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Statement by Jerry P. Draayer on the Consolidation of the National LambdaRail and Internet 2

In support of the Board's wishes, SURA contributed 1,000 miles of AT&T assets for Class C membership in NLR. We have further worked to insure a complementary relationship between SURA and these two organizations, and are supportive of this development which will consolidate resources and focus the R&E community on the sequential needs for high performance networking.

SURA continues to stay engaged with NLR and I2 through our membership in NLR and our long standing status as an I2 Affiliate member. While we support and encourage the union of these two initiatives, we intend to closely monitor the impact of this proposed consolidation to ensure that it does not impact the future availability of services previously negotiated as part of our contribution of AT&T assets to NLR.

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