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SUBJECT: SBE Office of Multidisciplinary Activities COV: Diversity and Conflicts of Interest

The Committee of Visitors for the SBE Office of Multidisciplinary Activities (SMA) met on August 27-28, 2015, and the COV report and SBE response were approved by the SBE Advisory Committee on December 14, 2015. The COV consisted of 11 members selected for their expertise related to the goals of the SMA programs under review. They provided a balance with respect to the type of institutions supported by the programs, gender, and representation from underrepresented group (breakdown shown below).

Table with 2 columns: Characteristic and No. of COV Members. Rows include Member of SBE Advisory Committee (1), Organization Type (University: 11, Public/Private Foundation: 1, Membership Association: 1), Geographic Location (Northeast: 3, Midwest: 2, Southeast: 2, Southwest: 3, West: 1), Gender (Male: 5, Female: 6), Race (White: 8, Black or African American: 2, Asian: 1, American Indian or Alaskan Native: 0, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 0, Unknown: 0), Ethnicity (Hispanic or Latino: 0, Not Hispanic or Latino: 11, Unknown: 0), and Persons with Disabilities (0).

The COV was briefed on Conflict-of-Interest (COI) issues, and each COV member completed a Conflicts-of-Interest and Confidentiality Statement (NSF Form 1230P). COV members who had a COI with particular proposals were not allowed access to the records associated with those proposals or awards, and those members were not allowed to participate in discussions of the actions with which they had a COI.