

NASA EPSCoR Steering Committee
Notes from 17 September, 2001 meeting
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- 1) Sherry Farwell (Director, South Dakota NASA EPSCoR program) remarks
 - a) South Dakota proposal
 - b) South Dakota's award was 6th largest (of 20), start date 8/1/01
 - c) Charge to the Steering Committee
- 2) Dan Swets, Augustana College, elected chair by railroad.
- 3) Discussion about our Native American members' involvement in EPSCoR activities, particularly leadership.
 - a) **Discussion:** James Rattling Leaf: Sit on the steering committee? On the TAC? Let him choose?
 - b) Do James or our other Native American contacts have students who could participate in current research projects?
- 4) Discussion about the role of the Steering Committee vs. the TAC
 - a) Steering Committee: short-term group
 - b) TAC: longer-term group
 - Recommend folks that can give our program the highest visibility
- 5) Recommendation for TAC membership:
 - a) Director, SD NASA-EPSCoR
 - b) Chair of Steering Committee
 - c) Daschel staffer (let him choose)
 - d) Forest service representative (no solid suggestions)
 - e) EDC representative: Brad Reed, Tom Loveland, Bruce Quirk, or Randy McKinley
 - f) Governor's representative: suggest Jim Hagen
 - g) State legislator with science interest (no solid suggestions)
 - h) State agency representative: Ron Woodburn, State ITS (former DENR)
 - i) Native American representative: suggest James Rattling Leaf, Sinte Gleska
 - j) Agriculture representative: Bill Ferguson, Wheat Commission
 - k) Industrial representative: Jack Dozzi, Horizons
 - l) Friends with national stature: Don Lauer, VP for SAIC (former EDC chief)
- 6) Steering Committee meeting schedule
 - a) Annual face-to-face
 - b) As-needed electronically
 - c) Next meeting: face-to-face (November or December, 2001)
- 7) Link projects
 - a) PIs of current projects: Succinctly describe projects in short, declarative statements (**Action Item**)
 - b) Steering Committee: Use these short, declarative statements about the projects to link them (**Action Item for next meeting**)
- 8) Program Initiation Grant Request for Proposals
 - a) Swets will propose a strawman RFP (**Action Item**)
 - b) We will review and recommend this RFP to the Director either electronically or following our next face-to-face meeting.

9) Next meeting: bring in someone who does testing for our metrics needs (**Action Item**)

10) **Action Items**

- a) Current PIs: Prepare a list of short, declarative statements about your project
- b) Swets: Prepare a strawman PIG RFP
- c) Durkin or assignee: Speak with James Rattling Leaf: (1) students to participate in current projects; (2) his preferred role in this NASA EPSCoR (steering committee [short term], TAC [long term], research project participant/PI)
- d) Steering Committee: review declarative statements about projects and prepare a cheat sheet for linking these projects