Jacqueline Lecourtier, Director of the French National Agency for Research (Agence Nationale pour la Recherche - ANR) received Professor Subra Suresh, the new director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) on May 16th 2011.

This meeting allowed them to review areas of cooperation between the ANR and the NSF.

Currently relatively few Franco-American projects are funded in comparison of the intensity of scientific cooperation between France and the United States. It was agreed to strengthen cooperation between the two offices and several areas of collaboration are under discussion.

Two seminars in 2011, one in France, one in the USA, bringing together scientific leaders from both agencies will aim to identify potential areas of collaboration.