



**NSF EPSCoR**  
ADVANCING GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY IN STEM



**Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)  
2024 NSF EPSCoR PI Meeting Agenda**

***Leveraging EPSCoR Investments for Increasing Impact***

**National Science Foundation  
Rooms 2010, 2020, 2030 and Virtually via Zoom**

**Monday, May 20, 2024**

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| <b>8:30 – 9:00am</b>     | <b>Light Refreshments</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>9:00 – 9:20am</b>     | <b>Greetings and Introduction</b><br>Sandra Richardson, Research Capacity and Competitiveness, Section Head                                                                                                                             |
| <b>9:20 – 9:30am</b>     | <b>Welcome Remarks</b><br>Alicia Knoedler, Office of Integrative Activities, Head                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>9:30 – 10:30am</b>    | <b>Keynote Address</b><br>Hollie Mackey, Interim Chief Strategy Officer for the North Dakota Advanced Agriculture Technology Engine and Associate Professor of Educational and Organizational Leadership, North Dakota State University |
| <b>10:30 – 11:30am</b>   | <b>Pathway to Success for Inaugural Cohort of E-CORE RII Awardees</b><br>J.D. Swanson, EPSCoR Program Director, OD/OIA                                                                                                                  |
| <b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b> | <b>LUNCH</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>12:30 – 1:00pm</b>    | <b>EPSCoR Programmatic Updates</b><br>Sandra Richardson, Research Capacity and Competitiveness, Section Head                                                                                                                            |
| <b>1:00 – 1:30pm</b>     | <b>NSF Office of Legislative &amp; Public Affairs (OLPA) Update</b><br>Amanda Greenwell, OLPA Head                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>1:30 – 2:30pm</b>     | <b>Directorate Open House</b><br>Cafeteria: BIO, CISE, EDU, ENG<br>Portrait Gallery: BFA, OIA, OISE<br>Room W2160: EDU, MPS<br>Room W2190: GEO, SBE, TIP                                                                                |



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**2:30 – 3:00pm**

**NSF Policy Update**

Jeremy Leffler, Outreach Specialist, Office of Budget, Finance, and Award Management, Division of Institution and Award Support

**3:00 – 4:00pm**

**Leveraging EPSCoR Investments**

RII Track-1: Gary Zank, Distinguished Professor & Space Science Chair, University of Alabama

RII Focused EPSCoR Collaborations: Vaishali Sharda, Assistant Professor, Kansas State University

RII Track-3: John Monahan, Consulting Specialist, University of Alaska-Fairbanks

RII EPSCoR Research Fellows: Zhe Qiang, Assistant Professor, University of Southern Mississippi

**4:00 – 5:00pm**

**Optional Meetings**

**Project Directors' Council:** Room 2010 (Plenary)

**Project Administrators' Council:** Room W2210

**Education, Outreach, & Diversity Staff:** Room W2220

**RII Bridging EPSCoR Communities:** Room W2160

**RII Focused EPSCoR Collaborations, FY24 Awardees:** Room W2190

**EPSCoR RII Research Fellows:** Room E3430

**Optional Meetings with EPSCoR Program Directors**

Advanced sign-up required, sign-up sheet located at registration table



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**8:45 – 9:00am**      **Greetings and Introduction**

Sandra Richardson, Research Capacity and Competitiveness, Section Head

**9:00 – 9:30am**      **CHIPS & Science and Agency Priority Goal Updates**

Sandra Richardson, Research Capacity and Competitiveness, Section Head

Alicia Knoedler, Office of Integrative Activities, Head

Sylvia Butterfield, Deputy Assistant Director, Directorate for STEM Education

**9:30 – 10:00am**      **NSF Budget Update**

Beth Blue, Branch Chief, Office of Budget, Finance, and Award Management,  
Budget Division

**10:00 – 10:30am**      **Division of Grants & Agreements and Division of Institution & Award  
Support Update**

Cartia Brown-Morgan, Grants Management Specialist, Office of Budget,  
Finance, and Award Management, DGA

Liz DeHart, Grant & Contract Cost Analyst, Office of Budget, Finance, and  
Award Management, DIAS

**10:30 – 11:30am**      **Breakouts: Leveraging NSF Investments for EPSCoR Jurisdictions**

- **Leveraging GRANTED for Expanded Capacity Building: Plenary Room**  
Dina Stroud, Program Director, GRANTED
- **Engaging with NSF Regional Innovation Engines for Impact in  
EPSCoR Jurisdictions: Room 2210**  
Dmitri Perkins, Program Director, TIP/ITE
- **Mid-scale Research Infrastructure, R1 vs. R2: Room 2220**  
Randy Phelps, Program Director, Office of Integrative Activities



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Randy Phelps, Program Director, Office of Integrative Activities  
Denise Pfeifer, Project Manager & Research Administrator,  
Boise State University

**3:30 – 3:45pm    Closing Remarks**  
Karen Marrongelle, NSF Chief Operating Officer

**3:45 – 4:00pm    National Conference Update and Farewell**  
Matt Andrews, Director, Nebraska EPSCoR  
Sandra Richardson, Research Capacity and Competitiveness, Section Head