efficient.	-	2.93	2.96		
Q3B. I understand how decisions are made within the organization.	-	-	3.04		
Q3C. I have input in decision making that relates to my work.	-	-	3.77		
Q3D. When decisions are made, they are effectively communicated back to me.	-	-	3.55		

""Communication during and after decision making by senior leadership is better than before, but overall still not nearly good enough...However, I have confidence that the senior leadership is addressing this problem and headed in the right direction."

Range of comparable projects 2.83 to 3.74





2014 Recommendation: Conduct deeper investigations of organizational climate as it relates to equity with staff from all groups.

2014-2015 XSEDE Response: Expanded equity dimension in 2015 Climate Study. Diversity speaker at June 2015 quarterly meeting.

Climate Study Results

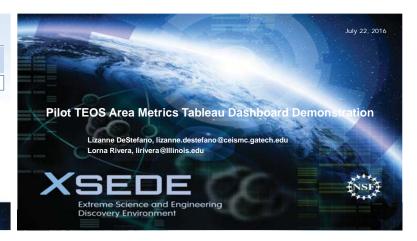
Survey Item	Mean 2013	Mean 2014	Mean 2015
Q2b. I feel that XSEDE staff treat each other equally regardless of gender.	-	4.41	4.38
Q9. How often do you experience discrimination by other XSEDE staff?†	-	4.83	4.80

"I'm sure that there is unconscious bias like with any human enterprise. I haven't personally seen anything I could point to as a clear case of discrimination, but different people can interpret the same event differenty."

Scale: Strongly Disagree (1) to Strongly Agree (5) †Note Q9 has been reverse coded as 1 (Almost Always) to 5 (Never)

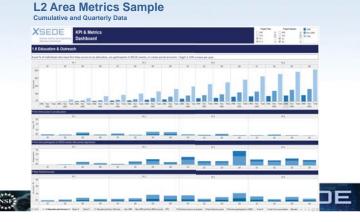
inge of comparable projects not available





XSEDE has a complex system of KPIs and area metrics

- Dashboard was developed to provide real time access to metrics for L1, L2, and L3 and program managers.
 - Easy quarterly and annual reporting
 - Consistent definitions and data pulls
 - Promotes longitudinal analysis
 - Better understand user base
 - Promote data based decision-making and transparency



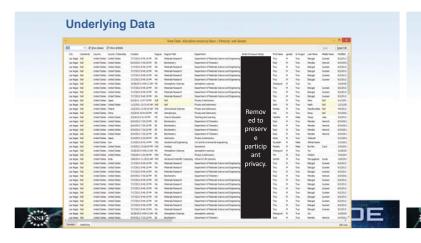




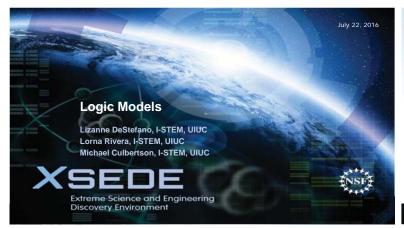
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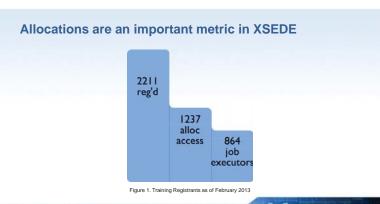


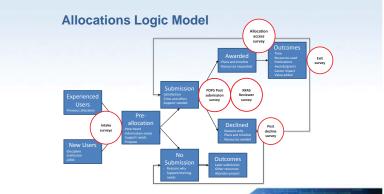


Logic Models represent intended program operation

- Make program components and processes explicit
- Identify different understandings and promote consensus
- Clarify points for intervention and evaluation











Surveys

Table 1. Survey suite related to allocations

Items on	Intake	POPS Post Submission	XRAS Reviewer	Allocation Access	Exit	Declined
Computational experience	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х
Training needs	Х			Х	Х	X
Access/use of other computational resources	Х			X	Х	X
Champion interaction	Χ			Х	Х	Х
Demographics	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х
Submission process		Х				
Review process			Х			X
New portal account	Х					
Allocation plans				Х		
Allocation achievements					Х	
Alternative plans						X

Discussion

- Are the annual Climate Study and other strategies useful for promoting continuous improvement and a positive working environment within XSEDE?
- Are these findings useful or applicable to other large NSF investments?
 - Communication & decision making in virtual organizations
 - New staff orientation needs
 - Less than .50 FTE









Discussion

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2016 NSF Large Facilities Workshop

Property and Equipment Management Business Systems Review, Annual Hot Topic May 24, 2016

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2016 NSF Large Facilities Workshop

BACKGROUND AND DRIVERS: Property and Equipment Management

- BROAD NEED: (remain competitive) Government needs to understand US investments in research and development infrastructure
- "LOCAL" REALITY: (limited funds) Agencies need to make the most effective use; prevent waste and abuse as stewards of Federal taxdollars.
- NSF EXPERIENCE: Retrospective analysis of results from NSF's Business Systems Reviews (Post Award Monitoring) suggests there is a need for to strengthen current assurance and oversight (associated with the Large Facility portfolio) through proactive measures which could involve documentation or activities.

2016 NSF Large Facilities Workshop

Goal, Objectives and Agenda

GOAL: TO STRENGTHEN CURRENT ASSURANCE AND OVERSIGHT [Property/Equipment Management] ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE NSF LARGE FACILITY PORTFOLIO

TODAY'S OBJECTIVES:

- Provide background and driver for NSF/LFO effort.
- Outline various components related to property/equipment management.
- Identify the Business Owners associated with information components.
- <u>Highlight</u> key interactions amongst Business Owners
- Engage stakeholders, leverage experience and gather input.

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PRESENTATION: Scope and Content

- Covers property and equipment; government-owned, real and personal
- Presents an <u>overview of "what, why and who"</u>, NOT the details of "how"
- Highlights frequently observed "challenges"
- Assumes a fiduciary responsibility as stewards of taxpayer dollars

2016 NSF Large Facilities Workshop

Stakeholder Engagement

- How does NSF's management approach align with your experience and understanding of roles and responsibilities?
- What do you see as the major challenges to employing property/equipment requirements as articulated in the NSF guidance and requirements documentation?
- Are Recipient expectations clearly outlined in the cooperative
- Are there opportunities for NSF to clarify its communication on property/equipment management? If so what and how should they be addressed?

PROPERTY/EQUIPMENT NSF STAKEHOLDERS: OVERVIEW of RESPONSIBILITIES

COMPONENT	BUSINESS OWNER	SUMMARY OF SELECT RESPSONSBILITIES
NSF Property Management Program	NSF Director of the Office of Information and Resources Management (OIRM)	Agency <u>Administration</u> of <u>Property Management Program</u>
Implementation of NSF Property Management Program	NSF Division of Administrative Services	Government-owned Property: Maintains records of accountability; Familiarizes NSF awardees with their responsibilities; Conducts site reviews, inspections, and evaluations of the use and control systems and evaluates the adequacy of related property records Liaisons with and prepares reports for the General Services Administration and other Federal agencies; coordinates disposition of in the custody of NSF and its awardees Excess Property: Coordinates the acquisition of personal property for NSF contractors and awardees; Manages the reutilization of excess government property in accordance with applicable law and regulation Conducts appropriate laison with NSF Program Offices to ensure sound property receipt, safeguarding, and disposal
NSF Accounting and Financial Statements	NSF Division of Financial Management	Develops and provides guidance on <u>depreciation and asset accounting standards</u> (as required by regulation); Maintains <u>ledger control for capitalized property</u> : Provides guidance and assistance with the <u>review and interpretation of financial statements</u> from NSF awardees, as they perfain to property, plant and equipment.

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PROPERTY/EQUIPMENT NSF STAKEHOLDERS: OVERVIEW of RESPONSIBILITIES

COMPONENT	BUSINESS OWNER		SUMMARY OF SELECT RESPSONSBILITIES
Grants/Cooperative Agreement Provisions	Division of Grants and Agreements, and Division of Acquisition and Cooperative Support (DACS)		Incorporate <u>provisions designed to protect Government interest relating to real and personal property</u> acquired or furnished under NSF contracts, grants, and agreements, and report these provisions as required by regulation; Ensure that NSF's central computer databases accurately denote those contracts, grants, and agreements in which <u>Government-owned property</u> has been placed in the custody of the awardee
GOE Acquisition Transfer or Disposal	Heads of Organization (e.g., Assistant Directors as Senior Official Directorates, and Division Directors etc.)	•	Making appropriate recommendations with respect to the <u>acquisition, transfer, or disposal</u> of <u>Government-owned property for use under NSF contracts or grants</u> managed by their offices.
Post Award Monitoring and Assurance of Large Facility Portfolio Awards	Large Facilities Office	•	Provide a <u>assurance/verification</u> that the <u>administrative [property and equipment management] policies and procedures</u> are written, conform to OMB requirements and NSF award expectations, and are used to manage the business needs of the Facility.
Agency Policy and Guidance Large Facilities Portfolios	Large Facilities Office		Develop and issuing NSF policy and guidance on the large facility <u>planning and</u> management, which includes property/equipment management.
Agency Policy/Grants and Agreements	Division of Institution and Award Support	•	Developing, implementing and issuing proposal and award policy $\underline{\text{which includes}}$ property/equipment management,

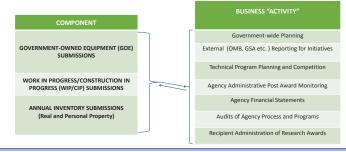
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Observed Challenges with Property/Equipment Management

- General view that property/equipment management = inventory
- End-users (Facility) are often not involved/engaged with inventory-type or reporting activities (Central Services)
- Planning and budgeting often excludes or delays maintenance in lieu of research.
- Documentation is sparse, especially with key documentation on maintenance, warranties, surveys etc.
- Well organized and comprehensive repositories for key information (e.g., warranties, maintenance) is often lacking and disconnected (e.g., budget, finance and acquisition).
- $\bullet\,$ Staffing is not always aligned with workload
- Automation and computing tools not fully leveraged

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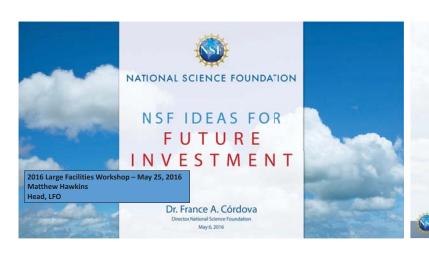
NSF PROPERTY/EQUIPMENT Management: Select Business Activities and Information Sharing



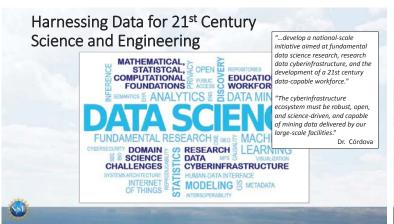
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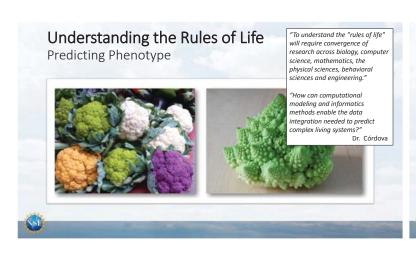
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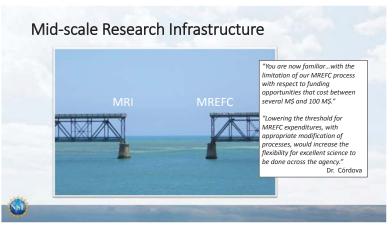


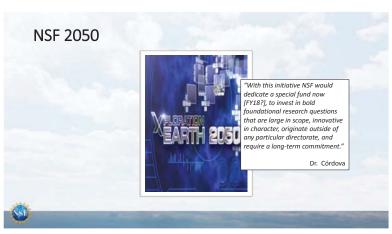


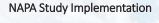












- Study commissioned by NSF in early 2015
- Evaluate NSF's use of Cooperative Agreements for Large Scale Research Infrastructure Investments
- Final Report received December 17, 2015
- Implementation now underway



Dr. Córdova

National Science Foundation:
Use of Cooperative Agreements to Support Large Scale
Investment in Research





Business Practices

Cost Analysis, Cost Estimating, Contingency, and Management Fee

- Exceptions to recommendations from pre-award cost analyses reviewed by the Large Facilities Office and forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer for final determination (3.1) -**COMPLETE (Internal NSF Standard Operating Guidance)**
- Clarify the Large Facilities Manual (LFM) requiring Recipients to follow the guidance in the GAO Cost Estimating and Schedule Assessment Guides when developing cost estimates (4.2) - COMPLETE (2016 Revision to the LFM: "should" to "shall")
- Evaluate the impacts of eliminating management fee (4.3) UNDER CONSIDERATION/IN PROGRESS

Business Practices

Cost Analysis, Cost Estimating, Contingency, and Management Fee

- Retain control of a portion of contingency funds (4.1) COMPLETE (Internal NSF Standard Operating Guidance)
 - Internal documentation of decision process which is based on risks (Recipient & Project)
 - Documentation of NSF-approved contingency budget and allocations to the Recipient in the award notice and the cooperative support agreement (CSA).
 - No change to Recipient processes in Project Execution Plan (CCB, NSF approval thresholds, etc.)

 - In compliance with the Uniform Guidance ("Known-Unkowns", Part of award, Recipient manages)
 Recipient to manage/report against both the total contingency budget and the allocations to-date.

"Contingency" is NOT a dirty word!

However...Beware of the term "Reserve" (drawing down and holding funds "just in case") since this is **NOT allowed** under the Uniform Guidance. NSF itself does not have a mechanism for (nor does it fund) "Management Reserve" (See LFM).





Project management knowledge and skills

- Identify <u>NSF</u> project management skill requirements by role and develop/implement required project management training/workshops (6.7) - IN PROGRESS
- Require Recipient project managers be certified in project management and specify the minimum experience thresholds in the cooperative agreement (6.8) - UNDER CONSIDERATION/IN PROGRESS (Breakout Session)
- Formally establish "communities of practice" to share best practices and implement a "lessons learned" requirement for all MREFC projects (6.9) – IN PROGRESS (Breakout

Planning, oversight & accountability

Roles and responsibilities

- Establish and publish a joint NSF-NSB duties and responsibilities document(6.1) IN PROGRESS
- (1) Authorize LEO to hire two additional ETEs: and (2) Revise MREEC Panel charter changing the LFO Head status to a full-voting member (6.5) – **COMPLETE**
- Re-scope the MREFC Panel to include review of projects in the development and construction stages (6.2) - IN PROGRESS





Planning, oversight & accountability

Roles and responsibilities

- Identify/codify project management and financial management expertise and explicitly add the requirements to the criteria for selection of external reviewers (6.3) - IN PROGRESS
- Establish a FACA advisory committee for the Director to use as a sounding board for objective insight on large research projects (6.4) – IN PROGRESS
- Evaluate development/uses the NSF Facility Plan and how it aligns with the agency's strategic planning processes (6.6) – IN PROGRESS

Large Facilities Manual (LFM)

- Current version dated June 2015
- · Annual Review and Up-date Cycle
- 2016 Revision out for public comment:

Federal Register: https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-09/pdf/2016-10793.pdf LFO Website: https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/lfo/lfo_documents.jsp

NSF Documentation Related to Large Facilities:

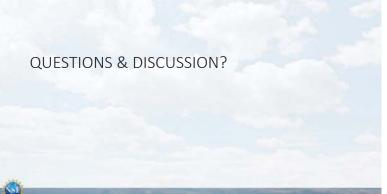
- ✓ Proposal and Awards Policy and Procedures Guide (PAPPG)
 ✓ Large Facilities Manual (LFM)

- ✓ Business Systems Review (BSR) Guide
 ✓ NSF Internal Standard Operating Guidance "Consult with PO or G&AO"





Cost Analysis – New Section 4.2 of the LFM (Cost Model, BoE & Proposal Format – Breakout Session) Incurred Cost Audit Tool (Breakout Session) Obligations and Allocations of Budget Contingency (NAPA) No change in Recipient practices per the LFM NSF holding up to 100% until need justified (See 2016 revision of LFM) Management Fee > Under Review Policy published in June 2015 LFM still in effect



SMITHSONIAN LESSONS LEARNED PROGRAM

SI-NSF LARGE FACILITIES WORKSHOP MAY 25, 2016

LESSONS OF HISTORY

"What is past is prologue."



"Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

- Santayana

CAN YOU AFFORD <u>NOT</u> TO LEARN FROM PAST EXPERIENCE?

"Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results."

- Ben Franklin

SMITHSONIAN LESSONS LEARNED PROGRAM AGENDA

- Program Evolution
- Lessons Learned Process
- Lessons
- Comments/Questions

SMITHSONIAN LESSONS LEARNED PROGRAM PROGRAM EVOLUTION

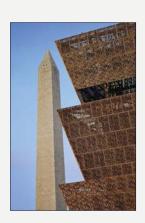
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 - > State of the industry
 - > Jump-start guide
- Facilities Unit Goal 2013
 - Form Task Force
 - Survey
 - Develop plan



SMITHSONIAN LESSONS LEARNED PROGRAM PROGRAM EVOLUTION

Lessons Learned Process Elements

- Leadership
- Culture
- Lesson Collection
- Lesson Analysis
- Lesson Implementation
- Resources
- Maintenance and Improvement



SMITHSONIAN LESSONS LEARNED PROGRAM PROGRAM EVOLUTION

2014 Pilot Program

- Data Base Selection and Development
- ID Pilot Projects
- · Collections Templates and Methods

SMITHSONIAN LESSONS LEARNED PROGRAM COLLECTION

- Collection Template
 - Lesson Learned
 - Background
 - Executive Action
 - Admin Info



Data Base

- > Existing Document Locator DB
- ➤ BIM Wiki Site
- Searchable

SMITHSONIAN LESSONS LEARNED PROGRAM COLLECTION

Collection Process

- Specific Projects
 - > From Integrated Facilities Teams
 - Project Type and Phase
 - > Museum Input
 - > Contractor and Consultant Input
- Individual collection

SMITHSONIAN LESSONS LEARNED PROGRAM ANALYSIS

Analysis teams

- 5-6 volunteers from SI Facilities staff
- Review 20 lessons
- Sort into action folders
- Develop suggested Executive Action

SMITHSONIAN LESSONS LEARNED PROGRAM ANALYSIS

Action Folders

- Review Panel
- External Action
- Change to tech requirements
- Change to Process
- Pre-project Checklist
- Newsletter
- Return/Rewrite
- No Action Archive



SMITHSONIAN LESSONS LEARNED PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation Presentations

- Senior Leadership Briefings
- 12 lessons
- Document decisions
- Track actions

SI Facilities Quarterly Newsletter

- Three lessons
- Credit submitters!

SMITHSONIAN LESSONS LEARNED PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 270 lessons collected
- 210 lessons analyzed
- 27 lessons presented for implementation

SMITHSONIAN LESSONS LEARNED PROGRAM LESSONS

Cooper Hewitt Museum Renovation

- Design exhibits concurrently with infrastructure
- Install stand-alone temporary fire alarm system
- Closely coordinate museum re-opening dates



SMITHSONIAN LESSONS LEARNED PROGRAM LESSONS

Mathias Lab Construction

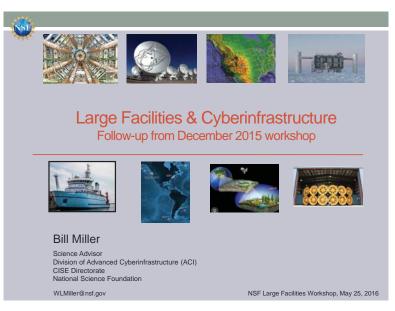
- Coordination of drawings; more attention required
- Never assume that all previous HAZMAT abatement has been completed. Cheaper to test and confirm.



• Sustainability initiatives don't necessarily lead to customer satisfaction.

SMITHSONIAN LESSONS LEARNED PROGRAM LESSONS

Questions?



