



## NEW YORK STATE CYBERINFRASTRUCTURE

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### ***NYSGrid to Sponsor Cyberinfrastructure Workshop in Albany***

November 6, 2007, Albany, NY – NYSGrid, a consortium of New York institutions focused on cyberinfrastructure (CI), will host NYSGrid CI Days December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the University at Albany campus. The workshop is open to New York higher education and research institutions, museums, libraries, and other public institutions interested in exchanging information and learning more about cyberinfrastructure and grid computing activities, and how these technologies can be employed to advance research and education throughout NY State.

Participating in NYSGrid CI Days will be representatives of the national CI Days team consisting of experts from organizations such as the Open Science Grid ([www.opensciencegrid.org](http://www.opensciencegrid.org)), Internet2 ([www.Internet2.edu](http://www.Internet2.edu)), and TeraGrid ([www.teragrid.org](http://www.teragrid.org)).

“The goal of the workshop is to create a dialogue among CI providers, NYS CI users and potential users, and NYS CI technical staff,” said Christine Haile, NYSGrid Steering Committee Chair. “This dialogue will help to extend knowledge of existing resources and opportunities for collaborations, and will also identify challenges that still need to be addressed.”

The technologies and expertise that comprise cyberinfrastructure are becoming increasingly important for researchers, educators, data collectors, and librarians. In introducing the National Science Foundation’s vision for cyberinfrastructure, NSF director Arden L. Bement, Jr., has written, “At the heart of the cyberinfrastructure vision is the development of a cultural community that supports peer-to-peer collaboration and new modes of education based upon broad and open access to leadership computing; data and information resources; online instruments and observatories; and visualization and collaboration services. Cyberinfrastructure enables distributed knowledge communities that collaborate and communicate across disciplines, distances and cultures.”<sup>1</sup>

NYSGrid is committed to enabling this community within New York. “We believe that the NYSGrid CI Days workshop will help set the stage to develop a comprehensive New York State CI roadmap,” noted Haile.

Information about NYSGrid CI Days and registration can be found at <http://www.nysgrid.org/main/news/events.mamI>

NYSGrid ([www.nysgrid.org](http://www.nysgrid.org)) is an initiative of NYSERNet ([www.nysernet.org](http://www.nysernet.org)).

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from the Director, Cyberinfrastructure Vision for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Discovery, <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf0728/nsf0728.pdf>