



# DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

## NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD MEETING

Sethuraman Panchanathan, National Science Foundation

November 29, 2023

A photograph of President Joe Biden signing a bill. He is seated at a wooden desk with the Seal of the President of the United States on the front. He is wearing a blue suit and sunglasses. A group of people, including several women in business attire, are standing around him, clapping. The scene is outdoors on a grassy area. The text "CHIPS & SCIENCE ACT OF 2022" and "MAKING PROGRESS" is overlaid in white, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

CHIPS & SCIENCE ACT OF 2022  
MAKING PROGRESS



## Testimony on CHIPS and Science Act

“

*As NSF continues to implement the CHIPS and Science Act, we are doing so with a focus on expanding opportunities for all types of institutions, in every geographic region, in every key technology area, and for everyone who wants to engage in STEM.*

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# NSF'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

## STRENGTHENING ESTABLISHED NSF

With investments that expand the frontiers of knowledge and discovery

## INSPIRING MISSING MILLIONS

Using **capacity building** and **interventions** that enhance and broaden participation

## ACCELERATING TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

Through innovative, **cross-cutting partnerships** and programs





STRENGTHENING  
ESTABLISHED NSF



2023  
Nobel Prize  
Winners



# 2023 Nobel Prize Winners supported by NSF

## Nobel Prize in Physics



4 AWARDS

**Pierre Agostini**  
 Ohio State University  
 Columbus, OH, USA



**Ferenc Krausz**  
 Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics;  
 Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München,  
 Germany



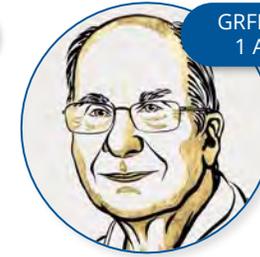
**Anne L'Huillier**  
 Lund University  
 Sweden

## Nobel Prize in Chemistry



GRFP, CAREER,  
 10 AWARDS

**Mounqi G. Bawendi**  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)  
 Cambridge, MA, USA

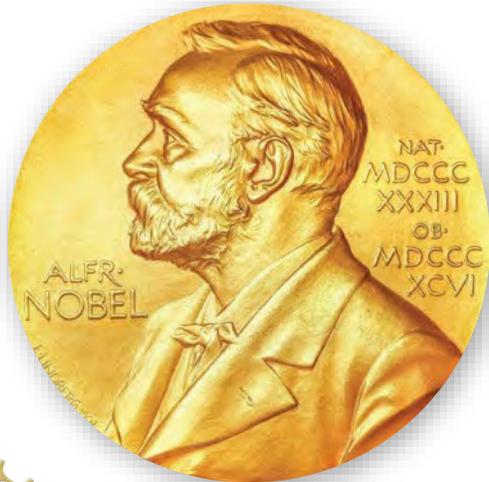


GRFP, IGERT,  
 1 AWARD

**Louis E. Brus**  
 Columbia University  
 New York, NY, USA



**Alexei I. Ekimov**  
 Nanocrystals Technology Inc.  
 New York, NY, USA



## Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel



8 AWARDS

**Claudia Goldin**  
 Harvard University  
 Cambridge, MA, USA

## Nobel Prize in Phycology or Medicine



**Drew Weissman**  
 Penn Institute for RNA Innovations  
 Philadelphia, PA, USA



**Katalin Karikó**  
 Szeged University, Szeged, Hungary  
 University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA



2023  
MacArthur  
Fellowships  
Winners



# 2023 MacArthur Fellowship Winners



CAREER

**Rina Foygel Barber**  
Statistician  
*University of Chicago*



CAREER

**Lucy Hutyra**  
Environmental Ecologist  
*Boston University*



CAREER  
GRFP

**Linsey Marr**  
Environmental Engineer  
*Virginia Tech*



**Amber Wutich**  
Anthropologist  
*Arizona State University*



**A. Park Williams**  
Hydroclimatologist  
*University of California, Los Angeles*



GRFP

**Lester Mackey**  
Computer Scientist and Statistician  
*Microsoft Research*

Over **33** NSF investments

Supported by **7** different directorates and offices

Including **3** CAREER awards

# MacArthur Foundation



# Civic Innovation Challenge (CIVIC) Awards

- Supported by **\$19M** from NSF in **partnership** with DHS and DOE
- **19 teams** across the nation
- Comprised of **2 tracks**:
  - **Track A:** 10 teams. Focuses on living in a changing climate, including pre-disaster action based around adaptation, resilience, and mitigation
  - **Track B:** 9 teams. Focuses on bridging the gap between essential resources and services and community needs



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**CIVIC**  
INNOVATION  
CHALLENGE

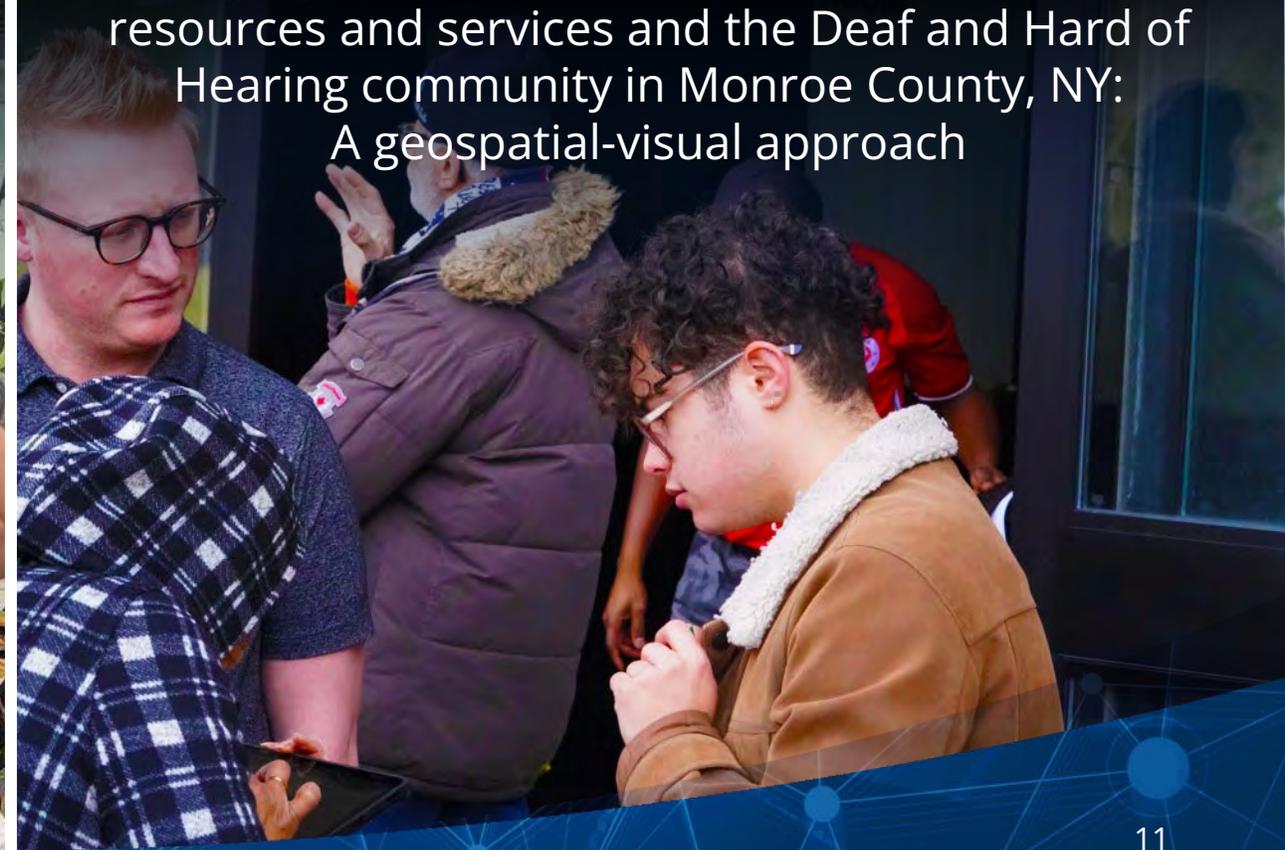


## TRACK A: *Eastie Farm*



## TRACK B: *Rochester Institute of Technology*

Bridging the gap between essential emergency resources and services and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community in Monroe County, NY:  
A geospatial-visual approach



