

Allison C. Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation

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Allison C. Lerner assumed the duties as Inspector General of the National Science Foundation (NSF) in April 2009. As head of the Office of Inspector General she recommends policies for promoting economy, efficiency and effectiveness of NSF programs and operations. She leads efforts to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse; improve the integrity of NSF programs and operations; and investigate allegations of misconduct in science. Prior to becoming Inspector General at NSF, Ms. Lerner served in leadership positions at the Department of Commerce, including Counsel to the Inspector General.

Ms. Lerner has received several national awards for excellence, and in June 2011 she was selected by the President to be a member of the Government Accountability and Transparency Board. She currently chairs the Counsel of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency Working Groups on Suspension and Debarment Research Misconduct and grant reform.

Ms. Lerner received her law degree and her undergraduate degree from the University of Texas.