Cyberinfrastructure (CI)

- Science-related computational and data capabilities. resources and services that serve the research and education end-users (generally, outward facing).
 - · Computing, software, data infrastructure, workflows, portals, networking, and related workforce...
 - · Distinguish from Information Technology (IT): not science related, part of business operations to benefit facility's own personnel.
 - · Some elements like cybersecurity may span CI and IT.
- Facility CI (in-house capabilities)...
 - · vs. external shared research CI
 - vs. commercial resources (e.g. cloud).

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Facility CI Capabilities

Products &

Services

External

"Middleware" CI Services

Computing Resources

Networks

Portals, Data, Software, Analysis tools • Data Services - Access, Discovery, Analytics, Semantics • Science APIs, Portals, Gateways

· Workflow systems and other CI

NSF-supported CI ecosystem commercial campus, regional resources international 2 2 2 2 National/International Research and Education Network



LIGO science enabled by shared research cyberinfrastructure (CI)



Open Science Grid







Computing

- Open Science Grid (OSG): High throughput parallelized event searches of 100,000 models for neutron binary star mergers, black holes,...
- Comet (SDSC) and Stampede (TACC) HPC computations, via XSEDE allocations system.

Workflows

Pegasus and HTCondor: create, distribute, monitor OSG jobs, manage data transfers, analyze LIGO data.

Networking

NSF-funded upgrade from 10Gbps to 100Gbps WAN enabled huge gains in throughput.

NSF programs: Data Building Blocks (DIBBs), Software Infrastructure (SI2), Campus Cyberinfrastructure Network Infrastructure and Engineering (CC*NIE, DNI), and others. OSG and Pegasus also supported by the DOE.



NSF's goals

- . Gain a deeper understanding of cyber needs within and external to large facilities to support large scale science.
 - Identify needs, gaps and trends that can guide future NSF investments.
- Foster dialog and collaboration among large facilities and with the CI community.
- Exchange practices, success cases, and technology awareness, trends.
- · Maximize use of existing CI resources, minimizing duplication of effort.
- · Develop new partnerships to address challenges, and inspire new R&D.
- *Ultimately: Create a dynamic national Cl ecosystem that supports the changing needs of the research community.



Cyberinfrastructure for NSF Large Facilities Workshop

December 1st, 10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. & December 2nd, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 2015 Westin Arlington Gateway, Arlington, VA

http://idies.jhu.edu/symposium/cyberinfrastructure-ci-for-nsf-large-facilities-workshop/

Organizers

Workshop Chair:

Alex Szalay, Johns Hopkins University

Program Committee:

🖒 Christine Borgman, University of California, Los Angeles

- Peter Couvares, Syracuse University
- 🖒 Brian Glendenning, National Radio Astronomy Observatory
- 🗘 Kerstin Lehnert, Columbia University
- Chuck Meertens, UNAVCO
- Anish Parashar, Rutgers University

Goal was to "create a forum for direct interaction between the NSF large facilities and CI developer community"

75 participants from over 45 institutions, large facilities, and CI resources.

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Some take-homes from the workshop

Issues raised

- CI workforce recruitment, retention, finding expertise and partners
- Dealing with data discoverability, sharing, archiving/curation...
- Software computational codes, analysis, visualization, integrated workflows
- Accessing best practices, guides, consultative processes (like for cybersecurity)
- Deciding when to build in-house vs. outsourcing or leveraging existing resources
- Interoperability, re-use, accessing/using external resources
- Disconnect between facility lifetime (long) and external CI lifecycles (shorter)
- User needs for analysis tools, computational resources and other services.
- New trends e.g. streaming data to advance computing

Next steps?

- · Additional workshops exploring CI needs/challenges in specific areas
- Incentivizing community building, partnerships, collaboration and exchange, among facilities and with CI projects
- · Identifying new ways of leveraging existing shared CI resources and capabilities



2016 NSF Cybersecurity Summit for Large Facilities and Cyberinfrastructure

Theme: Strengthening Trustworthy Science

- Complete Online Registration
 View the Call for Participation
- View the Student Program
- View Information from the 2013, 2014 and 2015 Summits

When: August 16 through August 18, 2016

Where: The Westin Arlington Gateway near NSF headquarters. A group rate is available for lodging until July 29, 2016. Hotel reservations may be made online.

http://trustedci.org/2016summit/

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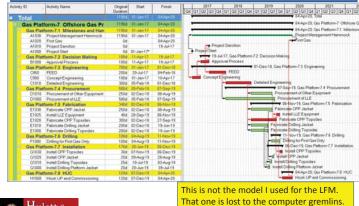
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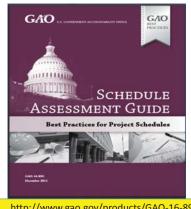


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Example Schedule: Offshore Gas Production Platform Project



Test the Schedule against GAO 10point Scheduling Best Practices



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http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-89G

Third-Party Software Can Help in Testing the Quality of the Schedule



Import to Integrated Cost-Schedule Risk Analysis Software



Using Booz Allen Hamilton Polaris© http://www.boozallen.com/consulting/products/polaris



Adding Uncertainty to Activity Durations and Resource Quantities by Reference Ranges

- Uncertainty in schedule duration is similar to "common cause" variation related to six sigma process control concepts developed by Walter Shewhart and championed by Edwards Demming
- "Common cause variability is a source of variation caused by unknown factors that result in a steady but random distribution of output around the average of the data Common cause variation is also called random variation, noise, non-controllable variation ... " (http://www.isixsigma.com/dictionary/commoncause-variation/)



Uncertainty to Activity Durations by Reference Ranges



These represent uncertainty parameters for the entire activity class (engineering, procurement, fabrication...). To achieve that while using the specified ranges on each activity within the class, these uncertainty values must be correlated 100%



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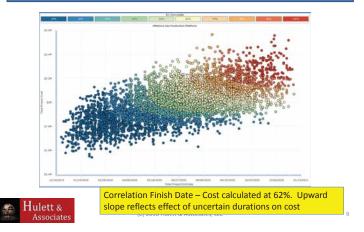
Resource usage Uncertainty Ranges



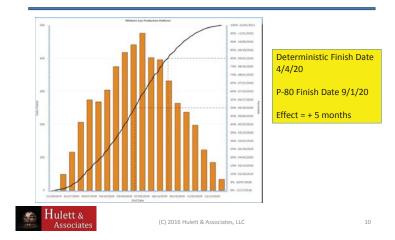


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Scatterplot: Effect of Uncertainty on Durations and Resources



Effect of Uncertainty on Finish Date



Effect of Uncertainty on Project Cost



Add Project-Specific Risks

- Risk is similar to "special causes" in six sigma
- "... special cause variation is caused by known factors that result in a non-random distribution of output...Special cause variation is a shift in output caused by a specific factor such as environmental conditions or process input parameters. It can be accounted for directly and potentially removed..." (http://www.isixsigma.com/dictionary/variation-special-cause/)
- Hence, pre-mitigated risks are the subject of risk mitigation workshops



Risk Drivers (1)

- Each identified risk has a probability that it will occur with some effect on time or cost
- If the risk occurs it affects activities' durations and costs
 - If time-dependent resources (labor, rented equipment) it will vary the daily burn rate
 - If time-independent resources (equipment to be installed, material) it will affect the entire cost directly



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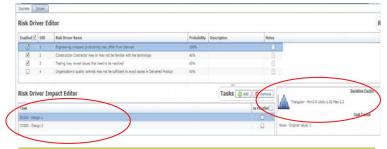
Risk Drivers (2)

- A risk may affect multiple activities
- Activities may be affected by multiple risks
- If a risk driver occurs it has a multiplicative effect on the durations of the activities it affects
 - Multiplier < 1.0 → shorter duration, opportunity
 - Multiplier > 1.0 → longer duration, threat
- Multiplier is chosen at random from input distribution (usually 3-point estimate, triangle)



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Introducing Risk Drivers that Cause Additional Variation in the Simulation

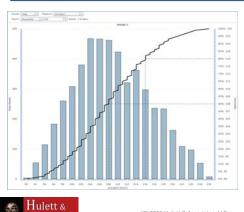


Four risk drivers are specified. The first is a general risk about engineering productivity, which may be under- or over-estimated, with 100% probability. It is applied to the two Design activities



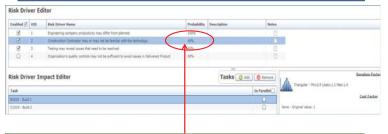
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100% Likely Risk Driver's Effect on Design Duration



With a 100% likely risk the probability distribution of the activity's duration looks like a triangle. Not any different from placing a triangle directly on the activity

Risk Driver with Risk at < 100% likelihood



With this risk, the Construction Contractor may or may not be familiar with the technology, the probability is 40% and the risk impact if it happens is .9, 1.1 and 1.4. It is applied to the two Build activities



With a 40% Likelihood, the "Spike" in the Distribution Contains 60% of the Probability

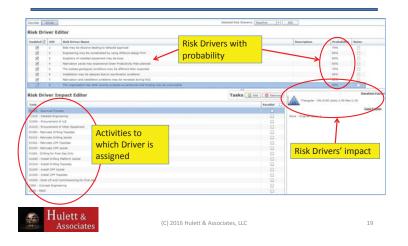
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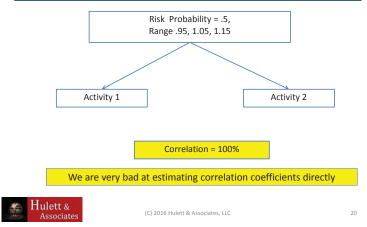
Here is where the Risk Driver method gets interesting. It can create distributions that reflect:

- Probability of occurring
- Impact if it does occur Cannot represent these two factors with simple triangular distributions applied to the durations directly

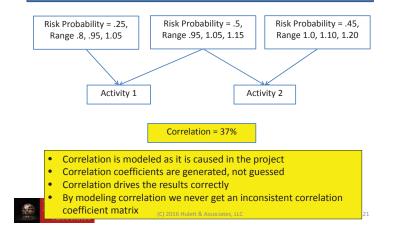
Using Risk Drivers Method



Risk Factors Model How Correlation Occurs Coefficients are Calculated (1)



Risk Factors Model How Correlation Occurs Coefficients are Calculated (2)



What End Date and Cost should be put forward?

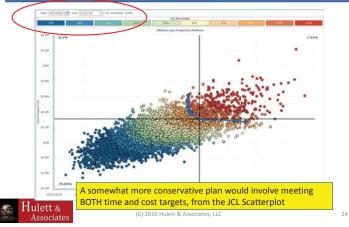


Use the Time – Cost Scatterplot to Estimate Targets to meet BOTH Objectives

- The histograms / cumulative distribution functions estimate finish date and cost to meet each target individually
- To meet BOTH targets, use the scatterplot
- Meeting both targets requires a more conservative (later date, more cost) estimate
- How much more time and cost depends on their correlation

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Plan to Meet BOTH Finish Date and Cost Targets from JCL Scatterplot



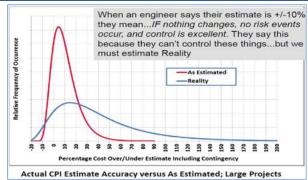
JCL-80 compared with P-80 Results

Histogram/Cumulative Distributions (P-80) and Joint Confidence Level (JCL-80) Results with Project-Specific Risks and Uncertainty					
	Baseline				
Finish Date	4/4/2020				
Budgeted Cost	\$1.70 Billions				
Risk Analysis Results					
Schedule	Date	Months added			
P-80	1/27/2021	9.8			
JCL-80	3/14/2021	11.3			
Difference	46	1.5			
Cost	Billions	Dollars Added (billions)			
P-80	2.27	\$0.58			
JCL-80	2.31	\$0.61			
Difference 0.04					



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Compare what Risk Analysis Typically Predicts vs. What Actually Happens



Source: John K. Hollmann, PE, "Reliable Risk Quantification for Project Cost and Schedule", AACE International webinar December 15, 2015

Incorporate Systemic Risks into the Monte Carlo Simulation (MCS)

- Systemic Risks that include:
 - Technical complexity, new technology challenging
 - Scope not fully known
 - Process definition not complete
 - Megaproject complexity, size / duration, participants
 - Project organization, e.g., joint venture, multiple EPCs
 - Project management, scheduling and estimating process, bias
- These factors can be measured and their impact on project success estimated using parametric techniques



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Inserting 3 Systemic Risks

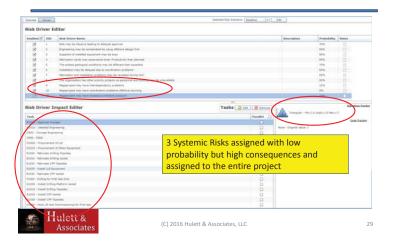
- Identifying the systemic risks and inserting them with appropriately-large impacts allows us to:
 - Specify the probability of occurrence
 - Identify the risks for risk mitigation
- In this case study, these megaproject risks:
 - May have interdependency issues between project elements
 - May have complex offshoring of supply chain and even EPC contractors
 - May have excessive schedule pressure "I want it sooner"



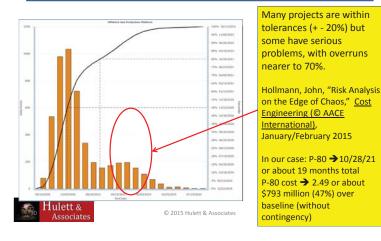
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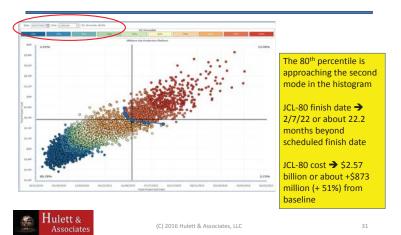
Adding Systemic Risks



Complexity and Pressure Combined



Scatterplot with Systemic Risks Added



Picture of Prioritized Risks Selected by their Days Saved at P-80

Iterative Approach to Prioritizing Risks (Based on Days Saved at P-80)								
Risk #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Priority Level (Iteration #)	Abusive Bids	Offshore design firm	1- 1	Fab productivity	Geology	on during	Problems at HUC	Resources may go to other projects
1	X	X	X	X	Х	X	Х	1
2	Х	Х	Х	2	Х	Х	Х	
3	Х	3	Х		Х	Х	Х	
4	Х		Х		Х	Х	4	
5	Х		5		Х	Х		
6	Х				Х	6		
7	7				Х			
8					8			



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Risks Prioritized at the P-80 Confidence Level measured in "Days Saved"



Risks Prioritized to P-80 and Days Saved, plus Effect of Uncertainty

Risks Prioritized to P-80				
Name	Days Saved			
Megaproject may have excessive schedule pressure	210			
The organization has other priority projects so personnel and funding may be				
unavailable	112			
Megaproject may have interdependency problems	52			
Fabrication yards may experience lower Productivity than planned	32			
Engineering may be complicated by using offshore design firm	18			
Megaproject may have coordination problems offshore sourcing	17			
Suppliers of installed equipment may be busy				
Fabrication and installation problems may be revealed during HUC				
Installation may be delayed due to coordination problems				
Bids may be Abusive leading to delayed approval				
The subsea geological conditions may be different than expected				
Contingency due to Project-Specific and Systemic Risks				
Contingency due to Uncertainty	150			
Total Contingency	617			
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Risk Mitigation

- Risks can be mitigated but usually not completely
- Mitigation actions are:
 - New, not known to the interviewees, different from yesterday
 - Committed to by management so funded, staffed, monitored and reported on
- Once agreed to, estimate the owner, cost and timing of the mitigation
- Estimate the improvement to risk parameters

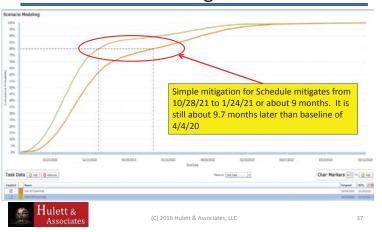
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Mitigation Strategy and Simple Scenario

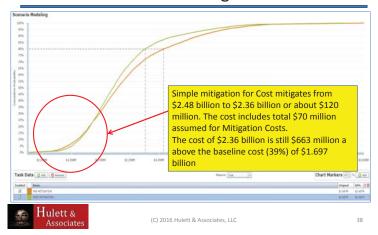
- Prioritize the risks according to days saved
- Recognize that as schedule risk is addressed, the indirect effect on cost risk will be good
- Each risk mitigation has a cost and that cost will be added, so cost risk will represent two conflicting forces
- Simple scenario,
 - Cut probability in half
 - Add \$5 million to project specific risk cost and \$10 million to systemic risk for cost of risk mitigation



Compare Pre- and Post-Mitigation Schedule



Compare Pre- and Post-Mitigation Cost



Summary

- Get a good schedule per GAO Best Practices
- Add costs as time-dependent and time-independent resources
- Interview for good Risk Data
- Model uncertainty
- Model project-specific and systemic risks using Risk Drivers
- Use JCL-80 as promise dates and costs
- Prioritize the risks @ P-80 and days saved
- Mitigate risks partially, recording mitigation costs
- · Commit to the risk mitigations



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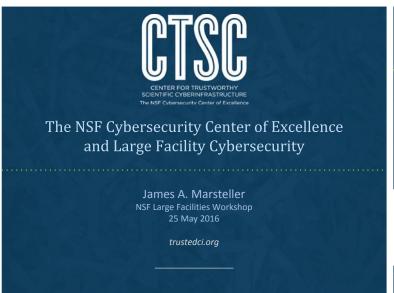
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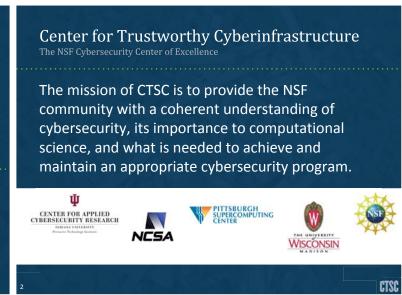
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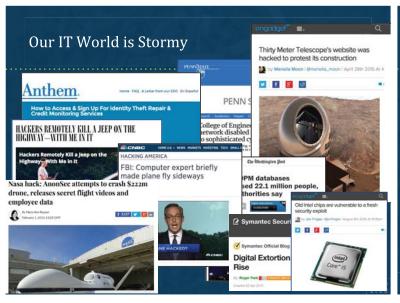
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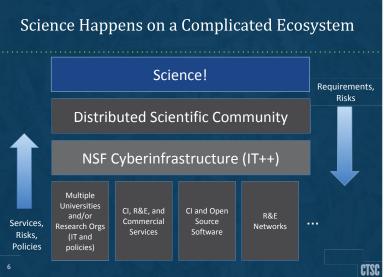










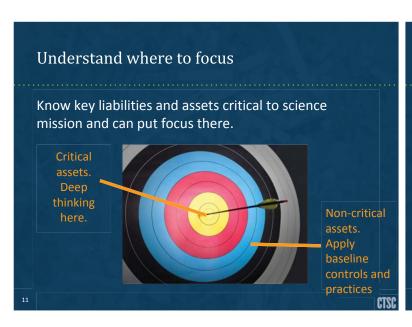












NSF Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (CCoE)

NSF 2015 Cybersecurity Innovation for Cyberinfrastructure (CICI) solicitation created the NSF CCoE.

CTSC submitted a proposal and was awarded this honor.

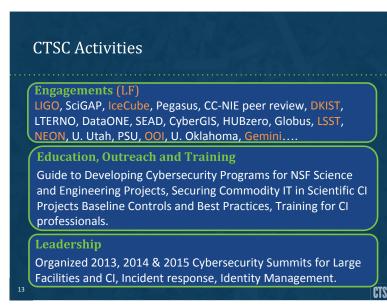
3. Cybersecurity Center of Excellence

NSF-funded cyberinfrastructure presents unique challenges for operational security personnel. The research environment is purposefully built as an "open" one, in which data is freely accessed among collaborators. As such, elies, centers, campuses and institutions that host optienfrastructure must find the right balance of security, privacy and usability while maintaining an environment in which data are openly shared. Many research organizations lack expertise in technical and policy security and could benefit from an independent, shared security resource pool.

