Report to the UCAR

Members

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Outline

- Competition for the management of NCAR
- Budgets
- Trends in Geosciences
Competition for the management of NCAR

Long process – more than three years

Comments from the review panel:

- recommended “…unanimously and without reservation that NSF make an award…” to UCAR for management and operation of NCAR
- NCAR is a world leader and would be central to Earth system science
Challenging Budget Times

FY 2008
- Initial 10.0% increase approved by the House, and the initial 10.8% increase approved by the Senate
- Omnibus bill passed with 1% increase for NSF in Research and Related
  - ATM received 0% increase
  - Used Division's flexible funds and favored NCAR, but added priorities

FY 2009
- President's request 13.6% increase for NSF
  - ATM 13.6% increase
  - $9M increase for NCAR
An Uncertain Future

Continuing Resolution
• All consideration of appropriation bills is on hold until after the election
• CR until March 6, 2009

Possible Outcomes
• Close to President’s request
  • House and Senate Bills
• CR for all of FY 2009
• Budget reduction in response to difficult times
Geosciences compared to NSF 1998-2007 (research grants only)

Trends
Trends in Funding Rate for Women and New PIs

- NSF Women Rate
- GEO Women Rate
- NSF New PI Rate
- GEO New PI Rate

Questions and/or Comments