PROPOSAL REVIEW PANEL FOR EMERGING FRONTIERS IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee Charter

1. **Committee's Official Designation** Proposal Review Panel for Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation (the Committee), #34558

2. **Authority** This Committee is being established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. and the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §1861 et. seq.

3. **Objective and Scope of Activities** Advise the National Science Foundation (NSF) on the merit of proposals requesting financial support for research and research- related activities. The panel will review proposals submitted to NSF under the purview of the Office of Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation (EFRI).

4. **Description of Duties** Review and evaluate proposals, which may include site visits, and provide written recommendations on proposals as part of the selection process for awards. May evaluate and provide advice on the progress of awarded proposals.

5. **Official to Whom the Committee Reports** The Committee reports to the Office Director for Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation in Directorate for Engineering.

6. **Agency Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support** The National Science Foundation will be responsible for financial and administrative support.

7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years** The estimated annual operating cost of the Committee is about $366,500 that includes about $227,000 in staff support costs. Staff support is approximately 2.0 person-year

8. **Designated Federal Officer** A full-time or permanent part-time NSF employee will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO will approve or call the Committee meetings, prepare and approve meeting agendas, attend committee meetings, and adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest. The Office Director of EFRI will serve as DFO. Alternate DFOs may be appointed.

9. **Estimate Number and Frequency of Meetings** The committee will meet approximately 6 times a year.

10. **Duration** It is expected that the Committee will continue indefinitely with renewals of the charter every two years as required under FACA.

11. **Termination** The committee is subject to biennial review and will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless the charter is renewed in accordance with Section 14 of FACA.

12. **Memberships and Designation** Membership consists of approximately 100 people. The subject and number of proposals to be reviewed determine the number of members attending each meeting. Members are selected to be representative of the scientific areas encompassed by EFRI activities. Every effort is made to achieve a diverse membership with representation including individuals from underrepresented groups and different geographic regions. It is anticipated that members will be comprised of Special Government Employees (SGE) and Regular Government Employees (RGE).

13. **Recordkeeping** The records of the Committee shall be handled according to section 2, General Records Schedule 26 or applicable agency records disposition schedule.

14. **Certification** This Committee is determined to be necessary and in the public interest.

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