

NSF Outreach Investment Strategy

A. Goals and Objectives

The NSF EPSCoR Outreach strategy provides financial support for selective travel by permanent NSF staff and Visiting Scientists to acquaint researchers and educators in EPSCoR jurisdictions with NSF priorities, programs, and policies. EPSCoR Outreach also serves to acquaint NSF staff more fully with research activities, facilities, and investigator expertise/potential within the EPSCoR jurisdictions.

B. Eligibility

The NSF EPSCoR Office will pay the costs of approved outreach visits to EPSCoR jurisdictions by NSF employees [NOTE: Program Managers who are IPA (Intergovernmental Personnel Act) employees are not eligible for EPSCoR Outreach travel support.]. To qualify for this funding, NSF staff must travel solely for the purpose of EPSCoR Outreach. Program site visits are the responsibility of the managing program and cannot be supported with EPSCoR Outreach funds.

C. Planning for Effective Outreach

An outreach visit may be initiated either by 1) an EPSCoR jurisdiction host (e.g., EPSCoR Project Director), in **concert** with the NSF EPSCoR Office, or 2) a NSF EPSCoR staff member, in **concert** with the jurisdiction. **Please do not contact the prospective traveler before discussing the proposed outreach activity with the cognizant EPSCoR program director and the EPSCoR administrative manager.** It is advised that planning begin **at least one month in advance** of the visit. This will allow sufficient time for processing of the travel request and for the host to prepare for a productive visit. The jurisdiction host must develop an agenda/itinerary including time with faculty members (particularly new hires), with research administrators, and with students. The jurisdiction host is also responsible for coordinating the local arrangements. The visit should include a general presentation to a broad audience (e.g., multiple departments, campuses, and/or institutions). The host is also responsible for publicizing the visit well in advance to ensure an audience of as many current and prospective investigators as possible and for taking other steps to broaden dissemination of the presentation(s) (e.g., videoconferencing for remote audiences, subsequent website posting of presentation materials).