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University Consortium Offers Two Grid Applications Workshops

Washington, DC – The Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA) today opened registration for two new Grid Application Workshops from the SURA Cyberinfrastructure Workshop Series:

*** GRID APPLICATION PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION * *Early registration thru Nov. 22 for \$125.***
WHEN: December 6-8, 2005
WHERE: Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC), University of Texas at Austin
SPONSORS: With generous support and participation from: Cisco, Sun Microsystems and United Devices.

This workshop is the second in a series covering grid infrastructure development and deployment to meet the requirements of advanced applications in all areas of science. A "minds-on and hands-on" technical workshop, "Grid Technology: The Rough Guide," will be offered immediately following the main workshop for an additional registration fee. For more details and to register, see:

<http://www1.sura.org/6000/gridworkshopDec05.html>

*** LIFE SCIENCES APPLICATIONS ON THE GRID * *Early registration thru Dec. 22 for \$175***

WHEN: January 9-11, 2006
WHERE: Virginia Commonwealth University; Richmond, Virginia
This workshop targets unique needs of a broad range of life science researchers involved in data and computationally intensive areas of study in genetics, neuroscience, biomedical imaging, drug discovery, translational research, molecular chemistry, zoology and botany. For more details and to register:
<http://www1.sura.org/6000/biogridworkshopJan06.html>

Both of these workshops provide an opportunity for attendees to:

- * Extend their understanding of various definitions of "grid" and grid-based applications
- * Gain insight into a broad range of applications that are benefiting from grids
- * Share recommendations and roadmaps for successful grid application deployment
- * Ask grid experts about specific project needs
- * Meet others interested in collaboration and peer support for deploying grids today

Presentations from major grid application initiatives will illuminate the broader uses of grids, followed by case studies of "grid-enabled" application deployment.

These workshops are appropriate for:

- * Faculty and researchers to learn more about grids and project groups beginning to use grids;
- * Application developers to better understand implementation considerations for running on a grid;
- * Funding agencies to disseminate information on funding opportunities;
- * Strategic planners to learn more about the "climate" of grid application deployment
- * Research officers to understand the "language of grids";
- * Campus teams (IT, application, policy, funding) working collaboratively on grid deployment.

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