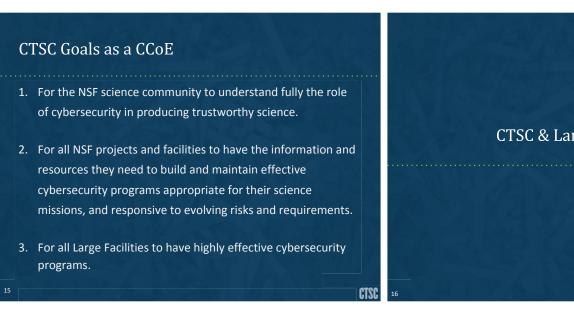
A Cybersecurity Center of Excellence must:

- Provide leadership to the NSF research community in the continuous building and distribution of a body of knowledge on the topic of trustworthy cyberinfrastructure;
- Conduct security audits and security architecture design reviews for projects at multiple scales, from large Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction (MREFC) projects to small Cl
- Ensure adoption of security best practices in the NSF research community;
- Provide situational awareness of the current cyber threats to the research and education environment, including those that impact scientific instruments;
- Develop a threat model (or multiple threat models if appropriate), identifying the vulnerabilities.
 NSF-funded cyberinfrastructure and scientific data associated with that cyberinfrastructure and
- Host an annual workshop in addition to meetings, seminars, training and other events in order to interact with members of the NSF community, industry, government and academia who wish to collaboration or projects and other initiatives.

ttp://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2015/nsf15549/nsf15549.htm







CTSC & Large Facilities

Our Strategic 3-Year Goal for LFs

For all Large Facilities to have highly effective cybersecurity programs

Let's unpack this.

For all Large Facilities to have highly effective cybersecurity programs.

- As of May 2016, there are 28 LFs listed on the LFO's site. https://nsf.gov/bfa/lfo/
- We've had contact (engagements, summit) with 21 of the LFs.
- That leaves 7 LFs with whom we have not had an opportunity to engage or interact, or we remain unsure of how/whether to reach out....

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For all Large Facilities to have highly effective cybersecurity programs.

We've not yet developed a relationship with:

- 1. Arecibo Observatory (AO)
- 2. Academic Research Fleet (ARF)
- 3. Alaska Region Research Vessel (ARRV)
- 4. Regional Class Research Vessel (RCRV)
- 5. Geodesy Advancing Geosciences and EarthScope (GAGE)
- 6. National Nanotechnology Coordinated Infrastructure (NNCI)
- 7. Seismological Facilities for the Advancement of Geosciences and EarthScope (SAGE)

For all Large Facilities to have highly effective cybersecurity programs.

Bottom line:

We think we can and should be interacting with all the LFs.

For all Large Facilities to have highly effective cybersecurity programs.

The Information Security article of the Cooperative Agreement Supplemental Financial & Administrative Terms and Conditions (CA-FATC) calls for a written summary describing a program.

In our own practice and in working with LF's, the "program" concept has been critically helpful in structuring ongoing security activities and projects.

Security for all information technology (IT) systems employed in the performance of this award, including equipment and information, is the awardee's responsibility. Within a time mutually agreed upon by the awardee and the cognizant NSF Program Officer, the awardee shall provide a written Summary of the policies, procedures, and practices employed by the awardee's organization as part of the organization's IT security program, in place or planned, to protect research and education activities in support of the award.

The Summary shall describe the information security program appropriate for the project including, but not limited to: roles and responsibilities, risk assessment, technical safeguards, administrative safeguards, physical safeguards, policies and procedures, awareness and training, and notification procedures in the event of a cyber-security breach. The Summary shall include the institution's evaluation criteria that will measure the successful implementation of the IT Security Program. In addition, the Summary shall address appropriate security measures required of all subawardees, subcontractors, researchers and others who will have access to the systems employed in support of this

The Summary will be the basis of a dialogue which NSF will have with the awardee, directly or through community meetings. Discussions will address a number of topics, such as, but not limited to, evolving security concerns and concomitant cyber-security policy and procedures within the government and at awardees' institutions, available education and training activities in cyber-security, and coordination activities among NSF awardees.

How do facilities go from having a program to have highly effective cybersecurity program?

For all Large Facilities to have highly effective cybersecurity programs.

Large Facilities Manual: NSF 15-089 (June 2015) 5.3 Guidelines for Cyber-Security of NSF's Large Facilities

"NSF has responsibility for oversight of facilities it constructs and operates, including associated IT Infrastructure. This section, to be written, will describe what NSF consider in developing and deploying their IT plans, policies and procedures. These minimal requirements and their associated evaluation criteria, as provided by the facility and agreed to by NSF, are used as part of NSF's facility oversight and review process. This module will document NSF's expectation for the recipient and PO oversight for the implementation and monitoring of cyber-security best practices. These expectations extend over the full life cycle of an award, and are appropriately modified as the award passes through various stages of its life cycle.

CTSC submitted a proposed version of the section to the Large Facilities Office.

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For all Large Facilities to have highly effective cybersecurity programs.

In our experience, as both security practitioners and NSF community members, these are some of the features of security programs that inspire confidence.

- 1. A budget for both personnel and tools
- 2. Defined governance and risk acceptance processes
- 3. A CISO or similar role with defined authority
- 4. An adopted framework (e.g., CTSC's Guide, SANS Top 20, NIST Framework, NIST RMF, ISO)
- Coordination of identity and access management (IAM).

New CCoE Activity: Providing Situational Awareness

Advise NSF LFs about relevant software vulnerabilities and provide guidance on mitigation.

Leverage NIST, US-CERT, XSEDE, REN-ISAC, and other sources of vulnerability information.

Please subscribe to the email list(s) to receive situational awareness notifications of relevance to you.

Goal: 90% participation from LFs

http://trustedci.org/situational-awareness/

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IAM challenge for LFs: Enabling multiorganization, multi-national collaborations

CTSC IAM activities include:

Engagements

Sharing best practices and lessons learned

Blog posts, training, webinars

Coordination with:

InCommon/Internet2

GÉANT/TERENA/REFEDS/AARC (EU Collaboration)

Gathering community input (Summit, email lists)

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InCommon went international in February!

CTSC & LIGO engagement launched InCommon's interfederation working group in 2013.

blog.trustedci.org/2013/01/interfed.html



incommon.org/edugain/

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How will CTSC help Large Facilities?

We know we're moving forward on these:

- 1. One on one engagements
- 2. Facilitating a community of practice around infosec
- 3. Organizing community activities and events (the Summit)
- 4. Training (like we've done with the Guide)
- 5. Better integrating IAM into our programmatic training
- 6. Developing a community survey
- 7. LF Manual Subsection
- 8. Building on our reputation as a trusted partner and resource

For all Large Facilities to have highly effective cybersecurity programs.

What would be helpful to CTSC's effort?

- 1. Contacts and connections with the facilities that are not engaged in events like the summit.
- 2. Support for Large Facility Community of Practice around information security.
- 3. Benchmarking data on cybersecurity (e.g., personnel budgets).
- Feedback on Large Facilities challenges regarding information security.
- 5. Other suggestions, feedback, and comments are welcomed..

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Project Management Career Development Program (PMCDP)

http://www.energy.gov/projectmanagement/project-management-career-development-program

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- PMCDP Background and Principles
- Competency Based: Training and Experience Requirements
- Value Proposition
- Certification Review Board (CRB)
- Performance Metrics and Statistics
- Challenges and Issues



PMCDP Background

- GAO High-Risk List for "Contract (Project) Management" since 1990
- National Research Council (1999) recommended establishment of Department-wide training program
- Deputy Secretary (September 2003) directed development and implementation of PMCDP
- Congress funded PMCDP (2001, CRPT 106-907) and recommended central funding of PMCDP (2005, CRPT 108-212)
- Secretary (2005) directed Programs to determine current number and assess future needs



PMCDP Guiding Principles

- Promote project management excellence
- Develop gold-star project management personnel development standard
- Tough, flexible, and fair best program in government
- Instill continuous improvement and learning it is a development program
- FPD advancement is more than just taking classes; it is demonstrated experience, performance, leadership and communication skills



Importance of Effective, Formal Project Management: Why We Care

- DOE manages some of the largest, most complex, and technically challenging projects in public or private sector
 - 35 projects over \$100M
 - DOE has been on GAO's High-Risk list for project management since 1990
 - We have shown some improvement
 For example, SC removed from high-risk list in 2009
 - Remaining projects of high concern to GAO are EM and NNSA projects \$750M or greater



Project Management Has the Secretary's attention

- Secretary Moniz established a special working group in 2013 which culminated in the Improving Project Management report
- Recommendations
 - Institutionalize Secretarial memoranda on improving Project Management for the DOE enterprise



New Push to Further Improve Project Management (cont.)

- Additional recommendations from Improving Project Management
 - Improve the lines of responsibility and the peer review process
 - Designating a clear project owner and clear lines of functional authority
 - Establishing a project assessment office that does not have line responsibility for project execution, but will conduct programmatic peer reviews



PMCDP Competency Based Program (Training or Experience)

- ☐ FPD must demonstrate familiarity-, working-, or expertlevel knowledge of listed competencies: (Total of 62 competencies)
 - General Project (8)
 Management
 - Leadership/Team Building (5)
 - Scope Management (4)
 - Communication (3)
 Management
 - Quality/Safety (3)
 Management
 - Cost Management (4)

- Time (Schedule) (3)
 Management
- Risk Management (3)
- Contract Management (6)
- Integration Management (5)
- Related Course Electives (13)
- Behavioral (5)
- Work and Developmental Requirements



PMCDP Coursework Level of Effort

Years (Project Mgmt Experience)	FPD Level	Classroom (Hours)	Desktop Adobe Connect (Hours)	On-line 24x7 (Hours)	TOTAL (Hours/Days)
8	Level IV				
4	Level III	212	48	0	260/32
2	Level II	208	50	24	282/35
1	Level I	156	88	106	350/43
	TOTAL	576	186	130	892/110

Note: All classroom competencies can be satisfied via experience, as documented. Some waived by other credentials (i.e., PE, PMP, etc.). At each level, requirements move from prescribed training to execution and demonstrated performance.



PMCDP Program Directives and Guidance – A Mature Framework

- DOE Order 361.1C Acquisition Career Management Program
- Certification and Equivalency Guidelines
- Acquisition Certifications Program Handbook
- PMCDP Training Curriculum Map
- PMCDP Website: http://www.energy.gov/projectmanagement/ project-management-career-developmentprogram



Certification Review Board

- Grants federal project director certifications and develops PMCDP policies, training and certification requirements
- Co-chaired by PM and NNSA; total (7) members with Reps from EM, SC, and NNSA
- Meets monthly and also convenes "virtual" certification approval sessions (Level I/II only)
- Conduct interviews and requests reference checks for Level III/IV candidates



Challenges & Issues

- Getting level III & IV FPDs on the right project at the right time
- Ease of application documenting competencies and experience
- How to enculturate a mature project manager from another agency or from industry to the DOE FPD environment?





 $\label{limit} Visit\ our\ website \\ \text{http://www.energy.gov/projectmanagement/project-management-career-development-program}$

2016 NSF Large Facilities Workshop

New Initiatives
Business Roundtable II-III

May 25-26, 2016

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Purpose of Briefing:

- Discuss background and context of the current environment of strengthened cost oversight of NSF large facility awards
- Discuss four specific areas of strengthened cost oversight
- Solicit awardee insights and concerns with the award oversight process
- · Look to improve the business oversight process going forward

Background/Context

- In 2004, responsibility for large facility cooperative agreements was moved to the "Division of Contracts and Complex Agreements"
- In FY 2010, NSF's Financial Statement Audit cited a large facility cooperative agreement where \$88M in questioned contingency costs were reported
- Beginning in FY 2011, NSF's Financial Statement Audit has included a Significant Deficiency titled "Monitoring of Construction Type Cooperative Agreements," expanding findings from the 2010 audit
- NSF's efforts to ensure the proper level of cost oversight, as well as outside concerns raised by NSF Stakeholders, has driven a close examination and strengthening of business procedures for managing these awards

Background/Context (Cont.)

- OIG Alert Memo "NSF's Management of Cooperative Agreements," (Sept. 2012) highlighted concerns with both pre-award and post-award monitoring processes. Recommendations for awards over \$50M included:
 - ✓ Obtaining proposal and accounting systems audits for all planned large facility cooperative agreements
 - √ Requiring annual incurred cost submissions and audits
 - ✓ Requiring awardees to properly account for and separately track budgeted versus actual contingency use
- The OIG has issued additional alert memos and audit reports highlighting concerns under specific NSF large facility awards

Four Areas of Strengthened Procedures:

- Proposal and Accounting System Reviews/Audits
- Incurred Cost Audits
- Contingency Management
- Risk-Based End-to-End Cost Surveillance Policies

Proposal and Acct. System Reviews/Audits

<u>Strengthened Procedure</u>:

More detailed pre-award evaluation of proposal cost estimates and review (or audit) of awardee cost accounting systems/practices prior to awarding CAs

Implementation:

- NSF Standard Operating Guidance (SOG) requires the completion of a Cost Proposal Review Document (CPRD) for all awards over \$100M, documenting cost analysis and review of awardee's accounting system
- Thorough review of the budget estimate will be completed on a cost element basis (FDR stage)
- Guidance updated in 2015 to include reviews at CDR and PDR phases

Proposal and Acct. System Reviews/Audits (Cont.)

- Additional guidance included in Large Facilities Manual on format and detail required for construction and operations proposals
- · Supportability of proposal is key
- Proposal audits are to be obtained when determined necessary
- NSF will execute independent cost assessments for construction awards > \$100M
- The CPRD will document review of awardee accounting system
 Note: NSF will obtain audits of awardees' accounting systems/practices prior to entering into construction CA's totaling \$100M or more, where NSF is the cognizant agency and such an audit has not been performed within the past two years.

Proposal and Acct. System Reviews/Audits (Cont.)

Note: 2 CFR 200 requires that agencies awarding cooperative agreements must have in place a framework for evaluating the risks posed by applicants before they receive Federal awards. Examples of areas to be reviewed include:

- · Financial stability
- · History of performance
- Reports and findings from audits performed under the Uniform Guidance Audit Requirements and findings from any other available audits

Incurred Cost Audits

Strengthened Procedure:

Requirements for incurred cost audits

Implementation:

- NSF will require, at a minimum, a final review of incurred costs at project completion for large facility projects totaling \$100M or more
- NSF will use risk analysis on a project-by-project basis to determine whether additional incurred cost audits are needed during a project
- NSF committed to explore best practices and to complete an analysis and recommendation for awardee cost submissions (now completed)

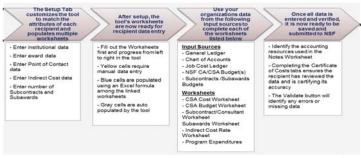
Incurred Cost Audits (Cont.)

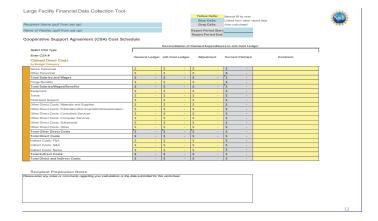
- Pre-award, the CPRD requires an initial determination of the need for an incurred cost audit
- Post-award, a separate SOG has institutionalized NSF's project-by-project annual review of the need for incurred cost audits during performance
- With transition of audit process to NSF's cognizance (and unavailability of DCAA to complete audits), NSF is working to obtain audit support services
- Recipients should be prepared for such an audit at any time based on requirements set forth in 2 CFR 200
- NSF completed a review of best practices for incurred cost submissions and determined a perspective award provision and cost data collection tool

Incurred Cost Audits (Cont.):

- In preparation for a cost incurred audit, recipients will be required to submit financial expenditures (incurred cost) data to NSF
- The Financial Data Collection Tool was created by NSF to assist recipients in preparing and recording financial expenditure information
- This tool will be required for submission of the financial expenditures data
- The Financial Data Collection Tool is a macro-enabled Excel workbook that provides recipients a single, standardized method for submitting cost data

Incurred Cost Audits (Cont.): Large Facilities Financial Data Collection Tool





Incurred Cost Audits (Cont.):

Large Facilities Financial Data Collection Tool

The Large Facilities Manual and the Large Facilities Financial Data Collection Tool can be viewed on the public NSF webpage at:

https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/lfo/lfo documents.jsp

To provide comments on the Large Facilities Manual and the Large Facilities Financial Data Collection Tool, please go to the Federal Register at:

https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-09/pdf/2016-10793.pdf

Contingency

Strengthened Procedure:

Contingency management

Implementation:

- Standardized guidance for contingency estimating in the Large Facilities Manual
- Supportability of the estimate is key
- NSF Completed a review of the controls and thresholds for the Change Control Board (CCB) process

Contingency (Cont.)

- Standardized reporting of contingency in monthly project reports and the bi-monthly large facilities status report
- New standardized award provision to clearly identify the NSF approved contingency budget and incremental allocations to the Recipient
- New SOG to incorporate the NAPA recommendation that NSF retain control of a portion of contingency (up to 100%) based on the circumstances of the award

End-to-End Cost Surveillance Policies

Strengthened Procedure:

Development of a risk-based approach for end-to-end cost surveillance

Implementation:

- NSF chose the threshold of \$100M to focus on the highest risk awards
- NSF committed to expand the scope of strengthened procedures to large facility operations by September 15, 2015 (completed)
- After implementation, NSF will invite a qualified third-party organization to evaluate the results

End-to-End Cost Surveillance Policies

- BFA continues to strengthen cost estimating and cost monitoring oversight procedures through issuance and update of numerous SOGs, e.g.,:
 - ✓ SOG 15-1 Negotiation, Award and Payment of Management Fee
 - ✓ SOG 15-6 Guidance on Pre and Post-Award Cost Monitoring Procedures
 - ✓ SOG 16-2 Budget Contingency Obligation and Allocation
 - ✓ SOG 16-4 DACS CSB Standardized Cost Analysis Guidance
- NSF is further evaluating cost oversight procedures considering subsequent internal evaluation and Stakeholder input

Additional Issues Identified

Additional issues identified through:

- Internally determined areas for improvements
- Ongoing interactions with Stakeholders
- National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) Report "Use of Cooperative Agreements to Support Large Scale Investment in Research"

Additional issues include but are not limited to:

- Proper use of management fee
- Conducting awardee estimating system reviews

Questions?

Concerns?

Other Issues?

Appendix D: Presentations

D.3 Thursday May 26, 2016



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Agenda



- Introduction
- How Do We Plan to Explore Mars
- Mars Environment
- Mission Planning Basics
- NASA's Evolvable Mars Campaign



Why Do We Want To Explore Mars?

