A. Salaries 6110-0000

As a general policy, NSF limits salary compensation for senior project personnel to no more than two months of their regular salary in any one year for all NSF-funded grants. AAPT's invoices has a special salary classification 6005-0000

B. Other Personnel

Salaries of administrative or clerical staff may be requested as direct costs for a project requiring an extensive amount of administrative or clerical support and where these costs can be readily and specifically identified with the project with a high degree of accuracy. It may be budgeted as a direct cost only if this type of cost is consistently treated as a direct cost in like circumstances for all other projects and cost objectives.

1) Post Doctoral Associates 6120-0000
2) Other Professionals (Technicians, Programmers, etc) 6130-0000
3) Graduate Students 6140-0000
4) Undergraduate Students 6150-0000
5) Secretarial-Clerical (If charged directly) 6160-0000
6) Other 6170-0000

C. Fringe Benefits 6240-0000

These are typically determined by application of a calculated fringe benefit rate for a particular class of employee. Fringe Benefit for APS is 33%.

D. Equipment 6310-0000

Equipment is defined as an item of property that has an acquisition cost of $5,000 or more and an expected service life of more than one year.
E. Travel

Travel and its relation to the proposed activities must be specified and itemized by destination and cost. Funds may be requested for field work, attendance at meetings and conferences, and other travel associated with the proposed work, including subsistence. In order to qualify for support, however, attendance at meetings or conferences must be necessary to accomplish proposal objectives or disseminate its results.

Travel – Domestic ................................................................. 6422-0000
Domestic travel includes travel in the US, its possessions, Puerto Rico and travel to Canada and Mexico.

Travel – Foreign.............................................................. 6423-0000
Foreign travel is outside the areas specified as domestic travel.

F. Participant Support

Pertains to cost of transportation, per diem, stipends and other related costs for participants or trainees (but not employees) in connection with NSF-sponsored conferences, meetings, symposia, training activities and workshops.

1) Stipends................................................................. 6510-0000
2) Travel ................................................................. 6520-0000
3) Subsistence .......................................................... 6530-0000
4) Other ................................................................. 6540-0000

G. Other Direct Costs

Any cost proposed to an NSF grant must be allowable, reasonable and directly allocable to the supported activity: including Materials & Supplies costing less than $5,000, costs of documenting, preparing and publishing or otherwise making available to others the findings and products of work conducted under the grant. Consultants' payment for services including travel costs and subsistence. Computer services, where it is institutional policy to charge such costs as direct charges, including leasing of special purpose computer equipment. Sub-Awards are generally
specified with a budget for each sub-awardee. Other consists of any other direct cost not specified in G1 thru G5.

1) Material and Supplies........................................... 6910-0000
2) Publications Costs ............................................. 6920-0000
3) Consultant Services............................................. 6930-0000
4) Computer Services............................................. 6940-0000
5) Sub-Awards...................................................... 6950-0000
6) Other .................................................................. 6960-0000