



## Update

To inform the SURA Board of Trustees, Council of Presidents, and other stakeholders, here is our Quarterly Update for **April-July 2010**:

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

JSA issued a [Call for Proposals](#) to solicit proposals for Initiatives Fund support for FY11, due August 6. After review by an IF Evaluation Committee and the JSA Programs committee review and approval, the owners (SURA and CSC/AT) makes final awards, which last year totaled \$538,000 ....

JSA awarded the first JSA/JLab minority undergraduate research assistantship to Arun Selvaratnam from The George Washington University. Funded by the IF Program, the assistantship provides an opportunity for a minority undergrad from a SURA member university to work on projects in the Lab's research program ...

In April, Jefferson Science Associates announced award winners in the [Graduate Fellowship Awards](#) competition. Research and travel stipends will go to seven students from SURA member institutions ....

JLab has produced a short, informative video, "Exploring the Nature of Matter", which won a "Gold Remi Award" at the 43rd annual Worldfest Competition in Houston earlier in April. The video is [web accessible](#) and clicking the video link on the left of the page ...

### ***Information Technology***

SURA facilitated the donation of an IBM p575+ supercomputer from Centaurus Advisors, LLC to the University of Miami. This system will double the size of the existing p575 at Miami, acquired through the SURA-IBM partnership two years ago. When operational, this system will be added to the [SURAGrid](#) resource pool ...

Internet2 has announced the [appointment of Dave Lambert](#) as its new president and CEO. Lambert, former Vice President & Chief Information Officer at Georgetown University and SURA's IT Committee Chair, started this new assignment July 13 ...

The SURAGrid Governance Committee completed annual elections recently, returning Art Vandenberg (GSU) and John-Paul Robinson (UAB) to 2-year terms, with Phil Yang (GMU) elected as a new member of the SGC. Members continuing include David Matthews-Morgan (UGA), Eduardo Socolovsky (NSU), Nicholas Tsinoremas (Miami) and Phil Smith (TTU) ...

### ***Coastal Research***

SURA was awarded a \$4 million grant from NOAA's Integrated Ocean Observing System for development of [a super regional modeling testbed](#) for the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts. SURA's winning of the competitive proposal was announced June 11, with over 20 institutions, agencies and companies participating in the collaboration...

To help execute the testbed project, [Elizabeth Smith](#), previous program manager of the Chesapeake Bay Observing System based at Old Dominion University, was hired as SURA's Coastal Research Program Manager. She was on board in time for the kick-off meeting of the project June 23-24 at SURA ...

[Don Wright](#), SURA's Director of Coastal & Environmental Programs, attended a one-day, oil spill workshop in Baton Rouge on June 3, organized by the Consortium for Ocean Leadership. Led by non-Federal scientists, participants discussed the urgent issues involved with both short-term response actions for the spill and long-term monitoring of the environmental and health impacts ...

### ***Development***

SURA has signed a "Conference Support Agreement" with the National Society of Black Physicists and National Society of Hispanic Physicists to collaborate in management the joint 2011 NSBP/NSHP Conference. SURA's submitted an NSF proposal to cover costs, including student registration and travel stipends. More information is available from [Janette Stout](#), SURA's Director of Administration & Human Resources Services ...

SURA is examining possible collaborations between with its member universities, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the Savannah River National Lab. Contact [Russell Moy](#) for additional information ...

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

Among dozens of national organizations, corporations and universities, SURA joined in an effort to call on Congress to reauthorize the [America Competes](#) legislation, which aims to double the federal investment in the physical sciences ...

SURA members will be interested in an initiative of the new National Governors Association chairman, Joe Manchin of West Virginia. Launched at the NGA meeting in Boston this month, the [Complete to Compete](#) focus will look at "policies that can improve degree attainment and more efficiently use the dollars invested by states and students ..."

### ***Governance, Administration & Finance***

FY11 budget planning has begun as we move into the second year of our 5-year rolling budget plan to reduce investment portfolio reliance to the ~\$1.25M level by or before FY14. SURA's FY10 budget reduction is on track to exceed the \$725K in savings from the previous year. More information will be available at the next Board meeting ...

The Fall Board of Trustees meeting will be held October 20-21, 2010 in Washington, DC. Committee agenda, plenary plans and logistics will be sent to Trustees by the end of Summer...

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