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**NSF Congressional Highlight**

## **FY 2012 Appropriations Signed Into Law--NSF to Receive \$7.033 Billion**

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November 18, 2011

Congress passed and the President signed into law the conference report (P.L. 112-33) that would fund a number of agencies including NSF for the 2012 fiscal year (FY) that began on October 1. The conference report (minibus) would provide NSF with \$7.033 billion, a 2.5 percent increase (\$173.18 million) above the FY 2011 enacted level.

The minibus includes FY 2012 funding for those agencies that fall under the jurisdiction of the Agriculture/FDA, Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS), and Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations bills. Conference reports are brought to votes with no opportunity for amendments.

In July 2011, the House Appropriations Committee reported out the CJS bill and provided \$6.9 billion for NSF, holding the agency's budget flat relative to the FY 2011 enacted level. On November 1, the Senate passed its version of the CJS bill and provided \$6.7 billion for NSF, a decrease of \$162 million from the FY 2011 enacted level.

The minibus provides \$5.72 billion for the Research and Related Activities (R&RA) account, roughly a 3 percent (\$155 million) increase from the FY 2011 enacted level. The Education and Human Resources (EHR) account is funded at \$829 million, a decrease of nearly 4 percent (\$32 million) compared to the FY 2011 enacted level. The Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction (MREFC) account is funded at \$167 million, a 43 percent increase over the FY 2011 enacted level. Additionally, the bill provides the authority to move an additional \$50 million into the MREFC account from the R&RA account, allowing the flexibility to nearly fully fund the requested amount of \$224.68 million.

The Agency Operations and Award Management (AOAM) account receives \$299.4 million, level funded with the FY 2011 enacted level. The bill will also provide NSF with the authority (for the first time) to transfer into any account up to 15 percent of the agency's appropriation. The Office of the National Science Board (NSB) receives \$4.4 million and the Office of Inspector General (OIG) receives \$14.2 million, a 3 percent reduction and a 1.6 percent increase, respectively, from their FY 2011 enacted levels. See the table below for more information.

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### **NSF FUNDING BY APPROPRIATIONS**

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*(Dollars in millions)*

	FY2011 Enacted	FY2012 Request	House Mark FY2012	Senate Mark FY2012	Confer- ence	Confer- ence vs FY 2011	Confer- ence vs House	Confer- ence vs Senate
R&RA	\$5,563.87	\$6,253.54	\$5,606.96	\$5,443.99	\$5,719.00	\$155.13	\$112.04	\$276.00
EHR	\$861.03	\$911.20	\$835.00	\$829.00	\$829.00	-\$32.03	-\$6.00	\$0.00
MREFC	\$117.06	\$224.68	\$100.00	\$117.06	\$167.06	\$50.00	\$67.06	\$50.00
AOAM	\$299.40	\$357.74	\$299.40	\$290.40	\$299.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.00
OIG	\$13.97	\$15.00	\$13.97	\$14.20	\$14.20	\$0.23	\$0.23	\$0.00
NSB	\$4.53	\$4.84	\$4.53	\$4.40	\$4.40	-\$0.13	-\$0.13	\$0.00
<b>Total, NSF</b>	<b>\$6,859.87</b>	<b>\$7,767.00</b>	<b>\$6,859.87</b>	<b>\$6,698.10</b>	<b>\$7,033.06</b>	<b>\$173.18</b>	<b>\$173.19</b>	<b>\$334.96</b>

*Totals may not add due to rounding.*