**Glossary**

This glossary is intended to inform potential grantees about the various acronyms and terminology used around National Science Foundation’s work and projects.

- **AACC**—American Association of Community Colleges
- **AD**—Assistant Director
- **AIT**—American Institute of Technology
- **AOR**—Authorized Organizational Representative
- **APR**—Annual Progress Report
- **ASEE**—American Society for Engineering Education
- **ATE**—Advanced Technological Education
- **ACM$**—Awards Cash Management Service
- **BI**—Broader Impacts - The project’s potential to contribute to the achievement of specific desired societal outcomes.
- **CA**—Cooperative Agreement
- **CAS**—Cost Accounting Standards
- **CFR**—Code of Federal Regulations
- **CGI**—Continuing Grant Increment
- **CIESIN**—Center for International Earth Science Information Network
- **Co-PD**—Co-Project Director
- **Co-PI**—Co-Principal Investigator
- **Current & Pending Support**—information on all current & pending support for ongoing projects and proposals committing a person’s time.
- **DDI**—Data Documentation Initiative
- **DCL**—Dear Colleague Letter
- **DUNS**—Data Universal Numbering System
- **DGA**—Division of Grants and Agreements
- **DUE**—Division of Undergraduate Education
- **EFT**—Electronic Funds Transfer
- **EvaluATE**—promotes the goals of the Advanced Technological Education program and ATE projects and centers to strengthen the program’s evaluation knowledge, expand the use of exemplary evaluation practices, and support the continuous improvement of technician education
- **EPSCoR**—Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research - Targeted jurisdictions (states, territories, commonwealth) by strengthening STEM capacity and capability
- **F and A**—Facilities and Administrative costs
- **FAQ’s**—Frequently Asked Questions
- **FFRDC**—Federally Funded Research and Development Center
- **FY/E**—Fiscal Year Ending
- **FASTLANE**—Interactive real-time system used to conduct NSF business
- **GC-1**—Grant General Conditions
- **HI-TEC**—High Impact Technology Exchange Conference
HSI—Hispanic Serving Institution
ICP—Indirect Cost Proposal
ICT—Information and Communication Technologies
IM—Intellectual Merit - The project’s potential to advance knowledge.
IPA—Institutional Program Assistant. Temporary program officer
IPEDS—Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System
IRB—Institutional Review Board
Logic Model—Hypothesized description of the chain of causes and effects leading to an outcome of interest. Tool for designing projects and evaluating them.
LOI—Letters of Intent
M-C—Mentor-Connect
Merit review—process that incorporates consideration of both the technical aspects of a proposed project and its potential to contribute more broadly to advancing NSF’s mission “to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense; and for other purposes.”
Metadata—Data about data
MRB—Merit Review Board
NSB—National Science Board
NSF—National Science Foundation
NCSES—National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics
O and M—Operation and Maintenance
ODI—Office of Diversity and Inclusion
OHRP—Office of Human Research Protections
OMB—Office of Management and Budget
OSTP—Office of Science and Technology Policy
PAPPG - Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide
PD—Project Director
PI—Principal Investigator
PNAG—Prospective New Awardee Guide
PO—Program Officer
POR—Project Outcomes Report
RFP—Request for Proposal
SAM—Systems Award Management- https://www.sam.gov
SATA—Scientific and Advanced Technology Act. The legislation that established ATE.
SLO—Student Learning Outcomes
Solicitation – Current NSF Proposal information in desired track
SRO—Sponsored Research Office (Officer)/ Grants Office (Officer)
SSVD—Social Science Variables Database
STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics