NATIONAL AI RESEARCH RESOURCE TASK FORCE: MEETING #2

Date: August 30, 2021 Location: Zoom

Objectives:

- 1. Further develop value proposition for the NAIRR
- 2. Discuss ownership, administration, and governance options
- 3. Discuss desired compute capabilities

Agenda

11:00-11:10 Welcome and administrative remarks

Speaker: Erwin Gianchandani, NAIRR TF Co-Chair

11:10-11:35 The National AI Initiative and a baseline vision for the NAIRR

Speakers: Lynne Parker, Erwin Gianchandani, NAIRR TF Co-Chairs

11:35-12:35 Panel: Value proposition and intended outcomes of a NAIRR

Moderator: Lynne Parker

Speakers:

- a. Damian Clarke, Chief Information Officer and Computer Science Faculty, Alabama A&M University
- b. James Deaton, Executive Director, Great Plains Network
- c. Deborah Dent, Chief Information Officer, Jackson State University
- d. Tripti Sinha, Assistant Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, University of Maryland and Executive Director of the Mid-Atlantic Crossroads (MAX)
- e. Talitha Washington, *Director, Atlanta University Center Consortium Data Science Initiative*

Guiding questions:

- a. What do you see as the priority objectives for a NAIRR?
- b. Who would you see as the target users? How could the resource be constructed to best serve that population?
- c. How would you characterize success for a NAIRR?

12:35-1:00 Discussion: Defining the value proposition and intended outcomes of a NAIRR

Moderator: Lynne Parker

1:00-1:30 Break

1:30-1:50 Presentation: Ownership, governance and administration options

Speakers: Emily Grumbling and Lisa Van Pay, Research Staff, Science and Technology Policy Institute, Institute for Defense Analysis

1:50-3:00 Panel: Ownership, governance and administration models

Moderator: Erwin Gianchandani

Speaker:

- a. Sharon Broude Geva, *Director for Innovation and Computational Research, University of Michigan*
- b. Manish Parashar, Office Director, Office of Advanced Cyberinfrastructure, National Science Foundation
- c. Gina Tourassi, Director, National Center of Computational Sciences and the Oak Ridge Leadership Computing Facility, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- d. John Towns, Executive Associate Director for Engagement, National Center for Supercomputing Applications and Deputy CIO for Research IT, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- e. Frank Würthwein, Interim Executive Director, San Diego Supercomputer Center

Guiding questions:

- a. In your experience, what has worked most effectively when it comes to the management of resource allocation and access?
- b. What governance structures and practices were incorporated into the organization and its operations?
- c. What lessons from your experience would translate to a NAIRR?

3:00-3:30 Break

3:30-4:30 Discussion: Compute Capabilities

Moderator: Dan Stanzione, NAIRR TF Member

4:30-4:45 Working group expectations

Speaker: Lynne Parker

4:45-5:00 Questions from public

Moderator: Erwin Gianchandani

5:00 Meeting close