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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO
PRESIDENTS OF UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES
AND HEADS OF OTHER NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
GRANTEE ORGANIZATIONS**

**SUBJECT: Revision of the Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction (MREFC)
Eligibility Threshold.**

Following open discussion at the National Science Board meeting on November 8th and 9th, NSF has established the Total Project Cost (TPC) eligibility threshold for potential inclusion in the Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction (MREFC) account at \$70M. This adjustment responds to emergent scientific research opportunities and addresses the gap that previously existed between smaller instrumentation and major facility projects. Further details on MREFC account eligibility will be included in the FY 2017 revision of NSF's *Large Facilities Manual* which will be published in December and made available on the Large Facilities Office website (<https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/lfo/index.jsp>). The scientific community should incorporate this change in their long range portfolio planning and prioritization efforts.

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