



**NSF EPSCoR**  
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**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**

- 8:30 – 9:00am**      **Light Refreshments**
- 9:00 – 9:20am**      **Greetings and Introduction**  
Sandra Richardson, Research Capacity and Competitiveness, Section Head
- 9:20 – 9:30am**      **Welcome Remarks**  
Alicia Knoedler, Office of Integrative Activities, Head
- 9:30 – 10:30am**      **Keynote Address**  
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
- 10:30 – 11:30am**      **Pathway to Success for Inaugural Cohort of E-CORE RII Awardees**  
J.D. Swanson, EPSCoR Program Director, OD/OIA
- 11:30am – 12:30pm**      **LUNCH**
- 12:30 – 1:00pm**      **EPSCoR Programmatic Updates**  
Sandra Richardson, Research Capacity and Competitiveness, Section Head
- 1:00 – 1:30pm**      **NSF Office of Legislative & Public Affairs (OLPA) Update**  
Amanda Greenwell, OLPA Head
- 1:30 – 2:30pm**      **Directorate Open House**  
Cafeteria: BIO, CISE, EDU, ENG  
Portrait Gallery: BFA, OIA, OISE  
Room W2160: EDU, MPS  
Room W2190, 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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- 8:00 – 8:45am**      **Light Refreshments**
- Optional Meetings with EPSCoR Program Directors**  
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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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- **Mid-scale Research Infrastructure, Management, Requirements, and Strategies: Room 2220**  
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