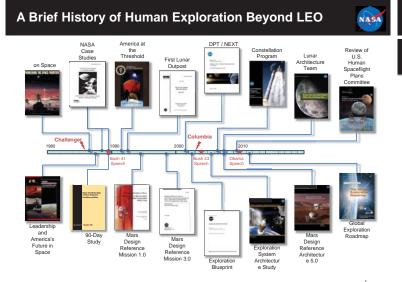


- · Long-standing curiosity, particularly since it appears that humans could one day
- Current scientific goals (developed by MEPAG, a NASA chartered group):
 - Determine if life ever arose on Mars
 - . Characterize past habitability and search for evidence of ancient life
 - Characterize present habitability and search for evidence of extant life
 - Determine how the long-term evolution of Mars affected the physical and chemical environment critical to habitability and the possible emergence of life
 - Understand the processes and history of climate on Mars
 - Characterize Mars' atmosphere, present climate, and climate processes under current orbital configuration
 - Characterize Mars' recent climate and climate processes under different orbital configurations Characterize Mars' ancient climate and climate processes
 - Determine the evolution of the surface and interior of Mars
 - Determine the nature and evolution of the geologic processes that have created and modified the

 - · Characterize the structure, composition, dynamics, and evolution of Mars' interior Understand the origin, evolution, composition and structure of Phobos and Deimos.
- Prepare for human exploration
 - Obtain knowledge of Mars sufficient to design and implement a human mission with acceptable cost, risk and performance

Evolvable Mars Campaign Development

INTRODUCTION



Evolvable Mars Campaign – Study Activity



Design Reference Missions, Emerging Studies and New Discoveries

2010 Authorization Act, National Space Policy, NASA Strategic Plan

Evolvable Mars Campaign



- International Partners
- Commercial and Industrial
- Academic
 Technology developments
- - Establish capacity for people to live and work in space
 - indefinitely
 Expand human presence into the solar system and to the surface of Mars



- An ongoing series of architectural trade analyses, guided by Strategic Principles, to define the capabilities and elements needed for a sustainable human presence on Mars
- Builds off of previous studies and ongoing assessments
- Provides clear linkage of current investments (SLS, Orion, etc.) to future capability needs
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NASA's "Journey to Mars"

part of ongoing trades studies

on Mars

infrastructure

budget for a "Journey to Mars" program



High Level Ground Rules and Assumptions for the EMC

. First crew mission to Mars vicinity in 2030s - mission lays the



- Accommodate Mars Mission opportunities throughout the 2030s
- All missions/crews return to the same location on the surface

foundation for later crew Mars surface missions

- Crew of 4 for Mars missions
- · ARM / ARV SEP derived vehicle used for missions to Mars vicinity
 - ACRM mission occurs in 2025

Use Lunar DRO as aggregation point for missions to Mars vicinity and Mars surface

- Use of Proving Ground foundational capabilities for Mars vehicle build-up and checkout
- Use Lunar DRO for potential refurbishment and resupply location
- · Use test and validation missions as pre-deployment missions
 - Emphasis on reducing the number of unique system developments
 - Maintain cadence of at least one crewed mission per year
 - Utilize SLS Block 1B co-manifested cargo capability to the greatest extent possible
 - 1 SLS crew flight per year in the Proving Ground
 - SLS Block 2B for Mars era missions
- · Utilize ISS to greatest extent possible for capability development





. Currently the "Journey to Mars" is a long range vision to guide near term activities and investments - there is no line item in the NASA

The infrastructure and operations on the surface of Mars will

· Despite an "evolvable" approach, there are known physical and

operational challenges that will constrain the Mars surface

the currently favored approaches being used

· Studies supporting the Evolvable Mars Campaign are an ongoing series

of architectural trade analyses, guided by Strategic Principles, to define

the capabilities and elements needed for a sustainable human presence

undoubtedly qualify as a "large scientific research facility" but specific

facility management approaches and operations for this facility are still

We are here to listen and learn about best practices and discuss options

This presentation will describe some of those challenges and some of

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HOW DO WE PLAN TO **EXPLORE MARS**

How to Capitalize on the Unique Attributes of Human **Explorers**



- · Human explorers bring unique abilities to exploration:
 - Cognition
 - Rapidly recognize and respond to unexpected findings; sophisticated, rapid pattern recognition (structural/morphological biosignatures).
 - Dexterity
 - Humans are capable of lifting rocks. hammering outcrops, selecting samples, etc.
 - Adaptability
 - Humans are able to react in real time to new and unexpected situations, problems, hazards and risks.
 - Efficiency
 - Sample and equipment manipulation and problem solving.



What "Unknowns" need to be addressed?

Known unknowns (to achieve Earth independence) - examples include:

- · Human physiology in the Mars environment - Gravity
 - Radiation
 - Dust (e.g., perchlorates)
- · Plant/animal physiology in the Mars environment
 - Gravity
 - Radiation
 - Light
- Source of usable water
 - If in the form of H2O then where is it and how can it be collected
 - If in the form of hydrated minerals then where is it, how is the raw material collected, and what is the "best" process (given local environmental conditions and available infrastructure) to extract the water
- Martian civil engineering "best practices'
 - Surface preparation/stabilization
- Martian chemical engineering "best practices"
- · TBD others

Unknown unknowns

- · By definition unknown, but not unanticipated
- Surface infrastructure should be implemented in such a way that it is adaptable and has built-in margin to accommodate different (than originally planned) activities without requiring a complete redesign and redeployment

Exploration Zones, Regions of Interest, and Limits



Small Pressurized Rover



• Exploration Zone

 A collection of Regions of Interest (ROIs) that are located within approximately 100 kilometers of a centralized landing site

· Region of Interest

 Areas that are relevant for scientific investigation and/or development/maturation of capabilities and resources necessary for a sustainable human presence

Latitude and Elevation limits

- Landing and ascent technology options place boundaries on surface locations leading to a preference for mid- to low- latitudes and mid- to low- elevations
- Accessing water ice for science and ISRU purposes is attractive, leading to a preference for higher latitudes
- Preliminary latitude boundaries set at +/- 50 degrees
- Preliminary elevation boundary set at no higher than +2 km (MOLA reference)





- capable of carrying four crew in a contingency
- · Two week duration without resupply
- ~400 km "odometer" range
 - 200 km out, 200 km back
 - Factor of 2 for actual distance over straight line distance
 - Results in ~100 km straight line range from starting point

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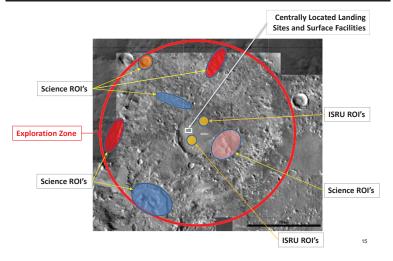
Example Mars Exploration Zone Containing Several Regions of Interest (ROI's)

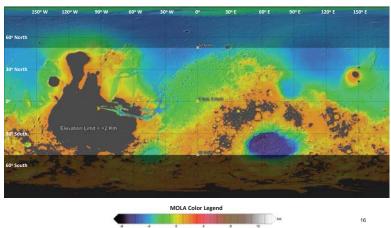


Preliminary Mars Surface Location Constraints for EZs



Elevation Limit = +2 km Latitude Limits = +/- 50°



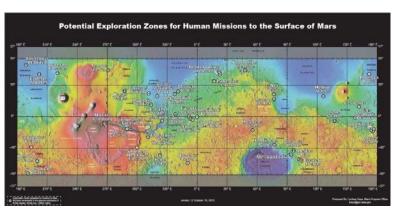


Exploration Zones Proposed at First EZ Workshop

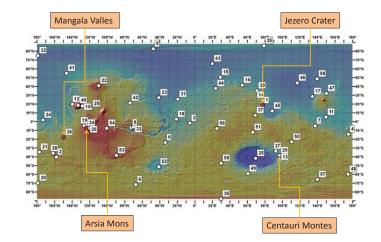


HEM-SAG (Human Exploration of Mars – Science Analysis Group) candidate Mars landing sites





This map is posted at http://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/exploration-zone-map-v10.pdf



Bridging the Gap: A Mars Surface Field Station



- Once the primary Emplacement objective enabling crews to remain on the surface of Mars for 12 - 18 months - is achieved, this infrastructure and experience base will be used as the foundation for building capabilities needed for the Mars Surface **Proving Ground phase**
- · These capabilities should give priority to investigating the known unknowns with flexibility to investigate unknown unknowns as they emerge.
- · One well-established concept that is used to handle "unknowns" is the field station or experiment station
 - Field Stations bring the basic tools of research—from electricity to communication to community to the places where research needs to be done
 - · They provide access to the environment.
 - They provide logistical support for a wide range of activities including individual research projects; networking of research on larger scales; science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) training; and public outreach.
 - Through time they become environmental and operational models in which the steady
 accumulation of knowledge becomes a platform for future research.
 - Field Stations create a bridge between natural environments and [Earth-based] research laboratories. Research laboratories offer considerable power to conduct analyses in a predictable environment and to infer cause and effect from manipulative experiments, but they may miss factors that turn out to be critical in a natural environment. Field studies can encompass the full range of relevant interactions and scales, but they are not as tightly controlled. By offering access to both laboratories and field environments, Field Stations combine the best of both worlds.

Note: Adapted from Billick, I., et.al. 2013. Field Stations and Marine Laboratories of the Future: A Strategic Vision. National Association of Marine Laboratories and Organization of Biological Field Stations.

Mars Surface Field Station Capabilities "Scorecard"



• EMC Assumptions

- Operational in the 2030s and beyond
- Crew of four
- Multiple visits to the same site

Research Support

- Physical sciences
- Biological sciences
- Atmospheric sciences Human physiology
- ISRU and civil engineering applied technology

Exploration Zone

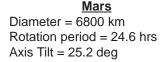
- 100 km radius activity zone
- +/- 50 deg. latitude
- Less than 2 km elevation



Sizing Things Up







Diameter = 12800 km Rotation period = 23.9 hrs Axis Tilt = 23.5 deg

Moon

Earth

Diameter = 3500 km Rotation period = synchronous

Phobos and Deimos

Diameter = \sim 25 km and \sim 15 km





Rotation period = synchronous

Some Atmosphere Charateristics

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MARS ENVIRONMENT



Pressure

 Averages 7.5 millibars. (1000 millibars at sea level on Earth) It can vary by 50% depending on the location on Mars and time of year.

Temperature

- Average temperature on Mars: -55 ° C (218 K; -67 ° F)
- Nights are much colder than days
- High: > 20 $^{\circ}$ C (293 K; 68 $^{\circ}$ F) (noontime at the equator)
- Low: < -153 ° C (120 K; -243 ° F) (during the polar night)
- Midlatitudes: 20 $^{\circ}$ C with a nighttime minimum of 60 $^{\circ}$ C

Humidity

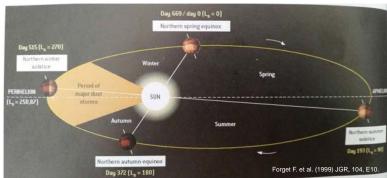
- 100% during the night, when it is very cold, and varies during the day.

Wind

- Maximums measured by the Viking Landers was 30 m/s (60 mph), average of 10 m/s (20 mph). However, the wind is not strong.

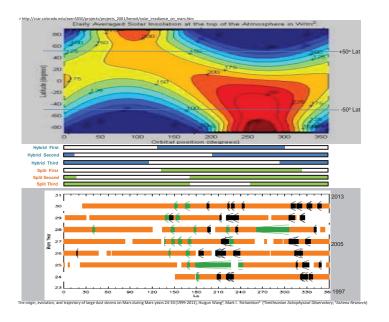
Seasons on Mars

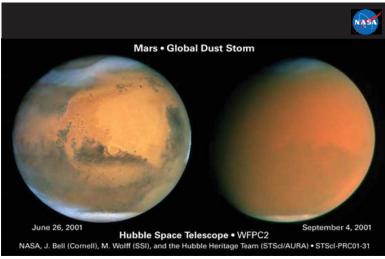


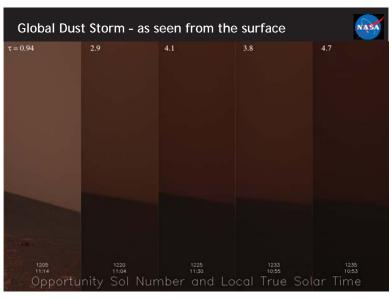


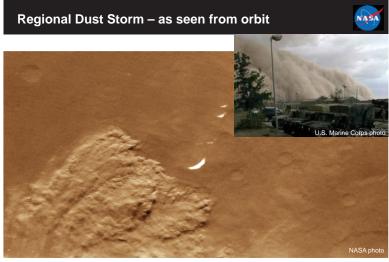
The surface receives 40% more sunlight during perihelion than during aphelion.

Perihelion: Dust storms Aphelion: Cloud belts













Dust Devils – as seen from orbit









"Feels Like" Wind Speed

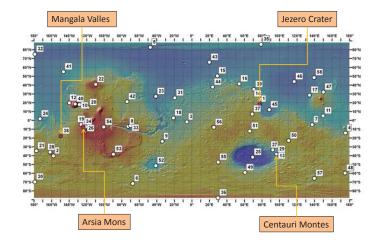


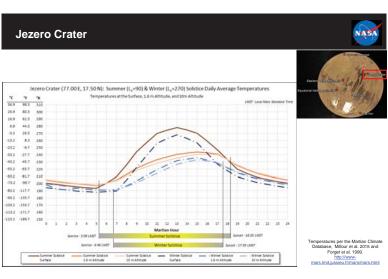
HEM-SAG candidate Mars landing sites

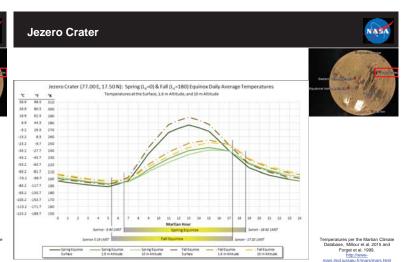


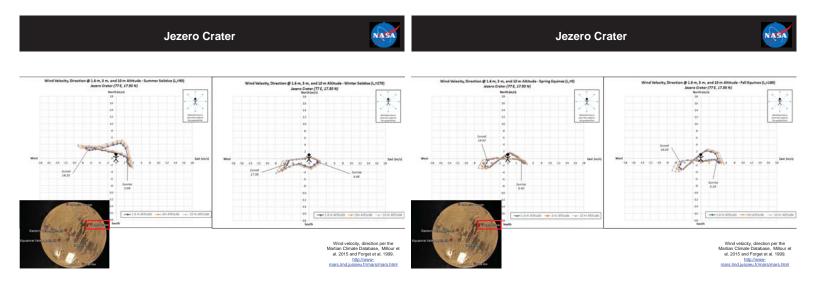
Wind spee	speed on Mars			wind speed (at STP)
mph	m/s	dynamic pressure	m/s	mph
10	4.5	0.2367	0.6	1.4
50	22.4	5.9169	3.0	6.8
67	30.0*	10.6587	4.1	9.1
100	44.7	23.6677	6.1	13.5
150	67.1	53.2523	9.1	20.3

^{*} Highest measured wind speed on the surface of Mars: Viking 2 Lander site – Utopia Planitia









Mars Surface Field Station Capabilities "Scorecard"



NASA

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- Exploration Zone
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 - Less than 2 km elevation

Mars Environment

Conjunction: Maximum Earth-Mars distance varies from 350-400 million km.

Round-trip communication time varies from 40-45 minutes; also solar occultation (i.e., no communication) for approx. 2 weeks.

Orbital period

Equatorial radius

- Seasonal changes
- Periodic dust storms

• Mars Environment (cont.)

MARS

EARTH (

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- Daylight (at 50 deg lat):
 - ~15 hrs (summer solstice)
 - ~9 hrs (winter solstice)
- Temperature range (extremes):
 - Highs > ~20 deg C
 - Lows < ~ -110 deg C
- Winds: typically < 20 m/s with low dynamic pressure

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MISSION PLANNING BASICS

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Earth-Mars Orbital Characteristics

MARS



Opposition: Minimum Earth-Mars distance varies from 60-100 million km.

Round-trip communication time varies from 6-11 minutes

Earth

365 days

30 km/sec

6378 km BGD-LS-98-002

Orbital period

Mean velocity

Equatorial radius

Mars Mission Modes

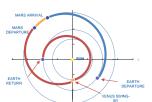


- Round-trip human missions to Mars are double rendezvous problems
 - Relative phasing of Earth-Mars (outbound leg) must be considered along with the relative phasing Mars-Earth (return leg)
- · This leads to two distinct mission classes

Short-Stay (Opposition Class)

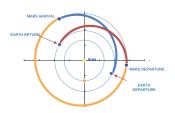
Variations of missions with short Mars surface stays and may include Venus

 Often referred to as Opposition Class missions



Long-Stay (Conjunction Class)

- Variations about the minimum energy mission
- Often referred to as Conjunction
 Class missions



Delta-V Variations

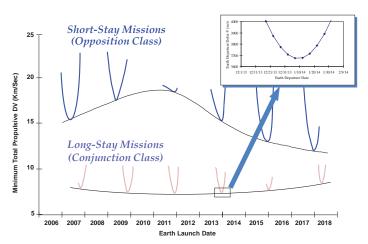
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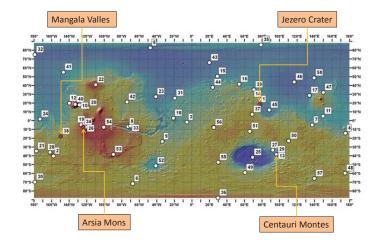
24 km/sec



HEM-SAG candidate Mars landing sites







HEM-SAG Exploration Map for Jezero Crater 76'30E 77'0E 77'30E 78'0E 78'30E 78'

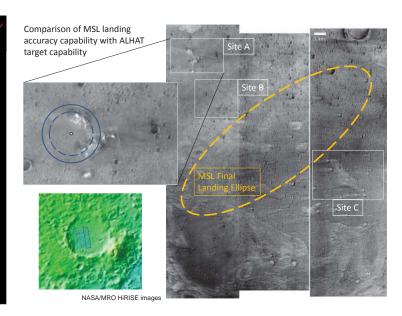


Challenges of Landing on Mars

Landing Supplies for a Human Mission Requires Greater Landing Accuracy

Because multiple landings will be required to deliver all the equipment and supplies needed, Human missions may require accuracy within 100 meters

1976 Viking



Landing Site Symbology

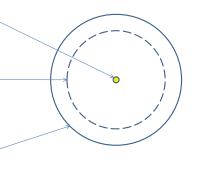


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100 meter diameter circle inside of which the ALHAT system is targeting for delivery of a lander

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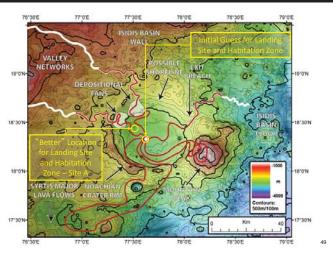
Common Lander with representative payload NASA image

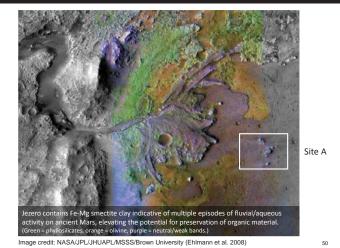
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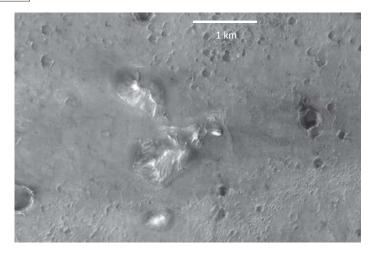
Landing Site 'A' Within Jezero Crater



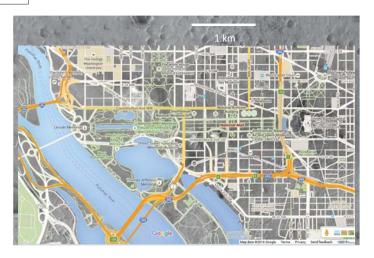




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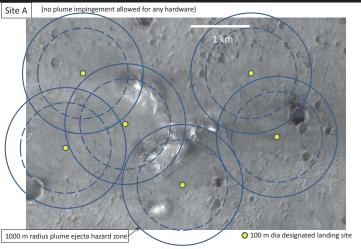


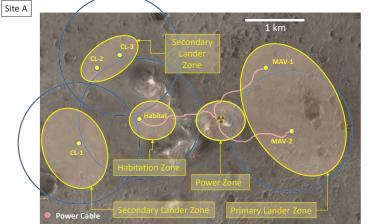
Non-Interfering Landing Zones at Site A



Example of Field Station Layout with Specific Utilization Zones Identified





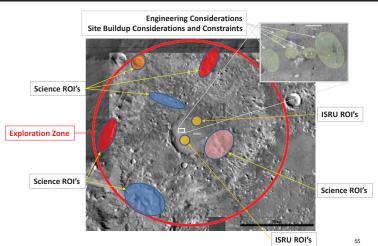


Example Mars Surface Field Station and Surrounding Regions of Interest (ROI's)



Mars Surface Field Station Capabilities "Scorecard"





- EMC Assumptions
 - Operational in the 2030s and beyond
 - Crew of four
 - Multiple visits to the same site
- Research Support
 - Physical sciences
 - Biological sciences
 - Atmospheric sciences
 - Human physiology - ISRU and civil engineering applied
- technology
- Exploration Zone - 100 km radius activity zone
 - +/- 50 deg. latitude
 - Less than 2 km elevation
- Mars Environment
 - Seasonal changes
 - Periodic dust storms

- Mars Environment (cont.)
 - Daylight (at 50 deg lat):
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 - Temperature range (extremes):
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· Crew/Mission Planning

- Occupied up to ~500 days followed by TBD days of dormancy
- Approximately 25 sq km area for Field Station infrastructure



Mars Surface Field Station Evolutionary Phases





THE EVOLVABLE MARS **CAMPAIGN**

Evolvable Mars Campaign Development

Capabilities Needed to Achieve Primary Objectives and Defining Characteristics



Utilization

- Indefinite stay time on the surface will be enabled by:
 - · Reliable source of power
 - Reliable source of breathable air and potable water
 - . Ability to produce food, consistent with a basic but balanced diet and sufficient to support a crew of four (TBR)
 - · Protection from / mitigation of (harmful) environmental effects
 - · Ability to maintain and repair emplaced infrastructure using local resources and supplies (i.e., existing infrastructure can be maintained but not necessarily expanded)

- Interplanetary transportation system for crew and cargo
- EDL at a scale sufficient to support human mission payload needs and landing accuracy
- Basic habitation
- Support infrastructure (i.e., power, communications, etc.)

