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Dear MGG Community,

The number of post-target date proposals received by the MGG Program at NSF has reached the point of causing severe problems with managing the review process. The late submission of proposals intended for the February 15 and August 15 target dates is peculiar to MGG; the other OCE programs have only a few late submissions and these have written prior approval. In contrast, MGG late submissions rarely have written prior approval, and over 30% of the proposals are submitted after the target date.

In order to better serve the MGG community and in the interest of overall fairness, MGG will begin strict enforcement of the existing NSF policies for target date submissions. Beginning with the February 15, 2007 target date, all late proposals will require a compelling reason and prior written approval by an MGG Program Manager if they are to be accepted for evaluation during the next review cycle. The reason for a late submission must be compelling. In accordance with NSF policy (please see the Grant Proposal Guide), Principal Investigators submitting proposals after the target date will, be asked whether they would like to have their proposal held over for the next panel (a delay of six additional months) or withdrawn from Fastlane.

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