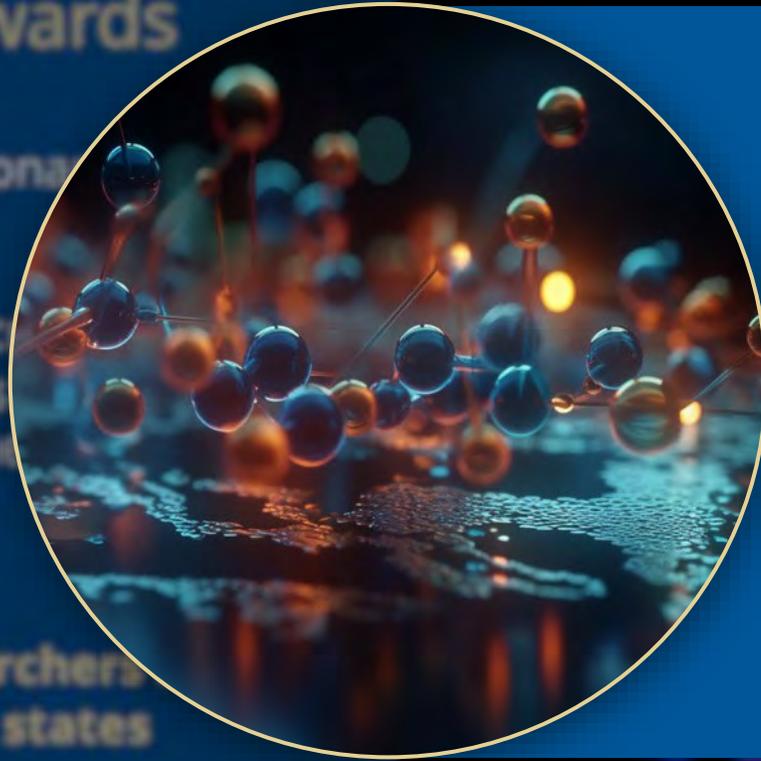
# Designing Materials to Revolutionize and Engineer Future (DMREF) Awards

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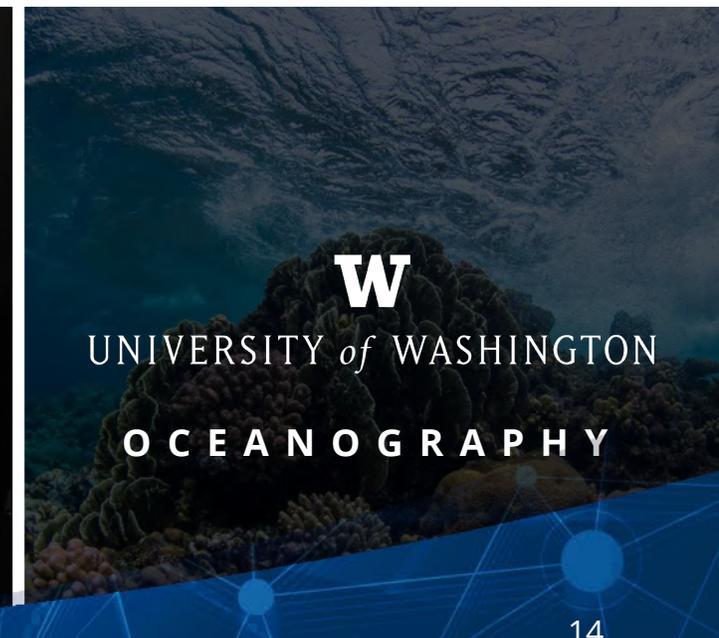


- *Collaborative Research:* Development of an optimum electrolyte solution for advanced rechargeable batteries
- Led by *Northern Illinois University*, in partnership with the University of Michigan and the University of Illinois at Chicago



# Mid-Scale Research Infrastructure

- NSF announces **4** Mid-scale Research Infrastructure-1 **investments**
- Mid-scale RI-1 investments **support** the **design and implementation of research infrastructure**
- Awardees exemplify **the best of American science and engineering**

