

## INITIAL NOTIFICATION FROM NSF

Dear **[Title] [First Name] [Last Name]**,

We are requesting your participation in an interview regarding NSF grant programs. Westat and RAND, independent research organizations, have been contracted by NSF to conduct an evaluation of the benefits of NSF grant programs, document what makes them effective, and develop recommendations for how they might be improved.

Your participation is voluntary but critical to the success of NSF improvement efforts. Your decision to participate or not to participate will not adversely affect consideration of your pending or future proposals. The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes. Your responses will be kept strictly confidential and are subject to safeguards as provided by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a).

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. I appreciate your consideration of the upcoming Westat and RAND request.

Thank you,  
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