

# Federal Laboratories Research and Development Survey

Client: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

## Overview

While some surveys collect information from federal agencies on their external research and development (R&D) funding, comprehensive data are lacking on intramural R&D expenditures, the number of federal R&D personnel, and the amount of space within federal laboratories dedicated to R&D activities. The National Science Foundation is collecting this information to inform international comparisons of R&D performance and provide policymakers with more complete data on the federal government's own R&D activities.

The goal of this project is to identify the eligible universe of federal laboratories and design and implement a new survey to gather detailed information on their R&D activities to produce valid and reliable estimates of government intramural expenditures on R&D. Insight is developing this new survey through an iterative process to inform survey content and data collection methodology. Specifically, Insight is—

- Conducting exploratory interviews with federal lab staff



- Convening an expert panel of federal representatives, policymakers, and R&D data users
- Conducting cognitive interviews of the survey instrument
- Conducting follow-up interviews with pilot test participants

## Products

Summary report for each task