

Memorandum of Understanding by and among Boise State University, Idaho State University, and the University of Idaho

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) addresses a significant opportunity for coordination between Boise State University, Idaho State University, and University of Idaho (“Universities”) and cooperation with the Department of Energy’s Idaho National Laboratory (“INL”) in the development of statewide system of cyberinfrastructure and research data management (“CI/DM”).

A 2003 National Science Foundation panel report, entitled “Revolutionizing Science and Engineering Through Cyberinfrastructure,” defined *cyberinfrastructure* (“CI”) as “infrastructure based on distributed computer, information, and communication technology.” This panel observed that CI, and the investment of attention and resources in its development, is essential for a knowledge economy. Since 2003, the field of cyber infrastructure has become the fastest growing technical area within NSF. In 2010, the NSF emphasis on CI was manifested through the new data management plan requirement for all NSF-funded projects.

By the following statement of principles, the Universities signal that CI/DM is important for their individual and collective research and education agendas. The Universities intend to lead the development and implementation of CI/DM in Idaho, as a service to assist researchers in meeting these requirements and managing increasingly complex data. The Universities agree to the following general points:

1. The Universities support the NSF CI/DM vision.
2. The Universities have a common interest in developing a coordinated CI/DM strategy to support research and education in the state of Idaho.
3. The Universities acknowledge that CI-related programs, resources, and expertise have emerged organically at each institution and that the coordination of this institution-based CI capacity will foster an economical, efficient, and effective CI/DM effort.
4. The Universities recognize the Department of Energy’s INL is an important collaborator in this CI/DM effort.
5. The Universities acknowledge that each university has research and education collaborations throughout the state and region and that it will be important to pursue additional strategic relationships in the development and implementation of CI/DM.

6. The Universities endorse the continuing development and implementation of CI/DM systems that are consistent with emerging national standards, technologies, and priorities and that are accessible, secure, integrated, and efficient.
7. The Universities will work to develop complementary policies and procedures for CI/DM implementation.
8. The Universities intend to work together to secure funding for further development and deployment of the statewide CI/DM strategy.

The Universities agree that this MOU is intended only to set forth the general understanding of the Universities with respect to the subject matter herein, and does not, and is not intended to, contractually bind the Universities.



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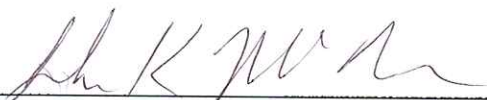
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