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### **NYSGrid and OSG Partner to Expand Grid Capabilities and Collaborations**

January 3, 2008 - NYSGrid, a consortium of institutions collaborating to create a blueprint for New York's 21<sup>st</sup> century cyberinfrastructure, announced today that it has signed a partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Open Science Grid (OSG), a consortium developing international grid capabilities for scientists.

"NYSGrid and OSG share similar goals aimed at providing researchers with access to more resources than they could afford individually," said Christine Haile, chair of NYSGrid's steering committee. "This partnership will further inter-grid interactions and contribute to the evolution of our shared distributed infrastructures."

Under the MOU, the partnership will provide opportunistic access by OSG virtual organizations (VO) to NYSGrid resources, as well as support for use of the OSG software stack on NYSGrid computing and storage sites. NYSGrid and OSG will collaborate on mutually beneficial technical projects and will meet annually to discuss the partnership and its benefit to researchers.

"With its reach across New York State, NYSGrid brings a number of strong research institutions and resources to OSG," said Ruth Pordes, OSG executive director. "This is a constructive step in creating an interoperable system for scientific research that spans the globe."

Nineteen colleges and universities are currently members of NYSGrid ([www.nysgrid.org](http://www.nysgrid.org)); many of these have contributed computational resources to the grid computing infrastructure and are testing applications. Formed in 2006, NYSGrid became an initiative of NYSERNet, provider of networking and communications infrastructure throughout New York State, in 2007.

OSG ([www.opensciencegrid.org](http://www.opensciencegrid.org)) is a consortium of software, service and resource providers and researchers, from universities, national laboratories and computing centers across the U.S., who together build and operate the OSG project. The project is funded by the Department of Energy SciDAC program and the National Science Foundation, and provides staff for managing various aspects of the OSG.