• Mars Surface Proving Ground

- Capabilities and knowledge / experience sufficient to *bridge the gap* between Emplacement and Utilization
 - · This includes addressing the known unknowns and any unknown unknowns revealed to be an impediment to achieving Utilization objectives

Field Station Analog – McMurdo Station Antarctica



British National Antarctic Expedition 1902

R.F. Scott's "winter quarters hut." Used for both local scientific research and as a logistical base for traverses inland.



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Permanent occupation - 1955 Naval Air Facility McMurdo part of "Operation Deep Freeze" to support the International Geophysical Year. A collection of semi-permanent structures (e.g., tents, Jamesway huts)



McMurdo Station Today



Antarctica's largest community and a functional, modern-day science station, including a harbour, three airfields (two seasonal), a heliport, and more than 100 permanent buildings





Representative Mission Phases



Surface System Elements Needed for the Emplacement Phase



- Phase 0 Prior to Cargo Landing
- Observations and investigations of the landing site by previously deployed orbital and surface assets
- Characterize habitability, including potential special region
- Phase 1 Post Cargo Landing (~2.25 Years)
 Cargo Landing
- FSPS and ISRU deployment
- Exploration by robotic assets, micro-climate monitoring
- Final crewed landing site selection
- Phase 2 Crew Landing & Acclimation (~30 Sols)
- Crew Landing and acclimation to Mars gravity enviro
 Additional deployment of assets and local science investigations as time and capabilities permit
- Phase 3 Local Exploration (~30 Sols)
- EVAs within local area (~10 km) to set up central stations and complete initial science objectives
- Deployment of Deep drill system
- Phase 4 Regional Exploration (~410 Sols)
- Up to 19 separate 15-sol traverses with 2 SPRs
 Mobility extends up to ~200 km from landing site
- Sample analysis and follow-on local investigations continue
- Phase 5 Preparation for Ascent (~30 Sols)
- Final curation of samples and preparation of MAV
- Crewed Launch with contingency window
- Phase 6 Post Crew Departure
- Robotic assets continue exploration

Mission E2
Cargo (DAIS)
Crew (MTV)
Mission E3
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Mission E4
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The figure above illustrates the relative sequence of each phase with trajectory data for a Mars surface mission set to occur in the early 2030 time frame.

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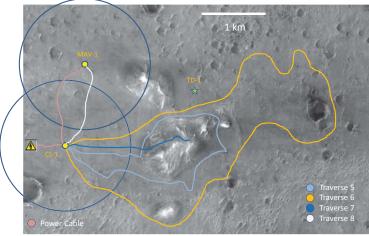
- Prepare a surface mission plan based on the objectives set for the EZ
- Customize the mission plan based on discoveries made and lessons learned by previous crews
- Develop a science payload (1000 kg allocated) based on the customized mission plan

- Mars Ascent Vehicle (MAV)
- Crew Descent Module
- Atmospheric ISRU
- Power (4 x 10 kW units)
- Robotic Rovers
 - Special regions
 - Crew support
- Cargo Off-loading
- Habitation
- Tunnel
- Science payloads

- Logistics modules
- Logistics
 - Crew consumables
 - Fixed system spares
 - Mobile system spares
 - EVA spares
- Mobility platform to reposition payloads
- Small unpressurized rover (crew)
- Small pressurized rover (crew)

Surface Habitat Concept NASA Image

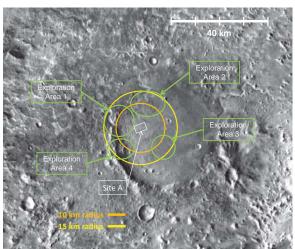
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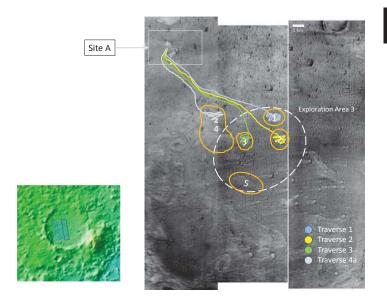
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Site A

Mission 6: Full-scale Surface Habitat with Intermediate Stay Crew

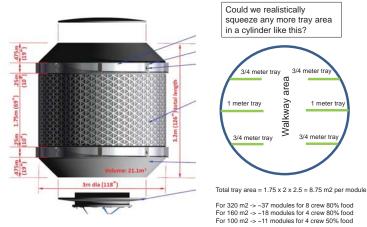






Converting Logistics Modules for Food Growth





Conceptual Plant Growth Chamber



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 - Station infrastructure

• Field Station Capabilities

- Habitation (4 people x 500 days)
- "Dedicated" research support volume
- Communication (locally out to 100 km and high volume with Earth)
- Power (current estimate 40 kW)
- Surface transportation (EVA and SPR)
- Maintenance/repair for all of the above



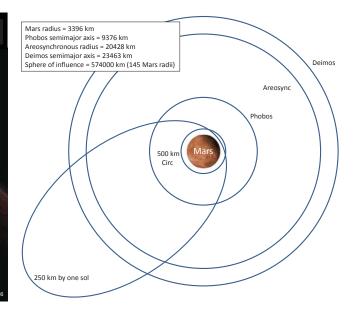


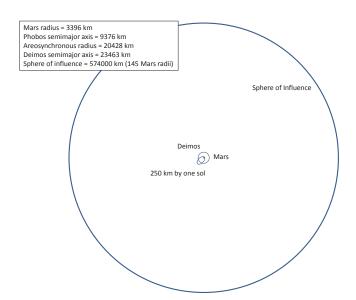
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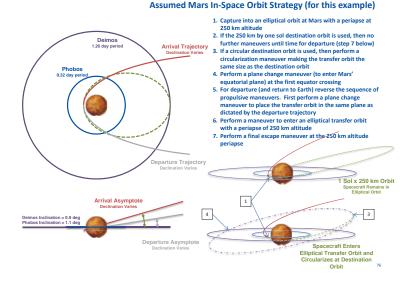
BACKUP

Strategic Principles for Sustainable Exploration

- Implementable in the near-term with the buying power of current budgets and in the longer term with budgets commensurate with economic growth;
- Exploration enables science and science enables exploration, leveraging robotic expertise for human exploration of the solar system
- Application of high Technology Readiness Level (TRL) technologies for near term missions, while focusing sustained investments on technologies and capabilities to address challenges of future missions;
- Near-term mission opportunities with a defined cadence of compelling and integrated human and robotic missions providing for an incremental buildup of capabilities for more complex missions over time;
- Opportunities for U.S. commercial business to further enhance the experience and business base;
- Resilient architecture featuring multi-use, evolvable space infrastructure, minimizing unique major developments, with each mission leaving something behind to support subsequent missions; and
- Substantial new international and commercial partnerships, leveraging the current International Space Station partnership while building new cooperative ventures.







10t Mars Surface Logistics Module



06-30-2015



Category	Mass (kg)
Structure	1,725
Protection	0
Propulsion	0
Power	220
Control	0
Avionics	55
Thermal	170
ECLSS	260
Crew Systems	15
Growth	290
Dry Mass Total	2,735
External Frame	110
Project Manager's Reserve	285
TOTAL	3,130

<u>Description</u>: The 10t Mars Surface Logistics Module provides pressurized delivery of logistics payloads to Mars surface. The logistics module is packaged within the lander shroud during transit to Mars. There is no specific allocation for MMOD protection. The module supports and secures pressurized cargo throughout all launch, transit, and Mars descent loads. The intends structure includes frames to secure multi-row packing of CTBEs. The module will maintain conditioning of payload for extended durations on lander (5-3 4 years) prior to crew arrival on surface and transfer thabitat. The ECLISS contains atmospheric monitoring, air recharge, and passive and active thermal control systems. The module provides structural habitat. The ECLISS contains atmospheric monitoring, air recharge, and passive and active thermal control systems. The module provides structural the cargo in the control of the surface of the control of the

Design Constraints/Parameters

Pressurized Vol. Maximum Number of CTBEs

Maximum Loaded Mass 5,770 kg

69 m3 472

Destination Module Length Module Diameter

Wars Surface Exploration Vehicle April 2014



Design Constraints/Parameters
Pressurized Vol. 12.0 m³
Habitable Vol. 10.8 m3 10.8 m3 Max Crew Capacity Max Crew-Day Capacity* 14 crew-days *Core vehicle capacity Est. power, uncrewed Est. power, crewed 2 kW Solar power generation 3 kW Total Batter Energy Storage 100 kW-h Depth of Discharge ECLSS System Max Speed 20 km/hr Range 100s of km Max. Length Max. Width Max Height

	Ma	iss (kg)
Category	Cabin	Chassis
Structure	1456	334
Protection	40	0
Propulsion (Wheeled)	0	237
Power	535	104
Control	30	39
Avionics	145	14
Environ./Active Therm	415	17
Other	120	0
Growth	823	224
DRY MASS SUBTOTAL	3564	969
Non-cargo	10	0
Cargo	579	0
INERT MASS SUBTOTAL	4153	969
Non-propellant	440	0
Propellant	0	0
TOTAL WET MASS	4593	969

The MSEV is configured as a destination servicing/exploration system for short term mission durations with the capability to support EVAs from the two suitports. The system consists of a core cabin and a destination-appropriate mobility chassis, plus a grappling/docking system, Augmentation modules e.g. a Portable Utility Pallet (PUP) can extend operational durations and ranges.





Example: Mission Manifests



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Large Facilities Office Workshop May 26, 2016 Environmental Compliance and Permitting for NSF Funded Projects

Environmental Compliance and Permitting Environmental Compliance Permitting Permitting * Typically, it is the Awardee's responsibility * Occurs before a funding decision is made * Permits are obtained after a funding decision is made

What Is Environmental Compliance?

- Federal agencies must consider the impacts of their proposed activities on the environment as part of their decision-making processes.
- Major federal statutes requiring environmental compliance include:
 - National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA")
 - National Historic Preservation Act ("NHPA")
 - Endangered Species Act ("ESA")

Threshold Issues

- •What are examples of triggers for federal agencies' environmental compliance obligations?
 - An activity, the issuance of a license or permit, or the issuance of federal funds
 - At NSF, compliance is triggered by the issuance of federal funds
- •When does compliance begin and end?
 - Compliance should begin at the *earliest* possible point in the process, but **only after a proposal is deemed** viable for funding
 - Compliance should end when the steps have been completed and documented, but before a decision is reached

Roles of Program Officer, PI, and OGC

- Program Officers: Responsible for identifying viable proposals and determining whether significant environmental impacts are anticipated
- PI's: Responsible for providing program officers sufficient information to determine whether significant environmental impacts may result
- OGC: Responsible for providing support (i.e., training, tools, advice and assistance) to program officers so that NSF's environmental compliance obligations can be met

Environmental Compliance at NSF

- 1. Program Officer identifies viable proposals
- Program Officer notifies PI and requests that the Organization Environmental Impacts Checklist be completed
- 3. Upon receipt of the completed *Checklist*,
 Program Officer determines (with the help of EC
 Team, if requested) whether compliance can be
 completed in-house or with the assistance of a
 contractor
- 4. If negligible or no impacts are anticipated, Program Officer completes NSF Record of Environmental Compliance

Environmental Compliance at NSF - continued

- 1. If impacts are anticipated, Program Officer may use NSF's Blanket Purchase Agreement to complete compliance work
- 2. Environmental impacts are factored into NSF's decision-making process
- 3. Completion of environmental compliance can take from a couple of minutes to over a year, depending upon the level of impacts associated with the proposed project

Major Environmental Compliance Statutes Implicated by NSF's Funding Decisions

- National Environmental Policy Act: Requires federal agencies to consider impacts on the human environment before decisions are made
- National Historic Preservation Act: Requires federal agencies to consider impacts on significant historic, cultural, and archeological resources before decisions are made
- Endangered Species Act: Requires federal agencies to consider impacts on endangered and threatened species and their habitats

NEPA Compliance: Three Levels of Review

- Categorical Exclusions: Pursuant to NSF regulations, no significant impacts are anticipated to result (most NSF proposals fall under this category)
- Environmental Assessments: Activities that are not categorically excluded, but are not anticipated to result in significant impacts (some NSF proposals)
- Environmental Impact Statement: Activities that are anticipated to result in significant impacts (few NSF proposals fall under this category)

Note: OGC can assist in determining appropriate level of environmental review

Examples of Activities Requiring Limited Environmental Review

- Interior alterations/renovations
- Theoretical and/or laboratory research
- Data analysis/Modeling
- Planning/conducting scientific workshops/conferences
- Conducting day-to-day management activities of FFRDCs
- Educational development grants
- Scholarships/Fellowships
- Purchasing Equipment
- Field work not affecting the environment
- Activities having minor disturbance to the local environment
- Drilling/excavation of the earth with no significant impacts

National Historic Preservation Act: the Section 106 Process Is there an undertaking? If yes, determine Area of Potential Effects Identify interested parties for consultation Are historic properties affected by proposed action? If they are, determine whether effects are adverse adverse Identify historic properties and determine significance

Endangered Species Act

- Requires NSF to determine whether endangered/threatened species and/or their habitat are present in the area of the proposed project
- Requires determination of anticipated effects to such species/habitat
- Preparation of Biological Assessment if formal consultation with USFWS or NMFS is required
- Incidental Take Permit might also be required

Streamlining Environmental Compliance

- Overlap exists in requirements of planning statutes such as NEPA, the NHPA, and the ESA
- ❖NEPA document can be used as an umbrella document to demonstrate compliance with other statutes such as the NHPA, and ESA

Permitting

- Awardees typically are the entities responsible for obtaining required permits to carry out the proposed activities.
- Permitting does not include environmental compliance responsibilities – permitting occurs after NSF has issued a decision to fund the proposed activities.

Examples of Permits

- Construction Permit
- Research Permit
- Special-Use Permits (SUP)
 - Note that when a SUP is issued by a federal agency (i.e., the National Park Service or the National Forest Service), that agency will have to complete its environmental compliance processes before issuing the SUP.

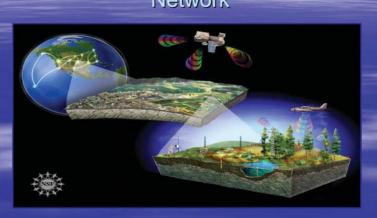
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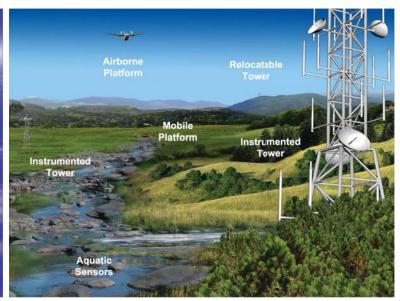
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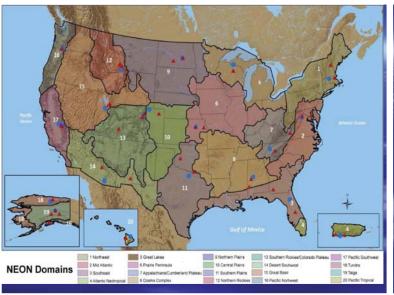
- 1. Few, if any, impacts were anticipated
- 2. EA/FONSI



National Ecological Observatory Network

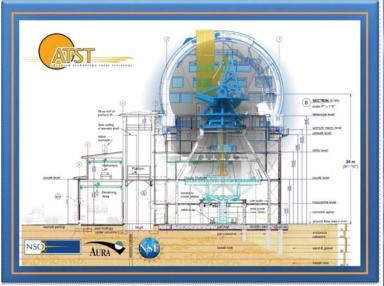








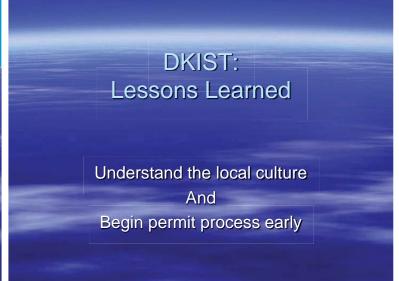












Additional Thoughts

- Do not imply that the decision is a done deal; refer to the project as the "proposed project"
- All memoranda, correspondence (including letters and e-mails), technical studies, records of public participation, public comments, notes, etc. become part of the administrative record
- Try to develop more than one action alternative if possible; if not possible, explain why other alternatives were not selected
- Begin environmental compliance early on in the decision-making process

Resources

- NSF: Caroline M. Blanco, Assistant General Counsel, <u>cblanco@nsf.gov</u>, (703) 292-4592
- *ECOs: Kristen Hamilton and Holly Smith
- Legal Analyst: Dana Thibodeau
- NEPA: Council on Environmental Quality (www.NEPA.gov)
- NHPA: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (<u>www.achp.gov</u>)

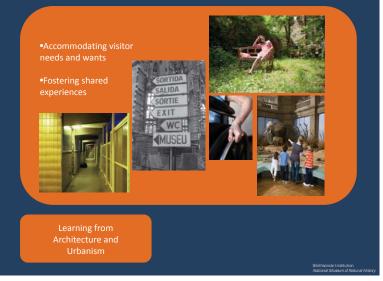






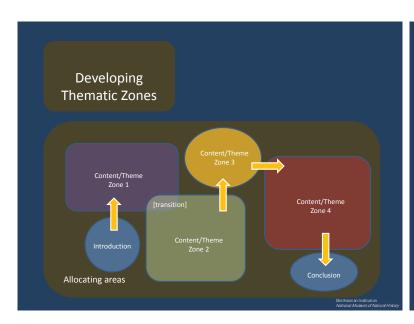












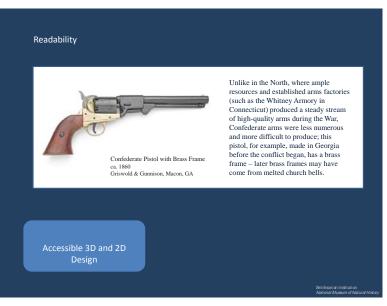


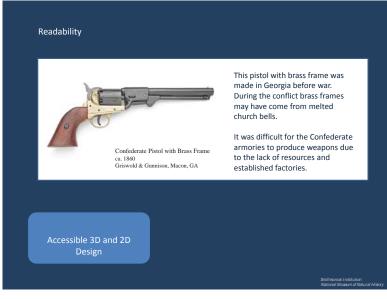


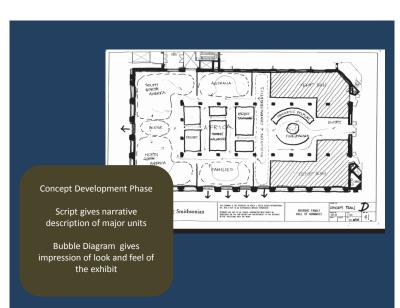


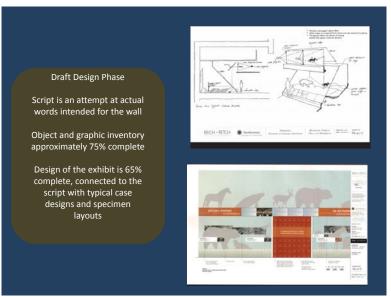


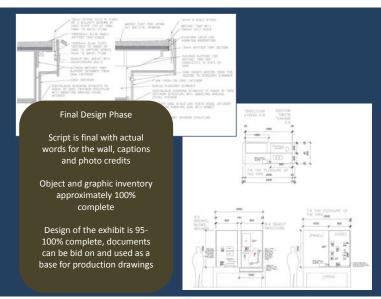




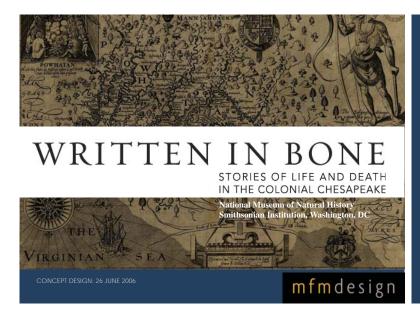










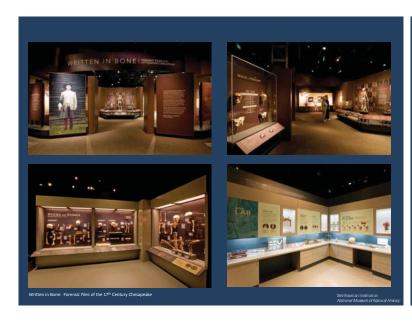


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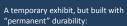
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- To explain how forensic anthropology has enlarged our view of early colonization in the Chesapeake, the century that made Americans physically and culturally American
- To convey the vital importance of scientifically studying human skeletal remains, because they can contain information unavailable from any other source in the scientific leads in means

WRITTEN IN BONE STORIES OF LIFE AND DEATH

m f m d e s i g n







- •Museum receives 7 million visitor
- •Fragile items require solid substrates
- •Lighting and environmental concerns
- same as with permanent exhibit.

