

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS  
IGERT PROGRAM SOLICITATION NSF 00-78**

**NSF has received several questions regarding the apparent inconsistency of the statement that no cost sharing is required and the requests for information on institutional commitment and resources.**

- 1. Q. What does NSF mean by the following language in the pre-proposal instructions for IGERT, section V.B.(C).f.? What is the significance if cost sharing is not required?**

**“Expected Resource Commitments (1-page limit): Briefly describe anticipated resource commitments to the IGERT project by participating institutions and other sources...”**

- A. NSF wanted a sense of what resources will be available to support IGERT activities, such as access to special laboratory facilities or research field sites that might be offered by participating institutions, National Laboratories, or other sources. The language is not intended to imply a cost sharing requirement.

The language in the full proposal instructions on Budget Justification, section V. C. (F), will also be revised to delete any references from which readers might infer a cost sharing requirement.

- 2. Q. What is intended by the following statement on review emphasis in Preproposal and Full Proposal Review Process/Additional IGERT Considerations, section VI.A?**

**“Appropriateness of the formal administrative plan and organizational structure in assuring fair and effective allocation of group resources, including institutional commitment to the project;”**

- A. NSF’s intent was to assure that the program activity had an effective administrative structure in place and the intellectual support of the institution. The intention was not geared towards cost sharing expectations, and cost sharing will not be a consideration in the review process.