



Changes Made to the 2006 Peer Review Manual

A paper version of the *Peer Review Manual* (PRM) will be sent only to new members this year. It is essential that continuing members consult the electronic version of the PRM to find out about these changes and print them, if necessary. All changes of importance are indicated in italics in the *Peer Review Manual*.

Section 3

Section 3.6 – Instructions on How to Complete and Submit Your Referee Suggestions: The process to submit the referee suggestion via the extranet has changed. The instructions on How to Submit Your Referee Suggestions have been updated to reflect these changes.

Section 4

Section 4.2.4 – Consultation With Other GSCs: Instructions on how to prepare consultation reports have been clarified.

Section 4.2.6 – Eligibility of the Subject Matter: This section has been updated to include our mandate and overlap with the other councils.

Section 6

Section 6.6 – Conflict of Interest: Members are asked to notify the Program Officer if any applicant on an application assigned to them is a family member (or someone especially close) so that extra steps can be taken to ensure confidentiality of the reviewers.

Section 6.8.5.8 – University Faculty Awards: Parts of this section have been revised to reflect recent changes to this program.

Section 6.9.1 – GSC Budgets and Frameworks for Funding Recommendations: Members are advised that the 2007 competition is the fifth and final year that the results of the 2002 Reallocations Exercise will be implemented. Clarification on budget distribution has also been added.

Section 6.11.2 – Integration of External Reviews, Consultations and Past Message to Applicant: Members are advised that the GSC has access to the comments on previous Message to Applicant forms in order to ensure that the GSC does not send confusing or contradictory messages to the applicant.

Section 7

Section 7.3 – Description: The moratorium on RTI Categories 2 and 3 is still in effect this year. The part of the description addressing the fact that NSERC will accept applications



under Category 1 for equipment whose total net cost is up to \$250,000 has been rewritten to clarify the conditions.

Section 8

The Major Facilities Access (MFA) program has been replaced by a new program – the NSERC Major Resources Support (MRS) program. This section has been totally revised to provide the objectives, description, criteria for evaluation, etc. of the new program. Updates were also made to the Report on Major Resources Support Grants Application form.

Appendices

Certain appendices have minor revisions.

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