 Opened early 2008, now extended to

2014

Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17th Century Chesapeak





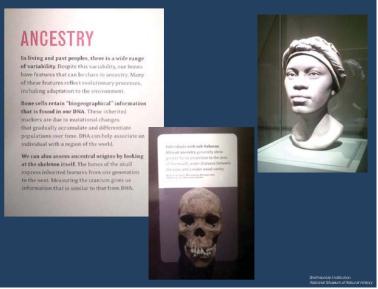












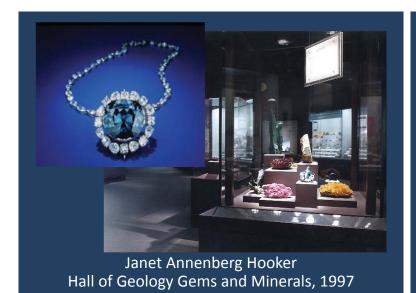














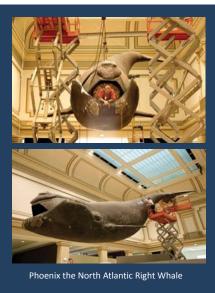




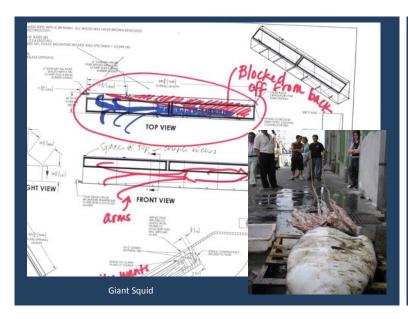




















Purpose and Goals

Development of the NSF Process for Validation and Acceptance of Facility Project EVMS NSF is establishing guidelines and requirements for Earned Value Management Systems (EVMS) for evaluating construction project status and management. Other federal agencies have established EVMS requirements, with varying ranges of rigor, depth of inspection, and involvement by external EVM professionals, that are based upon the 32 EIA Standard 748 quidelines.

Please provide thoughts and experiences on the impacts and benefits of EVMS evaluation to inform development of NSF EVM guidance and requirements for the 2017

revision to the LFM.

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Earned Value Management –

Certification or Verification?

Breakout Session

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"Obtain certification of AURA's EVM system for LSST and validate EVM data for LSST" OIG Alert Memo #15-3-001

IG Recommendations for

EVMS Validation and Certification:

"Validat(e) AURA's EVM data for DKIST, and certify AURA's EVM system." "OIG Alert Memo #16-3-004

"In light of the critical insights robust EVM data can provide those managing and overseeing projects, NSF should take decisive action to ensure the quality of EVM data on all its large construction projects." IG to US house of Representatives Subcommittee on Research and Technology, Feb 4, 2016

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IG Comments on EVMS Validation and Certification: OIG Alert Memos #15-3-001 and 16-3-004

"Certification of an EVM system is needed to ensure that an awardee maintains an acceptable EVM system, which includes data to support scheduling of work and interim progress measures, among other things. Our examination of thresholds other federal agencies use when determining whether an awardee's EVM system should be certified found thresholds of \$10 million and \$50 million...."

"Certification of an EVM system, including supporting data, is conducted by the Defense Contract Management Agency to ensure that an awardee maintains an acceptable EVM system.."

Terms

Validation: review and acceptance for compliance with EIA-748

Certification: typically refers to the DOD one-time issuance of a letter of acceptance by DCMA after validation. (once

certified, EVMS can be used for multiple projects.)

Surveillance: periodic reviews to verify proper implementation

after initial validation and acceptance

Federal Agency Practices

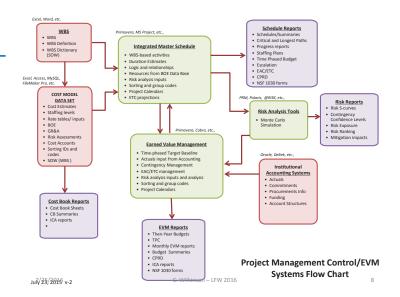
- DOD, NASA use DMCA validation/certification requirements and DCMA professionals
- Many Non-DOD agencies use self-validation, peer validation, or other third-party validation according to various thresholds.
 - Third-party validation by EVM professionals most desirable for 'large capital acquisitions'
 - Acceptance/approval methods vary
- Validations can take months and \$\$\$ normally consist of initial visits, progress assistance visits for project corrections, and actual validation reviews (names vary by performing agency).

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NSF Response to IG

- NSF is evaluating the benefits of EVM system validation/certification as a requirement for facilities projects.
- LFO performed a pilot validation of EVM data for LSST as part of the 2016 annual review process.
- LFO is drafting a Standard Operating Guide (SOG) for EVMS Validation
- Seeking community input on the impacts and benefits of EVMS validation implementation

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NSF Pilot EVMS Evaluation of LSST

- Conducted in tandem but separate from annual review
- 3 Reviewers: certified EVM professional contractor, LFO staffer, and SME for telescope projects
 - Did not use DCMA reviewers
- 3 weeks of EVMS document reviews
- 2 days of on site interviews AURA and LSST staff
- Issued report stating 'In compliance with areas for improvement' (not exactly acceptance/certification)
- Project response by next annual review (late 2016)
- Repeat surveillance by reviewing implementation at time of 2017 annual review
- Duration ~ 5 weeks with Cost to program ~\$10K

Pilot Review Process

- Review documents for compliance with the 32 EIA-478 standards
- Interview project accounting, project controls, and project team members for knowledge and proper implementation against documentation and EIA-478 standards
- Use interview templates for consistency
- Fill out EIA-478 checklist and report findings

Steps to SOG

- Decide whether NSF uses DCMA certification or it's own version of written "acceptance/approval"
- Settle on thresholds and processes for review -> correct -> final review and acceptance/approval, including designating approvers
- Agree on qualifications and number of reviewers (3rd party EVMP versus DCMA)
- Improve interview templates and EIA-checklist as needed; create standard report and "acceptance" letter templates
- Determine timing and requirements for initial and follow-up surveillance
- Determine who pays for validation and surveillance reviews
- Differentiate deeper dive for initial review (pre-FDR) from surveillance reviews=> larger initial burden (time and money)
- Likely to require project implementation of EVM tools and processes during Final Design phase in order to be able to pass initial EVM validation as part of FDR.
- Determine process for dealing with chronic non-compliance

Compliance Review Checklist (CRC) that correlates each guideline in ANSI/EIA-748 to the corresponding process in the program or project written

- ment procedures.

 a. For each of the 32 guidelines, state whether or not the program or project's documented management procedures neet the intent of the b. Provide a corresponding reference to the program or project's written management procedures for each guideline
- c. Determine the proposed procedures for application of the EVMS requirements to suppliers per NSF guidelines for sub-awards and

- Metrics for Grading whether the Intent of the ANSI guideline is met are

 High (Green) satisfactorily meets all aspects of the guideline

 Medium (Yellow)- has non-critical issues with meeting some aspects of the guideline
 - . Low (Red) fails to meet one or more critical aspects of the guideline

Guideline - ANSI/EIA- 748-B	NSF-Adjusted Guideline Description	Team Lead(s)	Intent Met? High/ Med/ Low	Project Management Procedure Reference & Notes	Comments/Findings	
Organization						
2-1a. Define Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)	 Organize the authorized scope of work into a product-oriented work presidours structure (WBS), with no co-mingling of funds in the defined elements. Tailor the VBS hierarchy such that sub-element and sub-work packages can be summarized up to higher levels and effective infernal management control can be implemented. (LFM 3.4 Project Execution Plan) 	Richard, Carol				
2.1b Define Organization Breakdown Structure (OBS)	 Identify the project organizational structure including the major subcontractors responsible for accomplishing the authorized work, and define the organizational elements in which work will be planned and controlled. (LFM 3.4 Project Execution Plan) 	Richard, Carol				
2.2c Establish time-phased	Establish and maintain a time-phased, fully burdened budget baseline, at the control account	Kellie, Richard				

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	measured. Initial budgets established for performance measurement will be based on either infernel management goals or the external customer negotiated target cost including estimates for authorized but undefinitized work. Budget for far-lern efforts may be held in higher level accounts until an appropriate time for allocation at the control account level. If an over target baseline is used for performance measurement reporting purposes, prior notification must be provided to the customer.				
2.2d Assign cost element categories to budgets for authorized work	 Establish burdened budgets for authorized work with identification of NSF cost elements (labor, material, etc.) as needed for internal management and for control of contractors. (http://www.nsf.gov/pube/policydocs/pappquide/n sf16001/gpq_2/sp#IC2q) 	Kellie. Richard			
2.2e Identify discrete work packages	10. To the extent it is practical to identify the authorized voits in discrete work packages, establish budgets for this work in terms of dollars, hours, or other measurable units. Where the entire control account is not subdivided into work packages, identify the far term effort in larger planning packages for budget and scheduling purposes.	Richard, Kellie			
2.2f All work package budgets and planning packages sum to control account	Provide that the sum of all work package budgets plus planning package budgets within a control account equals the control account budget.	Kellie, Richard			
2.2g Identify and control LOE budgets	 Identify and control level of effort activity by time-phased budgets established for this purpose. Only that effort which is not measurable or for which measurement is impractical may be classified as level of effort. 	Kellie, Richard			

Guideline - ANSI/EIA- 748-B		Guideline Description	Team Lead(s)	Intent Met? High/ Med/ Low	Project Management Procedure Reference & Notes	Comments/Findings
2.2h Establish overhead budgets by organization element	significant org expenses which Reflect in the pappropriate lea are planned as	overhead budgets for each anizational component for th will become indirect costs. program budgets, at the rel, the amounts of overhead that indirect costs.	Kellie, Richard			
2.1c Earned Value Management Systems (EVMS) integrated with WBS and OBS	(EVMS), as procontrols plan, budgeting, wo accumulation appropriate, the structure and the structure a	earned value management system if of the project management for the integration of the planning, it authorization and cost processes with each other, and as e project work breakdown he program organizational, if 3.4 Project Execution Plan)	Carol, Kellie			
2.1d Identify Organization/Function for overhead	Identify the organization or function responsible for controlling overhead (indirect costs).		Kellie			
2.1e Create control accounts integrated with WBS and OBS for EVMS	Provide for integration of the project work breakdown structure and the project organizational structure in a manner that permits cost and schedule performance measurement by elements of either or both structures as needed. (LFM 3.4 Project Execution Plan)		Kellie			
Planning, Scheduling and Budgeting						415
2-2a Create Integrated Master Schedule (IMS)	Schedule the authorized work in a manner which describes the sequence of work and identifies significant task interdependencies required to meet the requirements of the project. (LFM 3.4 Project Execution Plan)		Carol, Richard			
2.2b Identify interim measures for progress	technical perfo	sical products, milestones, ermance goals, or other indicators and to measure progress.	Carol, Richard			

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Guideline - ANSI/EIA- 748-B	NSF-Adjusted Guideline Description	Team Lead(s)	Intent Met? High/ Med/ Low	Project Management Procedure Reference & Notes	Comments/Findings
2.2i Identify contingency budget	 Identify cost and schedule contingency budget per LFM Sections 4.2 and 5.2. 	Carol. Richard			
2.2j Reconcile the sum of all budgets with the Total Project Cost (TPC)	 Provide that the program target cost goal is reconciled with the sum of all internal program budgets and contingency amounts. 	Richard, Carol			
and memorial and the	Accounting Considerations				*
2.3a Record direct costs from accounting system	 Record direct costs in a manner consistent with the budgets in a formal system controlled by the general books of account. 	Kellie			
2.3b Summarize direct costs into WBS without multiple allocation	17. Summarize direct costs from control accounts into the work breakdown structure without allocation of a single control account to two or more work breakdown structure elements.	Kellie			
2.3c Summarize direct costs into OBS without multiple allocation	18. Summarize direct costs from the control accounts into the organizational elements without allocation of a single control account to two or more organizational elements.	Kellie			
2.3d Record indirect costs	Record all indirect costs which will be allocated to the program consistent with the overhead budgets.	Kellie			
2.3 e Identify unit or lot costs	 Identify unit costs, equivalent unit costs, or lot costs when needed. 	Kellie			
2.3f Accurate material cost accumulation; simultaneous EVM measurement; full accountability of material	2.1 For EVAIS, the material accounting system will provide for (1) Accurate cost accumulation and assignment of costs to control accounts in a manner consistent with the budgets using recognized; acceptable, costing techniques. (2) Cost recorded for accomplating work performed in the same period that earned value is measured and in the point in time most suitable measured and in the point in time most suitable earlier than the time of actual receipt of material. (3) Full accountability of all material purchased	Kellie, Richard			

Guideline - ANSI/EIA- 748-B	NSF-Adjusted	Guideline Description	Team Lead(s)	Intent Met? High/ Med/ Low	Project Management Procedure Reference & Notes	Comments/Findings
		Analysis and Management Repo	erts	A		
2.4a Monthly control account summary and EVM metrics	22. On a monthly basis, generate EVM reports including the following information at the control account and other levels as necessary for management control using actual cost data from or reconcilated with, the accounting systems (T) comparison of the amount of planned budget accomplished. This comparison provides the schedule variance, (2) Comparison of the amount of the budget exert and the fact of the budget exert and the fact costs for the same work. This comparison provides the same work. This comparison provides the cost		Richard, Carol			
2.4b Explain significant variances	23. Identify, on a monthly basis, the significant differences between both planned and actual schedule performance and planned and actual cost performance, and provide the reasons for the variances in the detail needed by program management. Provide plans for remediation.		Richard, Carol			
2.4c Identify and explain Indirect cost variances	24. Identify budgeted and applied (or actual) indirect costs at the level and frequency needed by management for effective control, along with the reasons for any significant variances.		Kellie			
2.4d Summarize data elements and variances for management reports	25, Summarize the data elements and associated variances through the program organization and/or work breakdown structure to support management needs and any customer reporting specified in the contract.		Carol, Richard			
2.4e Implement management actions as a result of EVM analysis	result of earne and schedule require submis	managerial actions taken as the d value information. Negative cost variances greater than -10% ission to NSF of a recovery plan or accomplishment.	Carol, Richard			
2.4f Revise cost and Schedule EAC and VAC on a periodic basis	27. Periodical EAC and end performance to	y develop revised estimates of date forecast based on o date, commitment values for estimates of future conditions.	Carol, Richard			

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Evaluating Facilitiesbased Education and **Public Outreach Activities**

John Taber & Michael Hubenthal Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology Hilarie Davis Technology for Learning

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Overview

- Why Education and Public Outreach (EPO) in a research facility?
- EPO evaluation needs
- One collaborative approach: Impact **Analysis Method**
- Potential outcomes
- Critical success factors for implementation

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Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology

- Formed in 1984
 - Global Seismic Network (with USGS)
 - Portable seismographs (PASSCAL)
 - Data management center
- Now includes
 - Education and Public Outreach
 - EarthScope Transportable Array
 - Ocean Bottom Seismograph Instrument Pool
 - Other instrumentation
- Over 120 member organizations and over 100 educational and foreign affiliates









Why EPO in a research facility?

- Strong NSF encouragement to add EPO
 - Initiation of NSF Broader Impacts criteria (1997)
 - First staff member in 1998
- Value of a facility EPO program
 - National consortium with local university connections
 - Strong community involvement
 - Unique data and scientific resources
 - Stable consortium structure for long-term programs
 - Professional staff
 - Considerable emphasis on outreach

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Positioning facility EPO programs Education and outreach spectrum **NSF** funded Facility-based Broader Impacts of education projects **EPO** programs science proposals (e.g. EHR) Single PI outreach Education research Detailed external evaluation Self reporting, counts IRIS Facilitate - Collaborate - Educate

Reporting metrics to NSF

- Instrumentation and data
 - Number of portable instruments available for the research community
 - % data availability of each seismic network



- % uptime for the Data Management Center
- EPO
 - Number of products and services provided

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Prior IRIS EPO evaluation approach

- Internal assessment during development and implementation
- Occasional external assessment at conclusion of projects
- Regular oversight by community steering committee
- Difficult to decide on appropriate level of evaluation for a very wide range of products and services



Need of IRIS EPO

We evaluate the products and programs in our portfolio....

> but could benefit from increased consistency and rigor.



Need to assess both quality and IRIS

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Desired Outcome:

Make evaluation an integral part of IRIS EPO staff's work so

- we can state why we do the activities we do (needs assessment),
- enhance the impact, and
- make evidence-based claims about our work.

