NATIONAL AI RESEARCH RESOURCE TASK FORCE: KICK OFF MEETING

Date: July 28, 2021  
Location: Zoom

Objectives:
1. Baseline understanding of Task Force mandate and goals as well as Federal Advisory Committee rules  
2. Discuss current state of federal use of commercial cloud resources to support AI R&D  
3. Shape and gain consensus on a Task Force work plan  
4. Identify key briefings and consultations for subsequent meeting

Agenda

1:30-1:35  Meeting opening  
Speaker: Erwin Gianchandani, NAIRR TF Co-Chair

1:35-2:00  NAIRR TF Overview  
Speaker: Lynne Parker NAIRR TF Co-Chair  
a. Mandate, goals, timeline for Task Force  
b. RFI for public comment

2:00-2:30  Discussion: Desired Characteristics for the NAIRR and Key Challenges  
Moderator: Erwin Gianchandani  
a. Open discussion on the key characteristics that the NAIRR should have and the expected challenges that executing the vision might face.

2:30-3:00  Presentation: Lessons Learned from Federal Cloud Pilots Supporting AI R&D  
Speaker: Erwin Gianchandani  
a. Best practices and key challenges

3:00-3:15  Break

3:15-4:00  Presentation: Cloud Pilot Case Study – STRIDES  
Speaker: Andrea Norris & Nick Weber, National Institutes of Health  
a. Overview of program  
b. How has it worked, and how it could be built on

4:00-4:45  Discussion: Task Force Proposed Workplan  
Speaker/moderator: Lynne Parker  
a. Interim vs. final report  
b. Phases of work and planned meeting schedule  
c. Role of working groups

4:45-5:00  Discussion: Questions from Meeting Attendees  
Moderator: Erwin Gianchandani

5:00  Meeting close