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