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Emerging Research Institution Roundtable

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Purpose and Format

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Provide organizations new to NSF awards an opportunity to ask questions about policies and best practices for managing federal funds

Format

Open forum for discussion and dialogue, with questions coming from organizations

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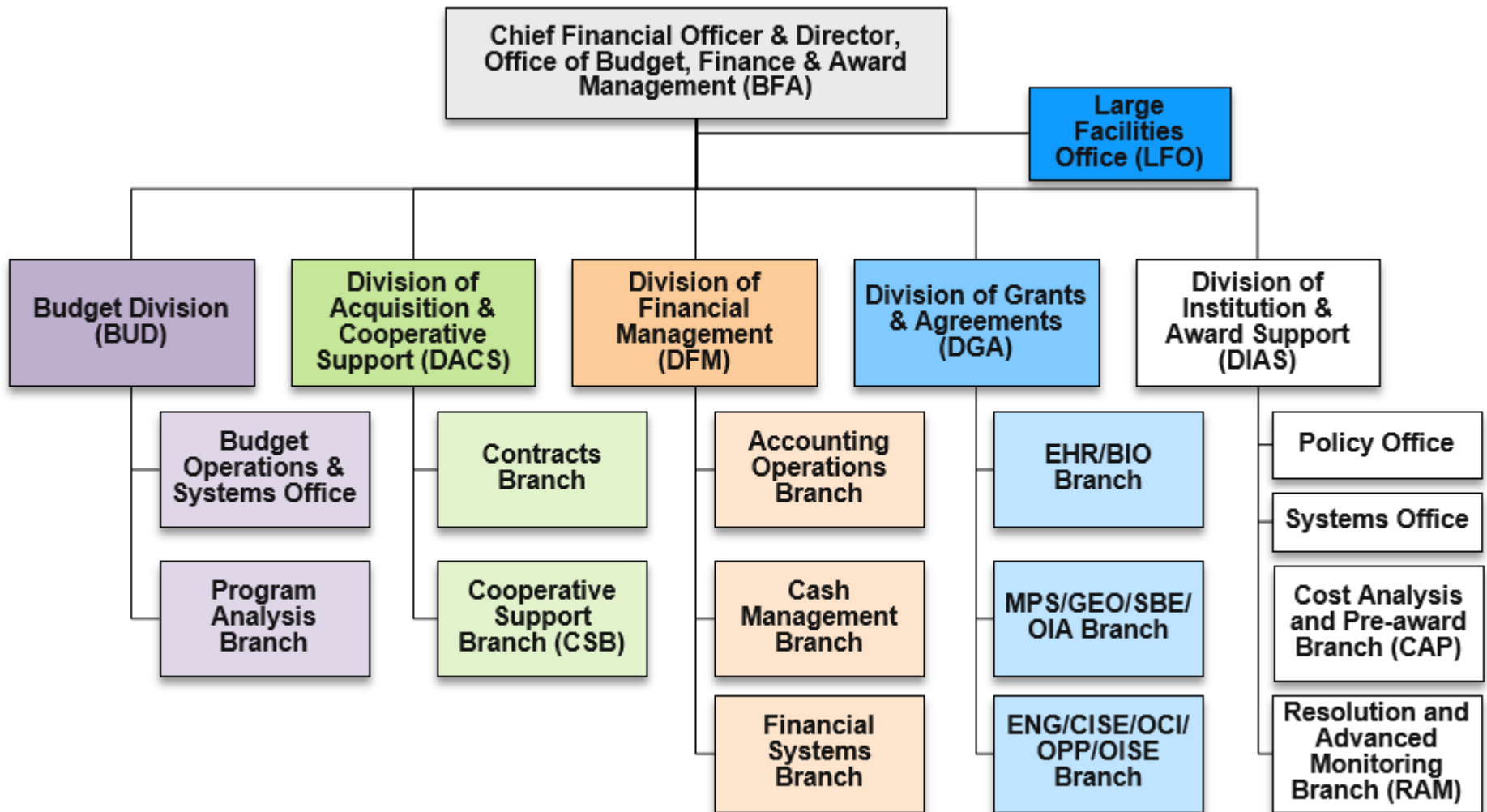**Steffany Ballas**
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Office of Budget, Finance & Award Management (BFA) Organizational Chart

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Key NSF/BFA Divisions and Branches

- **Division of Financial Management (DFM)** – provides financial services to the NSF research community (NSF staff, grantees, and vendors).

- **Division of Grants and Agreements (DGA)** – processes and issues award agreements. DGA also conducts business, financial, and award administrative reviews to ensure awardee and grant compliance. DGA Grants & Agreements Officers can assist with grant-specific questions.

- **DIAS/Cost Analysis and Pre-Award Branch and Resolution and Award Monitoring Branch** – perform pre-award cost analyses, resolves audit findings pertaining to NSF awards, and conducts various award monitoring activities that provide business assistance to awardees.

- **DIAS/Policy Office** – develops and issues proposal and award policy for the NSF programs, leads outreach efforts, and assists awardees with policy-related questions.

- **DACS/Cooperative Support Branch (CSB)** – carries out the negotiation, award, administration, monitoring, and oversight of complex cooperative agreements for large facilities.

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NSF.gov hosts a range of guidance to assist awardees with managing NSF-funded awards

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- **Proposal & Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG)** – Part I sets forth NSF's proposal preparation and submission guidelines. The coverage provides guidance for the preparation and submission of proposals to NSF. Part II sets forth NSF policies and procedures regarding the award, administration, and monitoring of grants and cooperative agreements. The PAPPG implements 2 CFR § 200 for NSF.

- **Prospective New Awardee Guide (PNAG)** – highlights the accountability requirements associated with federal awards and contains information to assist in preparing the documents NSF requires to conduct pre-award administrative and financial reviews.

- **About Award Cash Management Service (ACM$)** – provides information on how to use the NSF ACM$ system for grant-by-grant award payments and post-award financial processes.

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A number of associations and organizations provide information on best practices in the areas of internal controls and grants management processes.

Direct Resources:

- **Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP)**
- **National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA)**
- **National Grants Management Association (NGMA)**
- **Society for Research Administrators International (SRA)**

Related Resources:

- **Association of Government Accountants (AGA)**
- **National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA)**
- **U.S. General Accountability Office (GAO)**

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