

Structure of an extended CSF

One question that needs to be examined in more detail is whether or not a separate category of the CSF should be created for direct utilization by the private sector (CSF-B), with the present CSF continuing to support government-industry initiatives which require sponsorship by a federal department or agency (CSF-A). To date the CSF has proven to be a useful vehicle for encouraging government-industry cooperation in international collaboration, and perhaps should continue to be used for that purpose, as well as for purely governmental purposes. The creation of a second category of the CSF would not only ensure that a portion of the funds would remain available for the original purposes, but would also highlight the private sector orientation for the bulk of the funds.

Resources required

It is estimated that a fund of \$1.25 million would be adequate, to be utilized as follows:

10	major missions (approximately 10 members) average cost \$25,000	\$250,000
500	individual visits and minor missions average costs \$2,000	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
	<u>TOTAL</u>	\$1,250,000

During the first year, it may not be necessary to have this total amount. Past experiences show that there is a gradual increase in the use of such funds as the number of satisfied clients grows.