

RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD
AT IT'S 346TH MEETING, NOVEMBER 13, 1997 CONCERNING
COMPETITION, RECOMPETITION AND RENEWAL OF NSF AWARDS

Whereas the Committee on Programs and Plans has outlined, at its meeting in November 13, 1997, the major principles and key issues in a report "Competition, Recompensation and Renewal of NSF Awards: (NSB 97-216) in the context of the various types of NSF Awards; and

Whereas the Committee on Education and Human Resources concurs in the principles articulated in the report;

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the National Science Board:

Affirms its strong support for the principle that expiring awards are to be recompeted unless it is judged to be in the best interest of U.S. science and engineering not to do so. This position is based on the conviction that peer-reviewed competition and recompensation is the process most likely to assure the best use of NSF funds for supporting research and education. And

Requests that the Director, NSF, take such steps necessary to ensure that NSF practices embody this principle.