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**U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF)
Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)
2025 NSF EPSCoR PI Meeting Agenda**

Resiliency in Research

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom
January 28, 2026
12 – 5pm EST**

- 12:00 – 12:20pm** **Welcome Remarks**
Alicia Knoedler, Office of Integrative Activities, Head
- 12:20 – 12:30pm** **General NSF EPSCoR Updates**
EPSCoR Staff
- 12:30 – 1:15pm** **EPSCoR Keynote Address**
Nianyi Li, Assistant Professor, School of Computing at Clemson University
- 1:15 – 1:45pm** **Accelerating the Nation’s Research Capacity through an EPSCoR Summit**
Travis York, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
Director, Center for STEM Education and Workforce (CSEW)
Layne Scherer, AAAS Program Director, CSEW
- 1:45 – 2:00pm** **BREAK**
- 2:00 – 2:50pm** **EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement (RII) Program Updates –
Breakout Rooms with Program Lead**
E-CORE: Chi-Chi Whitley, EPSCoR Program Director
E-RISE: Casonya Johnson, EPSCoR Program Director
Focused EPSCoR Collaborations: Jose Colom, EPSCoR Program Director
EPSCoR Research Fellows: Hongmei Luo, EPSCoR Program Director
Bridging EPSCoR Communities: Andrea Johnson, EPSCoR Program Director
- 2:50 – 3:00pm** **BREAK**



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3:00 – 3:30pm

NSF Office of Legislative & Public Affairs (OLPA) Update

Robert Moller, OLPA Head

3:30 – 4:00pm

Award Management Update

Cartia Brown-Morgan, Grants Management Specialist, Office of Award Management (OAM)

Liz DeHart, Grant & Contract Cost Analyst, Division of Institution and Award Support (DIAS), Budget, Finance and Award Management (BFA)

4:00 – 4:30pm

NSF Budget Update

Beth Blue, Branch Chief, Budget Division (BD), Budget, Finance and Award Management (BFA)

4:30 – 5:00pm

Translation to Practice (TTP)

Mara Schindelholz, Program Director, Directorate for Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships

5:00pm

Closing Remarks