Welcome to the 2024 EPSCoR PI Meeting

Leveraging EPSCoR Investments for Increasing Impact

May 20-21, 2024

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EPSCoR PI Meeting Agenda

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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 – 11:00am	**EPSCoR Programmatic Updates** Sandra Richardson, Research Capacity and Competitiveness, Section Head
11:00am – 12:00pm	**Pathway to Success for Inaugural Cohort of E-CORE RII Awardees** J.D. Swanson, EPSCoR Program Director, OD/OIA Chi-Chi Nnakwe Whitley, EPSCoR Program Director, OD/OIA
12:00 – 1:00pm	**Lunch**
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: GEO, MPS Room W2190, SBE, TIP

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2:30 – 3:00pm   **NSF Policy Update**
Jean Feldman, Head, Policy Office, Division of Institution & 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, FY23 Awardees: Room W2190
RII EPSCoR Research Fellows: Room E3430

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

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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

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

11:30am – 12:30pm   **LUNCH**

12:30 – 1:30pm   **Focused Discussion Roundtables**

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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

Recent EPSCoR News and Kudos

Congrats Maura McLaughlin (WV), EPSCoR RII researcher elected to the National Academy of Sciences!

Congrats AL EPSCoR on Inclusion in Washington Post article!

BEST PLACES TO WORK IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT 2023

Congrats NSF RIE Awardees!

In January, NSF Regional Innovation Engines (NSF Engines) awarded 10 teams spanning 18 states.

- Future Use of Energy in Louisiana

- North Dakota Advanced Agriculture Technology Engine

- Colorado-Wyoming Climate Resilience Engine

Open Mic for Jurisdiction News and Kudos
(time permitting)