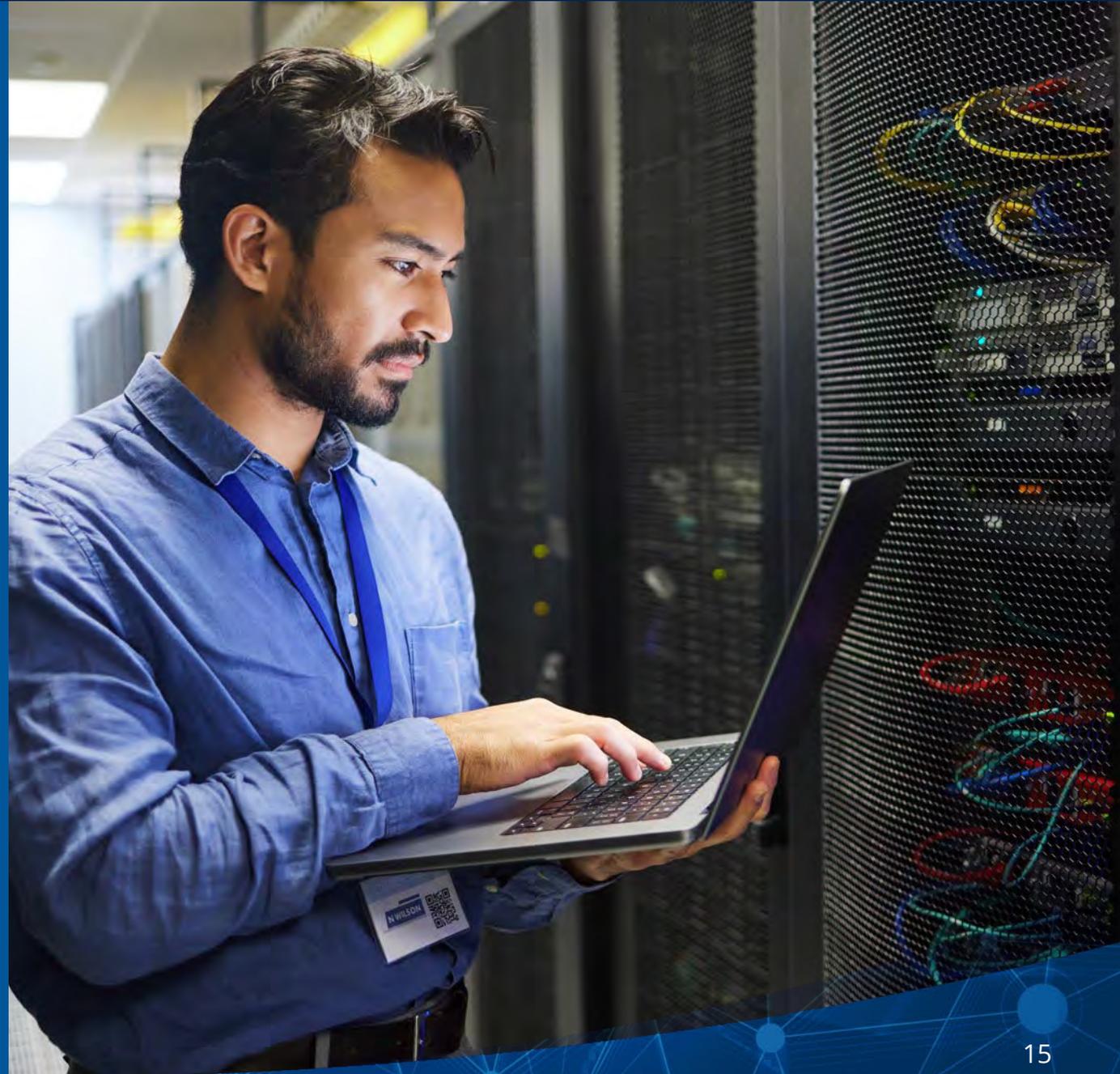


# Mid-Scale Research Infrastructure

## Cybersecurity

*University of Southern California*

- **\$18M investment** in a Reproducible Cybersecurity Experimentation (**SPHERE**) testbed
- SPHERE's built-in mechanisms support the **reproducibility and replicability of cyber-physical devices**
- Offers **at-scale, real-time cybersecurity, and cyber-privacy experimentation**



# CAPITOL HILL AI INSTITUTES SHOWCASE



- **Firsthand engagement for Congress** with NSF investments and federal support for **AI innovation, partnerships, and workforce development**
- **More than 100 congressional staff** were able to engage with representatives from all 25 AI Institutes
- Highlighted **NSF's \$500 million investment** connecting **more than 500 funded and collaborative institutions**





# BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S EXECUTIVE ORDER ON AI

**NAIRR**

**ExpandAI**

**Safeguarding  
AI awards**



# \$837 MILLION NSF INVESTMENTS IN AI IN FY2023

Expands Workforce Training  
and Education Opportunities

\$65 million for Artificial  
Intelligence Institutes





# INSPIRING MISSING MILLIONS

# Experiential Learning for Emerging and Novel Technologies (ExLENT) Awards

- **\$18.8M** investment in **27 awards** to expand opportunities in **key technologies**
- Teams will receive up to **\$1M** for **3 years**
- 18 teams in **Beginners Track** and **9** in the **Pivots Track**



## AI-Externship Project *North Carolina State University*

*Growing the Future STEM Workforce*

- **40-week externship in data science and AI** for diverse, underrepresented students
- Combination in-class sessions with **real-world, industry mentoring**
- **Partnering with Delta Air Lines, Lexmark, Randstad**, and other industry organizations



## Enabling Partnerships to Increase Innovation Capacity (EPIIC) Awards

- **\$19.6M** investment in **teams** from **two-year institutions, HBCUs,** and other **MSIs**
- Awardees will receive up to **\$400,000** over **3 years**
- Provides network opportunities to grow **external partnerships**



# Bowie State University Collaborative

*Leveraging Innovation to Grow High Tech and University Partnerships (LIGHT UP)*

- Creating a **regional STEM talent** pipeline and workforce in the Northeast
- Industry, government, and university **collaborative focus on entrepreneurship**
- From **research commercialization** to **economic development**



## Morgan State University's CREST

- **\$5M investment in the CREST Center for Advanced Magnets and Semiconductors** at MSU, Maryland's largest HBCU
- Cultivating a pipeline of **future professionals** in the field of quantum materials and engineering through outreach efforts, education, and workforce development
- **Focused** on bringing together neighboring institutions to **perform bold and innovative studies**



# The New Arecibo C3 Center

- **\$5M** investment for a new educational center at the Arecibo Observatory site in Puerto Rico
- A **collaborative partnership** between the University of Puerto Rico-Río Piedras, Universidad del Sagrado Corazón, the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
- Prioritizing **community engagement** — particularly for underrepresented groups — throughout its **STEM education and outreach programs**



# TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

## Engines Contractor Builder Award

- Three-year investment of **\$9.5M** in The Engine Accelerator
- Will develop, launch, and run a platform to provide **tailored resources** and **engagement** to NSF Engines
- A new way of thinking about post-award support that **empowers stakeholders** with the tools, networks, and support they need to thrive



## NSF Future of Semiconductors (FuSe) Awards

- **\$45.6M** investment across **24 research and education projects** to strengthen the U.S. semiconductor workforce
- Leverages an additional **\$200M** in appropriations from **CHIPS and Science Act**
- Supported by public-private **partnerships** with **Ericsson, IBM, Intel, and Samsung**



# University of Washington Collaborative Research Project

## *Co-designing Electronic and Optical Computational Devices (PHACEO)*

- Partnering with University of Maryland and Howard University to **exchange research, mentorship, and training**
- Creating **energy-efficient materials** for storing and processing data for integration into **new computational devices**
- Establishing a **robust pipeline** to **educate the next-generation workforce** in cross-cutting fields



# Pathways to Enable Open-Source Ecosystems (POSE) Phase II Awards

- **\$26M** investment in **19 Phase II Open-Source projects**
- Awardees will receive up to **\$1.5M** over **2 years**
- From **open-market research** to **open-market solutions**



# University of California Regents—Scenic

## *Open-source Language and Toolkit Supporting AI Systems*

- Creating design, verification, and deployment of **Scenic** in new **AI systems**, including transportation, energy, healthcare, and finance
- **Preventing failures** that can compromise overall system safety
- Employing **Scenic activities targeted to educational outreach** for undergraduate and high-school students



# Global Centers

program aims to support large-scale collaborative research on use-inspired themes in climate change and clean energy



## Track 1:

Global Center Implementation: Research Partnerships with Australia, Canada, and UK



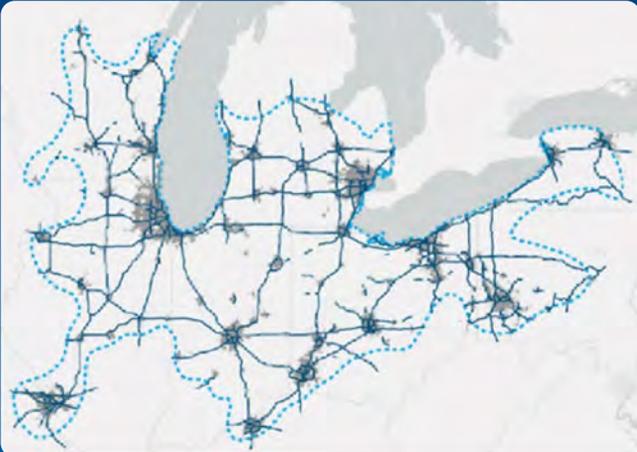
## Track 2:

Community-driven Global Center Design





## Great Lakes Megaregion



## Global Centre for Clean Energy and Equitable Transportation Solutions

*NSF-UKRI* partnership fostering research networks to decarbonize road transportation, establish a novel education platform, and engage communities



## South Wales & West Midlands



# CONGRESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS



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**University of Minnesota**  
*With Sen. Klobuchar*

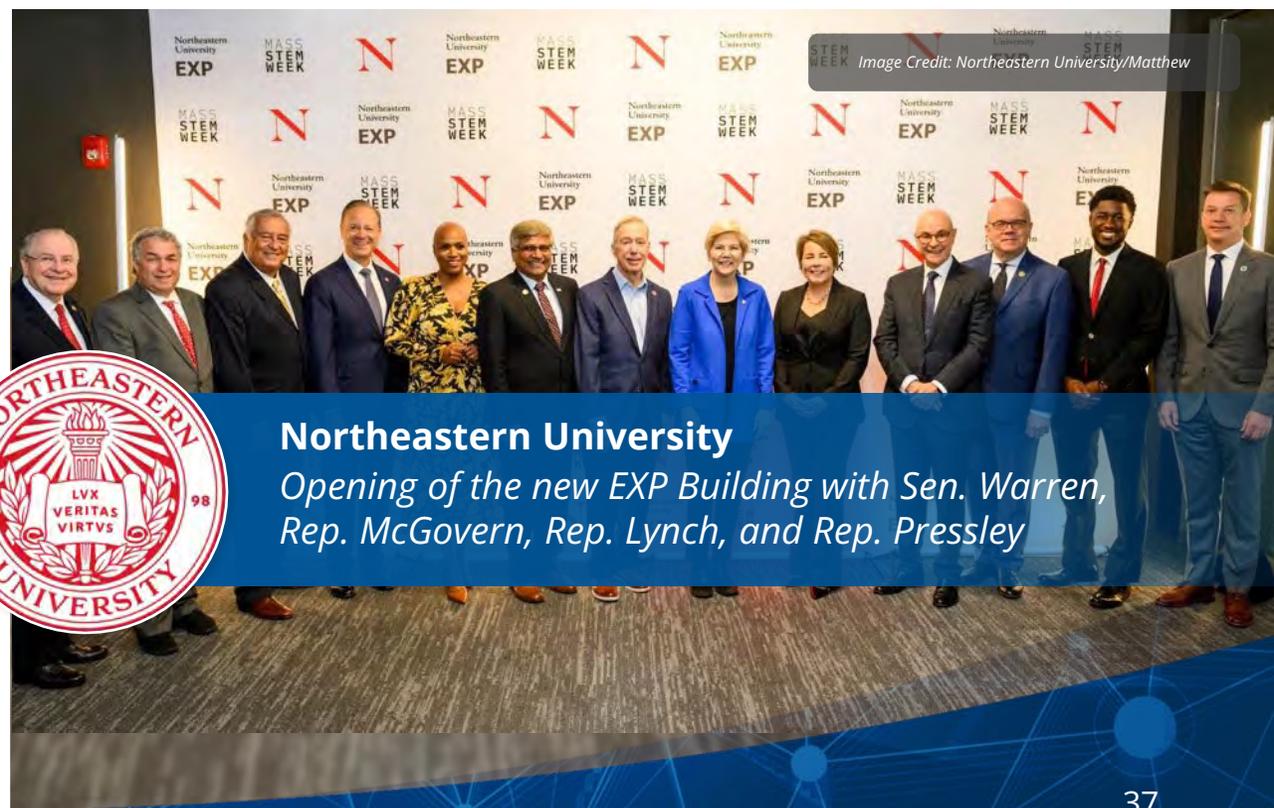


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**Northeastern University**  
*Opening of the new EXP Building with Sen. Warren, Rep. McGovern, Rep. Lynch, and Rep. Pressley*



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