Impact -The intended and unintended effects on the Behavior, Attitudes, Skills, Interest, Knowledge, (BASIK) of the participants (Friedman, 2008)

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Evaluation choice

- Adopted the Collaborative Impact Analysis Method of Davis and Scalice, 2015
- Used by a number of NASA EPO programs

 Designed to be implemented within existing EPO program

- Focus on incremental improvements

Evaluation Approach What is needed? Setting Clear Goals and Objectives Needs Assessment What to do? What were the effects? Increasing **Impact** Outcomes Program Design Measurement Based on How to do it? What was done? Fidelity of Implementation Davis & Scalice, 2015

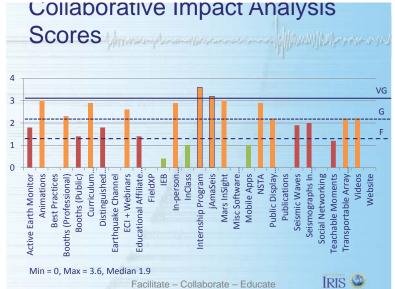
Process

- Consultations with external evaluator -Assess current evaluation for each project
- Internal staff development Consultations with external evaluator, presentation, reading
- Action plans Develop internal structures and reporting mechanisms to support evaluation
- Implementation Make incremental changes to our projects to improve rubric Facilitate - Collaborate - Educate SCOTES

Quantitative Collaborative Impact Analysis

Project Phase	Fair (1)	Good (2)	Very Good (3)	Excellent (4)
Needs Assessment What is the evidence of need?	Prior experience; "Seems like a good idea"	Research on what works; Literature review on similar programs/ products/ populations/ goals	Conversation with and/or direction from stakeholders (Focus Group); Experts review the ideas/plan	Survey of or pilot with potential audience/ users about the draft program
Goals and Objectives How measurable are the goals and objectives?	General direction; Understood by team; Agenda substituting for objectives	Explicit, written; For a target audience	Objectives are SMART: Specific, Measurable, Action-oriented, Realistic, Time-bound	Logic model of inputs, outputs, and outcomes in place
Design of Project How evidence- or research-based is the design?	Series of activities; Uses what has worked before	Based on objectives; Connects to standards; Includes contingency plans for emerging needs	Thematic; Has continuity; Participatory, personalized, responsive; Uses advanced organizers	Developmental; Embeds evaluation/ reflection
Implementation How true to the design is the implementation? (fidelity)	Facilitators prepare to implement the design	Collect and use feedback during implementation	High fidelity to design OR implements contingency plans to meet objectives if needed	Participants able to monitor their own progress against objectives
Outcomes Assessment/ Methods What is the evidence of impact on BASIK?	Post only survey or reflection; Follow up survey or interview; Web stats; Anecdotes; Facilitator reports	External evaluator observes, or does case studies; Pre/post self- report survey, reflections; Post only measure (test, retrospective survey, task)	Pre/post measures (tests, performance tasks, observation); Pre/post follow-up	Comparison group studies (quasi- experimental); Experimental study (random assignment)

Davis and Scalice, 2015



Post-consultation

- What we expect
 - Incremental improvement everywhere
- What we don't expect
 - Achieve a 4 everywhere, unless
 - · Core to the mission
 - Additional funding for enhancement/expansion

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· A gap in the literature we can uniquely fill



Action Plan - Examples

- Write SMART Objectives
- Conduct survey of existing users
- Review and update design criteria/critical features
- Request pre/post survey data from collaborative workshops
- Create a logic model for project
- Conduct needs assessment of Educational Affiliate members of IRIS

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IRIS/SSA Distinguished Lectureship - Example

- Initial Score 1.8
 - Needs Assessment 4
 - Goals and Objectives 2
 - Design 2
 - Implementation 1
 - Outcome Assessment 0



2016 Distinguished Lecturers

- Action Plan
 - Rewrite goals as SMART Objectives
 - Post lecture surveys
 - Speakers
 - Venue
 - Obtain feedback from SSA (partner organization)
- Projected Score 2.6

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Seismic Waves web application - Example

- Current Score <u>2.8</u>
- Actions
 - Needs assessment & competitive analysis 4
 - SMART objectives 3
 - Critical feature list (design)
 - Beta/Usability testing (implementation) 3
 - Revision based on testing (design) 4
 - Promotion (built from the above)
 - Measuring effects of use (outcomes) 1



Positive Effects on IRIS EPO

- Each project is explored in consultation with the evaluator, which provides
 - expert outside feedback
 - a benchmark score
 - possible pathways to improve the evaluation
- Promotes improvement, no matter the initial state



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Positive Effects on IRIS EPO

- Change in staff knowledge, attitude and behavior
 - Development of staff knowledge and skills regarding evaluation
 - Common language among staff
 - Increased enthusiasm to collect and share data
 - Desire for consultations to get evaluation
 - Inclusion of evaluative approaches up front for discussion of new activities

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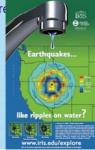
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Evaluation cycle

- Combines internal and external assessment
- Annually
 - Build internal capacity through consultations with external evaluator
 - Develop action plans to increase level of evaluation
 - Collect data and prepare annual report which is reviewed by external evaluator
- Every 2-3 years
 - Conduct total portfolio evaluation with external evaluator, followed by strategic planning

Potential items to report

- Lists of products/activities
- Accomplishments by project
- Audiences
- Types of impact (BASIK),
 - Counts of participants
 - Deeper intervention -evidence and nature of of impact
 - How measured
 - Generalizability
- Annually impact analysis scores by project, mean, median



Evaluation process

- How does this process differ from typical, single project evaluations?
 - Lower cost for external evaluator
 - Instead of commonly used 10% of budget
 - Depending on staff time instead
 - -Greater staff involvement and ownership
- Still challenging to include in flat budget environment

Potential facility model for evaluation

- Planning discussion with leadership
- Evaluator consultations with individual staff
- Staff develop/implement action plans
- Expert review and support with evaluation tools and analysis
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Critical Success Factors

- Some existing internal evaluation expertise
- Clear leadership commitment and involvement
- Intentional cultural change
- Ongoing support from exter
- Use of evaluation results for improvement and reporting

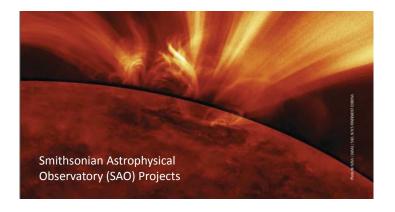


Summary

- Collaborative evaluation method
 - Capacity building of implementers
- Can be initiated at any stage of the project
- Evaluation integrated throughout the project life cycle
 - Ongoing use of data
- More focused implementation
 - More efficient use of resources
- Richer reporting to NSF
- Greater impact



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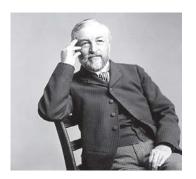


Common Challenges

- Extreme Climactic Conditions
- Facility Complexity
- Leased Properties and Sites
- Native American Lands
- Respect for Natural Habitat
- 24/7/365 Operations
- Aging Infrastructure
- Fiscal Planning Cycles
 Funding Constraints
 Competitive Science

- Tight Deadlines
- Maintenance
- Decommissioning





Samuel Pierpont Langley, 3rd Secretary of the Smithsonian Founder of Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory 1887



Fred Lawrence Whipple, Director Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory 1955-1973



July 1, 1973: Smithsonian Institution and Harvard University formalize their collaboration as the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (CfA)

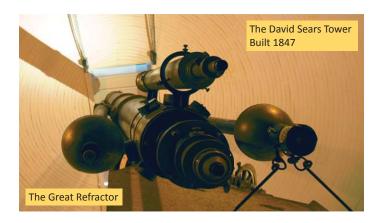
Coordinated strengths and combined staffs in six research divisions:

Atomic and Molecular Physics; High Energy Astrophysics; Optical and Infrared Astronomy; Radio and Geoastronomy; Solar, Stellar, and Planetary Sciences; and Theoretical Astrophysics.



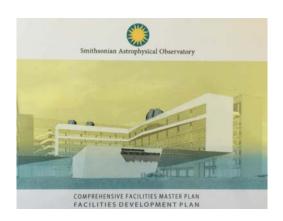


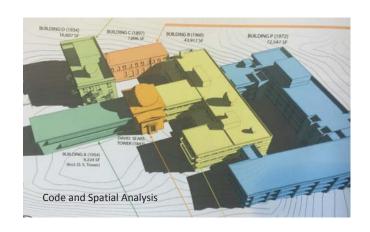






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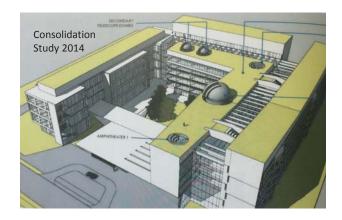




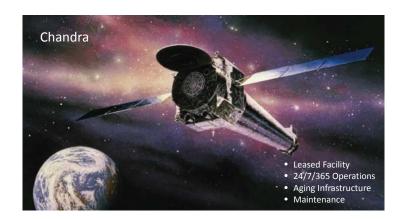




















Replace failing HVAC equipment and increase cooling capacity



Challenge - Replace HVAC systems while maintaining operations

























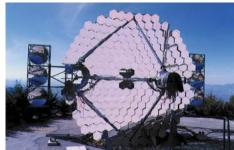






Dedication

Repurposing Site for New Science: 10 Meter Gamma Ray Telescope 1968-2011





Mountain Power

- Facility Complexity24/7/365 Operations
- Aging Infrastructure
- Maintenance



Existing Unisource Power 13800v Substation

Existing SAO 4160v Distribution System

Existing SAO Generator













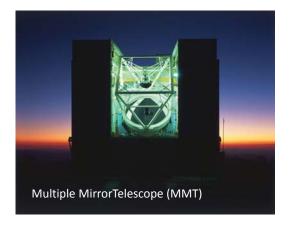






































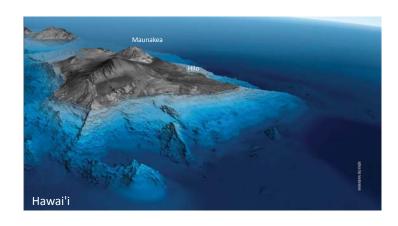






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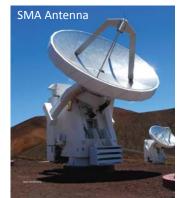


























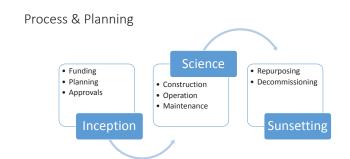


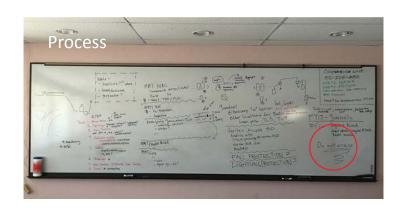


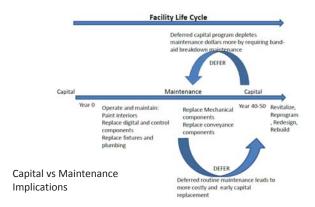
















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RECOMMENDATION 6.9

Large Facilities Workshop



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Recommendation 6.9 KNOWLEDGE **SHARING** management knowledge sharing across the agency and with award recipients "The NSF Academy should promote the formation of communities of INTERNAL practices and encourage staff participation." "The LFO should develop a lessons learned process and template to share best practices and implement a "lessons learned" requirement for all MREFC capture instructive experiences EXTERNAL from projects and to inform policies and practices to strengthen the management of future projects." **Focus** Large Facilities Workshop Today

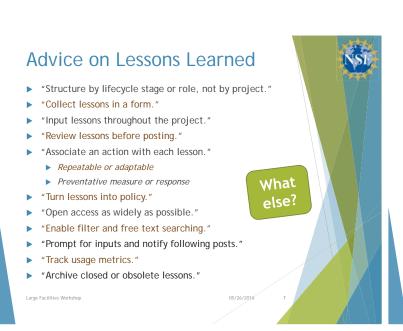
NAPA Likes & Dislikes & NSF PLANS Dislikes -NSF Plans to -LFM tasks LFO with No collection or Introduce a means distribution guidance to collect and sharing Lessons Learned (LL).1 provided distribute LL. DOE and NASA have LL Review DOE and policy and databases. NASA systems. Collect both DOE and NASA collect positive and both positive and negative lessons negative lessons. Inform agency policy with LLs 1. LFM NSF 15-89, Sec. 2.1.6 Large Facilities Workshop

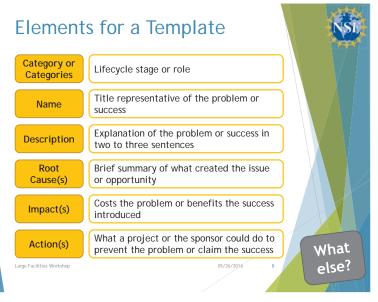
Questions

- What kinds of lessons learned would assist a project at each of its various stages?
- 2. What elements should a lessons learned template include?
- 3. How might NSF motivate projects to share both positive and negative lessons learned?
- 4. Who should input lessons learned and how often?
- 5. Who should have access to the lessons learned and under what circumstances would these groups have access?

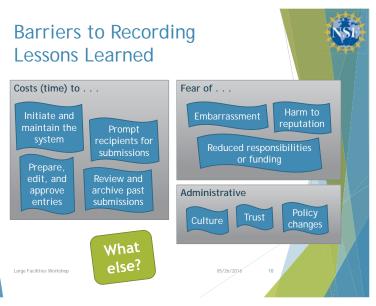






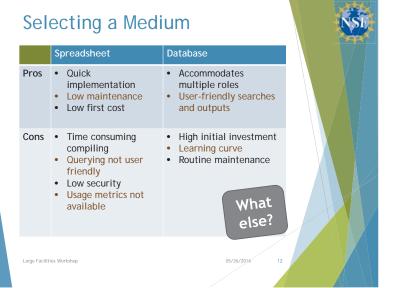


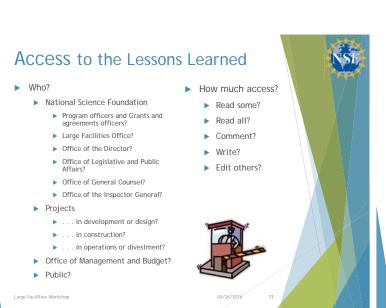






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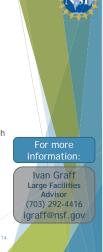




Next steps

- Slides posted on the workshop Web page
- Notes from the session included in the workshop proceedings
- Large Facilities Office (LFO) will pilot test a collection tool in fiscal year 2017
- ► The Large Facilities Manual (18-XX) will identify recipient requirements with options and approaches -
 - NSF will publish a public comment draft in April 2017 with comments accepted for three months
 - ► NSF will publish the final Large Facilities Manual in October 2017 to take effect in January 2018.
- LFO will issue its first report on its lessons learned system in March 2018.

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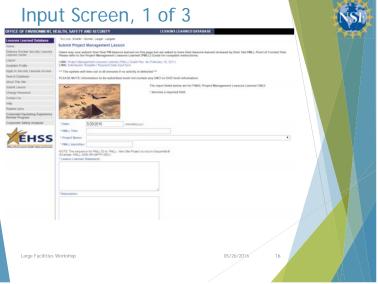


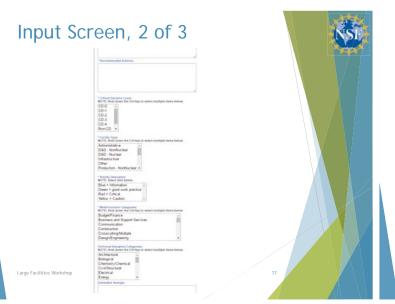
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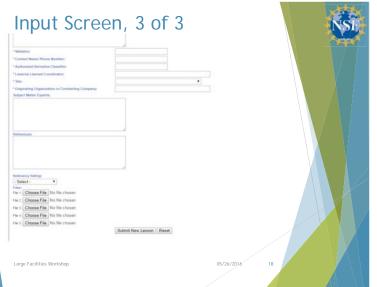
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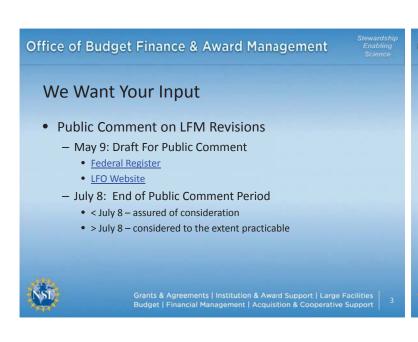














Grants & Agreements | Institution & Award Support | Large Facilities Budget | Financial Management | Acquisition & Cooperative Support

Key Content & Concepts Follow GAO Cost Estimating and Assessment Guide NAPA Panel Recommendation: "To further strengthen NSF's policy on cost estimating and ensure rigor in the process: 4.2 NSF should change current language in the Large Facilities Manual so that it is clear that award recipients are expected to follow the guidance in the Government Accountability Office's Cost Estimating and Assessment Guide

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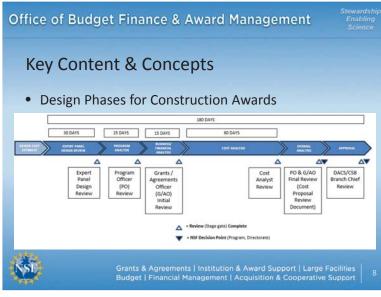
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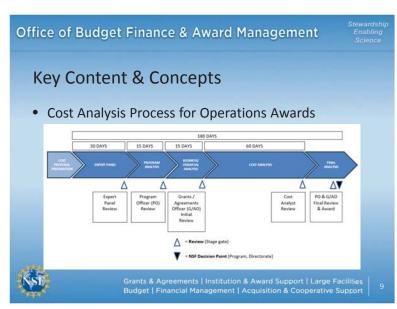
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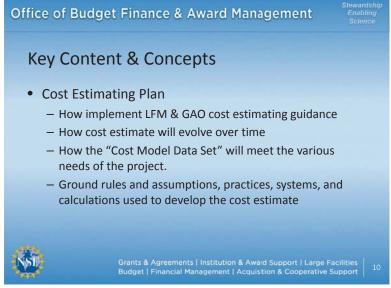
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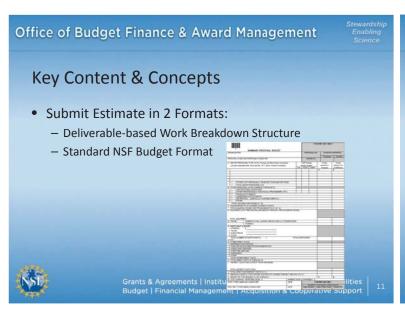




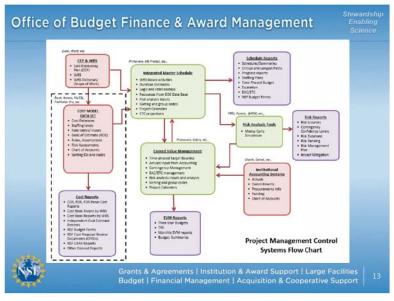


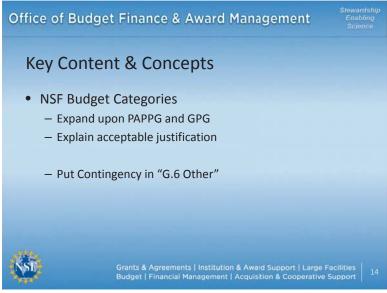


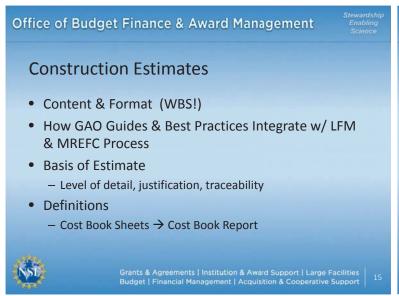


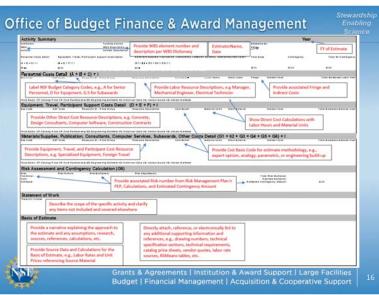




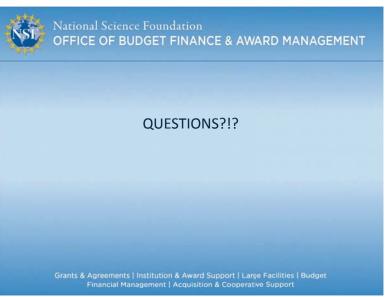














Introducing

the National User Facility Organization

Susan White-DePace NUFO Executive Administrator

NSF Large Facilities Workshop May 24-26, 2016 Washington, DC

Overview

- Introduction to NUFO
- What is NUFO's role?
- What does NUFO do?
- How is NUFO changing?
- What's in it for you?

