

Attachment 2: Introductory Email from NSF

Dear Project Directors,

Within the next week, you will be contacted by the Science and Technology Policy Institute (STPI) who will be requesting your participation in a web-based survey of Project Directors on NSF-funded EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Awards (including from the inception of the program to what is currently known as RII Track-1). STPI will conduct the survey on behalf of NSF. The purpose of the survey is to obtain additional data to support a life of program assessment being conducted by STPI. We understand that your time is valuable, but feel strongly that this activity will provide information of immeasurable importance.

Please note, pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(b), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection is 3145-XXXX. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions. Send comments regarding this burden estimate and any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, Facilities and Operations Branch, Division of Administrative Services, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brian Zuckerman at bzuckerm@ida.org

Thank you.