



## *Update*

**To inform the SURA Board of Trustees, Council of President, and other stakeholders, here is our Quarterly Update for October-December 2008:**

### ***Jefferson Lab / Jefferson Science Associates, LLC***

Jefferson Lab [On Target](#) December 2008 features a story on new Department of Energy Secretary nominee Steve Chu as well as other JLab news ...

Following the DOE's approval of CD-3 (critical decision for construction start) for JLab's 12-GeV upgrade, a \$310M project that will double the energy of the accelerator and a high priority project for the DOE Office of Science, JSA/JLab has [awarded its major subcontracts](#) ...

JSA announced the [award of \\$564K to support projects](#) in the FY2009 JSA Initiatives Fund. Following a competitive process, the JSA owners approved the JSA Program Committee's recommendations to award [24 projects](#) as part of this year's program ...

JSA announced the call for applications for the 2009-10 [graduate fellowship program](#) and the 2009-10 [sabbatical/research leave support program](#) at JLab. Both programs are open to SURA member universities and applications will be accepted until February 15, 2009 ...

### ***Information Technology***

SURA announced a milestone in their [partnership with IBM](#) to grow the high performance grid computing infrastructure of the Southeast ...

Trustees passed two resolutions at their Fall meeting regarding the success of the five-year partnership with AT&T under which 3,700 miles of dark fiber were deployed for the advancement of regional optical networks. Both [AT&T](#) and [GEO and IEEAF](#) were applauded for their roles ...

SURA received a \$50K grant from Microsoft in December. This Phase 2 funding provides continuing support for staff efforts through the second quarter of 2009 to port applications to the existing MS HPC2008 resource pool (NSU and UKY

systems) and to fund an effort profiling the research activities of the SURA region HBCUs ...

### ***Coastal Research***

In preparation for the new Obama-Biden Administration, SURAs Coastal Research team shared a [position paper with the Office of the President-Elect](#) offering its vision for a "comprehensive and overarching cyberinfrastructure" that can further ocean research ...

The latest version of the [SURA Coastal Research Update](#) highlighted an IOOS Regional coordination meeting and a LUNA-SURA workshop on high density coastal observations ...

### ***Development / Commercialization***

An intense 4-month competition concluded in early October with the announcement of winners of SURA's first annual [Intellectual Property to Market \(IP2M\) competition](#) ...

The [Development and Relations Committees](#) met jointly at the Fall Board meeting reviewing new opportunities with the National Energy Technology Laboratory, bioenergy, and other commercialization topics ...

### ***Relations & Communications***

Nominations for the [SURA Distinguished Scientist Award](#) are being accepted until February 13. The award, with it's \$20,000 honoraria, will be presented at the Spring Board of Trustees meeting April 7-8 ...

As a member of the Task Force for the Future of American Innovation, SURA participated in a [meeting with a key transition official](#) with the Obama Administration, hosted at AeA. The meeting with Tom Kalil and other transition advisors occurred December 5 ...

### ***Governance***

The Board of Trustees held its [annual fall meeting](#) at JLab on November 6 & 7, 2008. The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for April 7 & 8, 2009, in Washington DC ...

The Board of Trustees admitted into SURA membership its [first Affiliate Member, Idaho State University](#). The Board [broadened its membership categories](#) to include affiliate memberships and three levels of corporate memberships ...

SURA welcomes [new trustees](#) to the Board: John Mason (Auburn); Roger Stough (George Mason); Isai Urasa (Hampton U); Scott Whittenburg (New Orleans);

Joseph Hall (Norfolk State); Terri Lomax (NC State); Thomas Skalak (UVa). SURA also welcomes the appointed organizational representative of Idaho State Philip Cole. Mason, Stough, Whittenburg, Hall, Lomax, and Skalak will serve on the [SURA Development Committee](#). Urasa will serve on the [SURA Coastal Research Committee](#). Cole will serve on the [JSA Programs / JLab Committee](#) ...

The IRS approved SURA's application for group tax exemption, allowing SURA to grant 501(c)(3) status to subordinate organizations that meet the IRS provisions. The first such sponsored organization is the [ILCAC](#), International Light Cone Advisory Committee. In addition to its sponsorship of ILCAC, SURA also provides certain services to ILCAC through an administrative services agreement ...

### ***Finance & Administration***

The Board of Trustees approved rate adjustments for the [SURA Residence Facility](#), effective April 1, 2009. A \$400K, six-year renovation and upgrade program, proposed by SURA management, was also approved by the Board to begin addressing infrastructure needs at the 20-year-old facility ...

The Finance Committee reported out a [budget and report](#) at the Fall Board meeting with a full review of SURA's portfolio ...