

CSMD Staff Meeting – March 24, 2009

Attendee: Barney Maccabe, Lora Wolfe, Nancy Wright, Ursula Henderson, John Turner, John Drake, Steve Hodson (for Rich Graham), Al Geist, Jack Wells, George Ostrouchov, Jacob Barhen, Bill Shelton (for Robert Harrison), Ed D'Azevedo, Jeff Vetter, Daniel Pack

Barney attended the recent Applied Math Review meeting in Santa Fe, NM and Sandy Landsberg told Barney that the call for petascale data analysis will come out soon, perhaps within 4 to 5 weeks. There will likely be a call on cybersecurity. It may be split as 2 calls, one this year and one next year.

Another initiative is Math/CS Institute. Barney met with Mike Heroux, Scott Collis at Sandia. The idea is to build on the success of IAA. Argonne, Berkeley, (Livermore?) will likely form another team to compete. Not sure of total funding, likely in \$2-\$4M/yr range.

Barney reiterated the importance of sending in highlights to OASCR (through Daniel Pack). It is important to get visibility.

Barney is considering hiring a "project management assistant" to help in the development and assembly of proposals. Considering several options: (1) upgrading current admin support, (2) person from finance, (3) project management assistant that is supported on projects.

Chris Kemper has responded to questions/requests from CSMD. SPLUNK has been disabled. The initial rollout overwhelmed the server. OIC cluster will be moved to the research enclave so it is easier for outside collaborators to use. Jack Wells wishes to be on the steering committee for OIC. ITS considering input about standardized Linux distribution. Please send your ideas to Daniel Pack.

Program development (PD) funds are intended for specific requests, such as targeting petascale data analysis. There are separate funds for agencies such as DARPA, DoD, NSF, and Office of Science. PD funds should not be used for research (use LDRD funds) or developing existing programs, must be new programs.

If there are needs for space and laptops, please contact Lora.

There are several proposals to the Office of Science that are still pending decision.

ITS need space for 3rd floor 5600 and they are willing to trade space on the 2nd floor 5200 (old visitor center). Barney would like to consolidate science groups to 5700 2nd floor (chemistry, materials, computational engineering)

Many accounts are still negative, Ursula mention coming audit control of WBS. Please make sure that PALS is entered and approved weekly. Also, if you know of a proposal that is going to be submitted, please contact Ursula right away for budget information, not at the last minute.

Email request for meeting rooms at SuperComputing 2009 (SC09) is out. If you are expecting to have a meeting at SC09, please contact Linda Gregg.