

CBI FastLane Interview Protocol: SPA/support

Interviewee.....

Institution

Contact/email/fax

Date.....

Interviewer: _____ Permission

Background: What was your work experience *before* beginning with sponsored-projects/support?

Did you have experience with NSF proposals before/after October 2000? Mostly pre/post-award?

How did you first hear about FastLane?

What was your initial response to the news that FastLane was being developed ... made mandatory?

What did you expect from NSF's FL initiative?

When did you start using FastLane? (*what functions?*)

What was your initial experience with the design and functionality of FastLane? [*when was this?*]

What training on FL, if any, was available? When?

Did you have access to the needed computing resources to utilize FL?

Did you or colleagues experience any difficulties or barrier(s) in submitting proposals using FastLane?

Who ... was charged with implementing FastLane?

Was there discussion at department/college/univ. level? What was the nature of this discussion?

What challenges had to be overcome in implementing FastLane at your university?

Did you/colleagues send comments to NSF about FL?

What changes did FL bring in SPA/support staff workload ... processes ... responsibilities?

Did FastLane lead to a rise or decline in number of SPA/support personnel?

Did FL change relationships between SPA staff and PIs? (proposal requirements, budgets—fringe/IDC?)

What was the influence of FL on de\centralizing of research activities and/or administration?

Did FL influence PIs' likeliness to submit proposals to NSF (other agencies)? Change in types of proposal?

How can NSF use FL to advance the research enterprise?

Are there any lessons from FL that NSF can use for designing cyber-infrastructure?

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Any additional people (PIs, SPA, NSF staff) that you'd recommend us interviewing?

Any additional questions/topics that we should investigate?