Introduction to NUFO

- 1997 first formal meeting of user administrators to share best practices
- 2003 user representatives were included in meeting
- 2006 formally became NUFO
- Currently has 47 member facilities (materials science, astrophysics, computing, high-energy, nuclear energy, neutron, etc.)
- Two-branch organization: user administrators and user representatives
- Primary mission is to provide a unified message at a national level on issues for science done at federally-funded user facilities
- Current NSF-funded facilities are: NSCL, NOAO, NRAO, Maglab, & CHESS
 - Love to have broader NSF membership and participation

NUFO's Unique Role

- Only professional association dedicated to the user science community
- Provides a forum for multiple communities of practice
- Only unified voice for the user science community in Washington, DC
- BUT: NUFO is not a lobbying organization

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NUFO Activities

- Annual Membership Meetings
- Science Expositions on Capital Hill
- Congressional Testimony
- Expert input to federal agencies (e.g., DOE Order on Foreign Visits, Immigration)
- Public outreach (e.g. Science & Engineering Expo)
- Share Benchmarking

NUFO on Capital Hill

Providing a unified message at the national level...

 Congress invites NUFO to hold yearly Exhibitions on Capital Hill about User Facility science











NUFO Testifies to Congress

Providing a unified message at the national level...

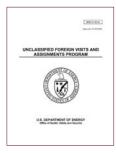
- As a direct result of the 2012 User Science Exhibition, NUFO was invited to testify to Congress about User Facility science
- The U.S House of Representatives Science Space & Technology Committee, Subcommittee on Energy & Environment hearing on Utilizing the Tools of Science to Drive Innovation through Fundamental Research" was held on June 21, 2012, discussing:
 - The role that the Department of Energy's (DOE) national scientific user facilities play in enabling basic research that drives innovation and economic growth.
 - Challenges and opportunities associated with user facility planning and management.
- Dr. Tony Lanzirotti (U. of Chicago) testified as Chair of NUFO. Also on the panel were
 - Dr. Stephen Wasserman from Eli Lilly
 - Dr. Persis Drell (director of SLAC),
 - Dr. Suzy Tichenor (ORNL), and
 - Dr. Ernest Hall (GE Global).



NUFO Support the DOE

Providing a unified message at the national level...

- NUFO involvement led to modification of DOE Order 142.3: Foreign Visits and Assignments – facilitating access for non-US citizen users
 - Enhances accountability within the security function
 - Removed requirements that did not advance national interest or laboratory security
 - Improved efficiency in administering processing
 - Minimized administrative barriers to scientific research





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Promoting science to the public...

- USA Science & Engineering Festival in Washington, DC
 - NUFO conducted hands-on demonstrations to stimulate interest in science.
 - children, parents, high school students, and teachers participated in activities at the NUFO booth



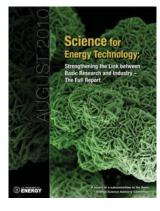


NUFO Supports Industry

Providing a <u>unified message</u> on industrial user access....

NUFO advances and promotes industry access to User Facilities

- NUFO 2009 workshop focused on industrial use of national user facilities
- NUFO Report led to a BESAC study
- BESAC report recommended changes that directly tracked NUFO recommendations
- This has the direct potential to increase "industrial friendliness" of the facilities



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Enhancing Immigration Procedures for International Users

Supporting a <u>unified message</u> on international collaborations...

- Discussions with the Democratic Counsel on the Judiciary Committee and private law firms
- NUFO conducted two surveys on the immigration experiences of international users
- Based on the survey results, NUFO sent formal communications to Dept. of State, Dept. of Homeland Security, and Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, seeking to improve access to U.S. user facilities to better meet the needs of international scientists.

NUFO Benchmarking

Communities support communities

- NUFO conducts benchmarking studies to enable facilities to adopt best practices
 - DOE User Agreements
 - Calls for Proposals
 - Shipping Policies and Procedures
 - Multilingual Websites
 - Housing for Users
 - Multi-facility proposals APS/ATR, APS/CNM
 - Complementary research by users at two different facilities with different capabilities
- Planned benchmarking
 - Federated Systems
 - Training Programs







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NUFO's Future

- NUFO will soon become the Society for Science at User Research Facilities (SSURF)
- SSURF will be a 501c3 non-profit corporation
- SSURF will be a member-oriented, professional society dedicated to all aspects of user facility research
- More inclusive membership categories with membership benefits
- Incorporation will allow growth, programmatic expansion, fundraising opportunities, employees

SSURF's Mission

Advance the science performed at user research facilities by (1) supporting their professional communities and research networks through the sharing of best practices and facilitation of professional development, and (2) promoting public awareness about the benefits and significance of the facilities and their research

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Building a Larger Community of Practice

In December 2015, the National Academy of Public Administration recommended:

"NSF formally establish communities of practice to share best practices and implement a "lessons learned" requirement for all MREFC projects."

NUFO can help you; please join us in our mission.



What's in it for you?

SSURF plans to:

- Host annual meetings on topics of importance to it membership
 - "Power in Numbers: Building Partnerships and Common Standards across User Facilities" will challenge attendees to develop shared practices for improving users' experience, and create community performance standards to facilitate easier multi-facility use and collaboration.
 - Examples of previous meeting themes: Industrial Usage, Educational Outreach, Bridging Science Across User Facilities, Big Data
 - Community-determined parallel workshops and breakout sessions are always welcome

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What's in it for you?

- Continue the Annual Science Exhibitions on Capital Hill
- Coordinate Congressional staff visits to facilities
- Organize Congressional home district office visits
- Facility adoption of unique identifiers for all users to enable data sharing
- Training reciprocity
- Other plans as staff and resources allow (e.g., speaker series, or professional societies forums)

What would you need, what do you want, what can we help you with?

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National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory – Interactions with Users

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Facilitate Nuclear Science · Originally an NSF sponsored laboratory on a university campus that evolved into a national user facility. · NSCL produces and provides beams of "rare isotopes" for nuclear science research (present incarnation ~1990) · As a national user facility the NSCL supports a broad scientific community: **NSCL Facility** The user group of NSCL has approximately 1350 members (98 U.S. colleges and universities represented) · Past 4 years 359 publications,

The NSCL is Operated to

• 79 were letter-like, 4 in Nature

· Including a local research group,

• 41 faculty

· 73 graduate students

100 undergraduates

Operation of NSCL user facility is supported by NSF Physics Division



External Program Advisory Committee Statistics (April 2016)

- Written Proposals Submitted to PAC40 (no oral presentations)
 - 44 Proposals, for a total of 7515 hrs
 - 33 proposals led by an Outside Spokesperson
 - 365 Proposers from 75 institutions in 17 countries
 - 118 Students
- Proposals Approved at PAC40
 - 19 Proposals (43%), for a total of 2744 hrs (37%) [468 hrs on reserve]
 - 8 GRETINA, 2 ReA3, 3 Low Energy Area, 6 Other
 - 16 proposals led by an Outside Spokesperson
 - 233 Experimenters from 52 institutions in 14 countries
 - 70 Students

PAC41 is expected to take place in Spring, 2017



dim NSCL Overview at NSF-LFW, 2016

Communication with Users is Critical Web Presence and Single Point of Contact at Lab



External User Organization

- Jill Berryman (Manager for User Relations) is the point of contact with NSCL users
- FRIB (nee NSCL) Users Organization (FRIBUO) www.fribusers.org
 - 1354 members from 98 US Universities/Colleges, 12 National Labs, in 50 countries
 - Quarterly newsletters "FRIB Laboratory Update for Users"
 - · Announcements of important conferences, workshops, Call for Proposals
- Executive Committee of the FRIBUO contains an Operations Subcommittee, with three members focused on operations at NSCL
 - NSCL Laboratory Management has quarterly conference calls with Operations Subcommittee and chair of Executive Committee
 - · One member of the Operations subcommittee attends the PAC meeting and records his/her observations. http://www.nscl.msu.edu/users/PAC39-Crawford-
- Annual Low Energy Community Meeting
 - Opportunity for users to come together annually, next at Notre Dame, Aug 11-13, 2016 http://2016.lecmeeting.org/
 - · NSCL receives and acts on "Consensus Statements" on scientific thrusts and equipment or facility development plans created at these meetings
- · User survey for feedback at the completion of each experiment

Experiment Feedback

- As part of the dedication to delivering world-class beams of rare isotopes to enable our users to achieve their scientific objectives the NSCL has a quality management system that was registered as compliant with the ISO 9001 standard and continues with external audits. Part of that quality management system is getting feedback from our users.
- Experiment Feedback survey is on-line the NSCL website (here).



Summary

- The NSCL is a national user facility that provides RIB's for nuclear science experiments proposed by users.
- PAC-approved beam time is scheduled and run by the NSCL in close coordination with the experiment spokesperson. ~Twenty experiments per year with several hundred (unique) experimenters.
- Large user community with various forms of engagement:
- User Manager (scientist)Large web utilization
- User oversight of PAC and Operations
 Annual meeting
- Feedback on completed experiments



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USE OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS TO SUPPORT LARGE SCALE INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH **DECEMBER 17, 2015**

RECOMMENDATION 6.8



Recommendation 6.8

'To ensure that award recipients have the requisite project management experience and knowledge to successfully lead a MREFC project'



"NSF should require award recipient project managers to be certified in project management. NSF should also specify minimum project management experience thresholds for project positions.'

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"NSF POs and G/AOs should work together to include project management certification and requisite **experience** requirements in cooperative agreements for MREFC projects."



NAPA LIKES AND DISLIKES AND NSF PLANS



Likes -	Dislikes -	NSF Plans -		
	Agreements do not include certification requirements	Include qualifications requirements in agreements		
PO and G/AO review key personnel		NSF would confirm qualifications		

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OUESTIONS

- How do training (i.e., certificates) and certification differ in terms of costs and benefits?
- Which roles on a project should demonstrate adequate qualifications?
 - Project manager only?
 - Others?
- When would NSF require experience above and beyond that required by certifications?
- What approach should NSF take to establishing equivalence?



CERTIFICATES VS. CERTIFICATION



- Documentation of completion of a short course in a particular subject
- Number of classes prescribed

 - Elective
- Offered through universities
- Online or in person
- High first costs but no ongoing costs



Certification

- Designation earned by an individual demonstrating attainment of a standard level of expertise, experience, and skills within the subject field.
- Applicants must have certain experience or other qualifications.
- Typically require passing an examination.
- Variable first and ongoing
- Prep class?
- Continuing professional development?







CERTIFICATES VS. CERTIFICATION



	Certificates	Certification
Pros	University-basedCustomizableOnline or in person	 Uniform requirements Recognizable 2 - 4 months
Cons	No experience needed Not standardized Not recognizable fmonths - 2 years	General experience accepted Passing a standardized test Test preparation What alse?

Note: The Uniform Guidance (2 CFR § 200.472 Training and education costs) states:

"The cost of training and education provided for employee development is allowable."

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CERTIFICATES



- Fundamentals
 - Scoping
 - Scheduling
 - Budgeting
- Accounting
- Law
- Managing teams
- Cost control
- Risk

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 Performance measurement

What else?

NOTE

NSF will

not

endorse

specific

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CERTIFICATION

- What should NSF consider in setting minimum standards?
 - Knowledge Base
 - Experience (quantity not quality)
 - Cost (to obtain and maintain)
 - Time (to obtain and maintain)
 - Reputation and Notoriety



NOTE

NSF will **not** endorse specific providers

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CERTIFICATION

Prioritization Exercise

	Knowledge Base	Experience	Cost	Time to obtain	Reputation		
Knowledge Base		9:16	23:0	23:1	16:7	:	:
Experience	:		22:0	20:4	16:10	:	:
Cost	:	:		3:20	0:22	:	:
Time to obtain	:	:	:		0:23	:	:
Reputation	:	:	:	:		:	:
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WHO? PROJECT MANAGERS & OTHERS?



Project manager only

- 1. Project manager
- 2. Schedulers
- 3. Cost estimators
- Systems engineers
- 5. Project controllers 6. Quality managers
- 7. Risk managers



EXPERIENCE AND CERTIFICATION

- Rest assured ... projects will remain responsible for personnel actions -
 - Selections
 - Releases
- For this slide's discussion, assume that NSF sets a certification requirement without a certificate option.
- Would an analogous experience requirement over and above the experience required by a certification help projects?



Others?





EQUIVALENCE



No equivalence issue. Certification requirements Certifications meet NSF requirements or not.

By whom?

Program Officer?

External Panel?

NSF Internal Panel?

Certificates

No equivalence issue. Classes taken meet NSF requirements or not.

Experience

Equivalence issue. How will NSF establish equivalence?

Professional

judgement by

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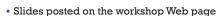
By when?

Stage gate reviews?

Routine reviews?

As needed?

NEXT STEPS





- NSF will hold internal discussions and may follow up with the community
- The Large Facilities Manual (18-XX) will identify options and criteria -
 - NSF will publish a public comment draft in April 2017 with comments accepted for three months
 - NSF will publish the final Large Facilities Manual in October 2017 to take effect in January 2018.

For more information:

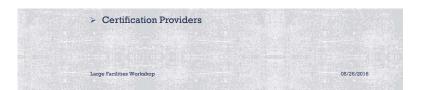
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PROJECT MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATIONS







Master Project Manager



Certified Project Manager

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COST ESTIMATING AND ENGINEERING







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Certified Estimating Professional

Certified Cost Professional



Certified Professional Estimator

PROJECT CONTROLS (SCHEDULING & EV)



Scheduling Professional



Project Scheduling Professional

Earned Value Professional



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Certified Project Control Officer

Earned Value Management Professional

SYSTEM ENGINEERING CERTIFICATION



QUALITY ASSURANCE AND CONTROL





Certified System Engineering Professional



ISO 9001 Certified Internal Auditor



Certified Manager of Quality

Certified Quality Engineer

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RISK MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATIONS





Risk Management Professional





Certified Risk and Crisis Manager

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New Initiatives
Business Roundtable II-III
May 25-26, 2016

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Progress on NAPA Recommendations

- Business Practices
 - Cost analysis supported by NAPA; exceptions documented
 - Contingency guidance issued
 - Management fee analysis in progress
 - Government Accountability Office (GAO) Guide mandatory
 - · Oversight and Planning
 - Roles and responsibilities Business & Operations Advisory Committee
- Experience, certification, competencies
 - NSF program directors with facility oversight responsibilities
 - · Facility project managers

NAPA Recommendation on Mgt. Fee

NAPA Full Report (Note: Mgt. Fee Issue covered on pp. 41 – 47): http://napawash.org/images/reports/2015/NSF Phase 2 Comprehensive Report.pdf NAPA Report Recommendation 4.3 (pg. 47):

<u>Objective</u>: To eliminate the additional management burdens and potential for funding inappropriate expenses posed by management fee.

- Recommendation: NSF should eliminate the practice of including management fee in cooperative agreements in future projects.
- <u>Implementation Steps</u>: The appropriate BFA office should develop NSF policy clarifying that management fee will no longer be included in federal awards.

Management Fee - NSF Analysis to Date:

- Considered the impact on NSF's ability to continue to partner with academic consortia and other non-profit awardees.
- Took into account OMB citing NSF's management fee policy as a federal best practice.
- Evaluated alternative approaches to cover awardee expenses.
- Sought to incentivize participation in large facility competitions.

Management Fee - Findings:

- Implementation of NSF's new management fee policy in 2015 clarified the appropriate uses of management fee.
- A follow-up review in Spring 2016 confirms that many appropriate uses of management fee are not otherwise reimbursable under the cost principles.
- Allowing organizations to request and receive a fee helps ensure competition among qualified organizations for large facility construction and operations.
- Eliminating management fee would deny awardees the ability to recover ordinary and necessary expenses not otherwise reimbursable.
- NSF will continue to use management fee and complete the analysis of the policy's impacts.

Background – NSF's Current Mgt. Fee Policy

Context - Development of Current Policy

- Previous to December 2014 NSF did not have a formal written policy on payment of management fee.
- Fees were understood to be paid for the purpose of awardees covering necessary costs, including "ordinary and necessary" expenses not otherwise covered by the federal cost principles.
- At NSF, management fees were limited to a small group of awardees (approximately seven) involved in construction and operations of large facilities under cooperative agreements.
- Previous NSF practice was to determine the fee amount based on a proposal by the awardee specifying planned uses of fee (e.g., educational outreach, business meals).

Background - NSF's Current Mgt. Fee Policy

Context - Development of Current Policy

- Agreement on planned use of fee by the awardee was not subsequently verified/enforced – fee was considered as awardee funds above costs and therefore not subject to audit.
- In 2014 OIG Report raised issue that DCAA review of a NSF awardee's management fee included such items as alcohol, entertainment, and lobbying.
- NSF accelerated efforts to publish and implement a management fee policy addressing appropriate uses of fee, prohibited uses, and requirements for awardees to verify actual uses during performance.
- A new policy became effective immediately with publication in the Federal Register in December 2014. However, policy was still subject to final revisions based on NSF review of public comments.

Background - NSF's Current Mgt. Fee Policy

Context - Impact on Awardees

- As part of NSF's evaluation of alternatives, in March 2016 impacted awardees were asked to provide feedback on NSF's new management fee policy.
- Questionnaire solicited feedback on perceived advantages, disadvantages, administrative burden of the management fee policy, and alternatives or improvements to the policy.
- Questionnaire was forwarded to organizations that currently receive fee under NSF awards
- Some, but not all of these organizations provided responses to the management fee questionnaire.

Background - NSF's Current Mgt. Fee Policy

Context - Development of Current Policy

- House Science Committee Hearing in February 2015 was critical of management fee expenses incurred by NSF awardee.
- NSF addressed public comments and issued final policy in June 2015.
- Upon finalization of new policy, provision added to the Terms & Conditions of impacted awards to ensure compliance.
- Awardees receiving management fee were immediately required to comply with requirement to justify <u>planned</u> uses of fee, and to provide available documentation on previous uses of fee.
- Time and resource intensive review completed (July Sept 2015) to confirm or redetermine fee amounts for current awards.

Background - NSF's Current Mgt. Fee Policy

Context - Impact on Awardees

Results from the questionnaire are still being analyzed. Comments include:

- ✓ Importance of fee to organizations in order to efficiently manage awards.
- \checkmark Increasing administrative burden and delays in timely determination of fee amounts.
- $\checkmark \textbf{Continued ambiguity and risk to organizations in interpreting appropriate fee expenses}.$
- Review of individual expenses by NSF results in unreasonable standards for acceptability
 of management fee expenses.
- ✓ Negative impact on morale by reducing funding of legitimate low-cost but morale-boosting expenses.
- ✓ Disadvantages awardees compared to other organizations receiving substantially higher fees for managing large facility awards under contracts.

Background – Alternate Means of Addressing Expenses

Analyzing Expenses Historically Paid through Fee

- The NSF Divisions of Acquisition and Cooperative Support (DACS) and Institution and Award Support (DIAS) formed a task team to evaluate reasonableness of approach to eliminate management fee by finding other alternatives to address necessary expenses not covered under the cost principles.
- To complete this action, DACS and DIAS reviewed historical use of management fee at NSF using historical actual use information submitted by awardees during the 2015 review conducted as part of the initial implementation of NSF's new management fee policy.
- Since organizations had not been required to keep historical information on use of management fee prior to implementation of NSF's new policy in 2015, available information was in many cases incomplete and did not provide substantive detail on actual use of fee.
- Notwithstanding the ambiguity of available historical information on fee use, some conclusions can be drawn from analyzing historic management fee uses.

Background – Alternate Means of Addressing Expenses

Results and Conclusions based on Analyzing Expenses Historically Paid through Fee

- Data on historic use of management fee was not detailed enough to determine whether expenses could have been instead submitted as appropriate costs under the award.
- Some <u>historic</u> uses of management fee were clearly in violation of NSF's <u>new</u> management fee policy.
- Some historic uses of management fee were clearly in compliance with NSF's new management fee policy (support of educational and public outreach activities, lease cancellation costs, and improvements to child care facilities).
- Some historic uses of management did not contain sufficient detail to determine
 whether the uses were consistent with NSF's new management fee policy (e.g., travel
 fees and related costs, employee recruitment and relocation expenses, tuition
 assistance).