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LOF List of Figures

LOT List of Tables

NSF National Science Foundation

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TEA Texas Education Agency

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