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SURA Awarded NSF Grant on Grid Computing

Washington, DC – The Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA) today announced having received a National Science Foundation award for a proposal to the Small Grants for Experimental Research Program titled “Creating a Catalyst Application Set for the Development of Large-Scale Multi-Purpose Grid Infrastructure.” This grant will provide SURA with support for the development of a process to identify, analyze and assist in the implementation of research applications in a grid computing environment across a variety of disciplines.

This funded work will allow SURA to actively engage researchers in the use of SURAGrid and will insure that grid development efforts will meet the needs of the intended users, in both the short and long terms. The identification of research applications that can be significantly advantaged through the application of grid technologies is a key factor in fostering grid development and deployment and for SURA a key to insuring the sustainability of SURAGrid.

SURAGrid is a consortium of organizations collaborating and combining resources to help bring grid technology to the level of seamless, shared infrastructure. It evolved from the NSF NMI Testbed Grid, which was initiated as a sub-project of the NSF Middleware Initiative (NMI) Integration Testbed Program in September 2003. SURA developed and managed the NMI Integration Testbed Program for the first three years of the NMI, in partnership with Internet2 and EDUCAUSE.

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