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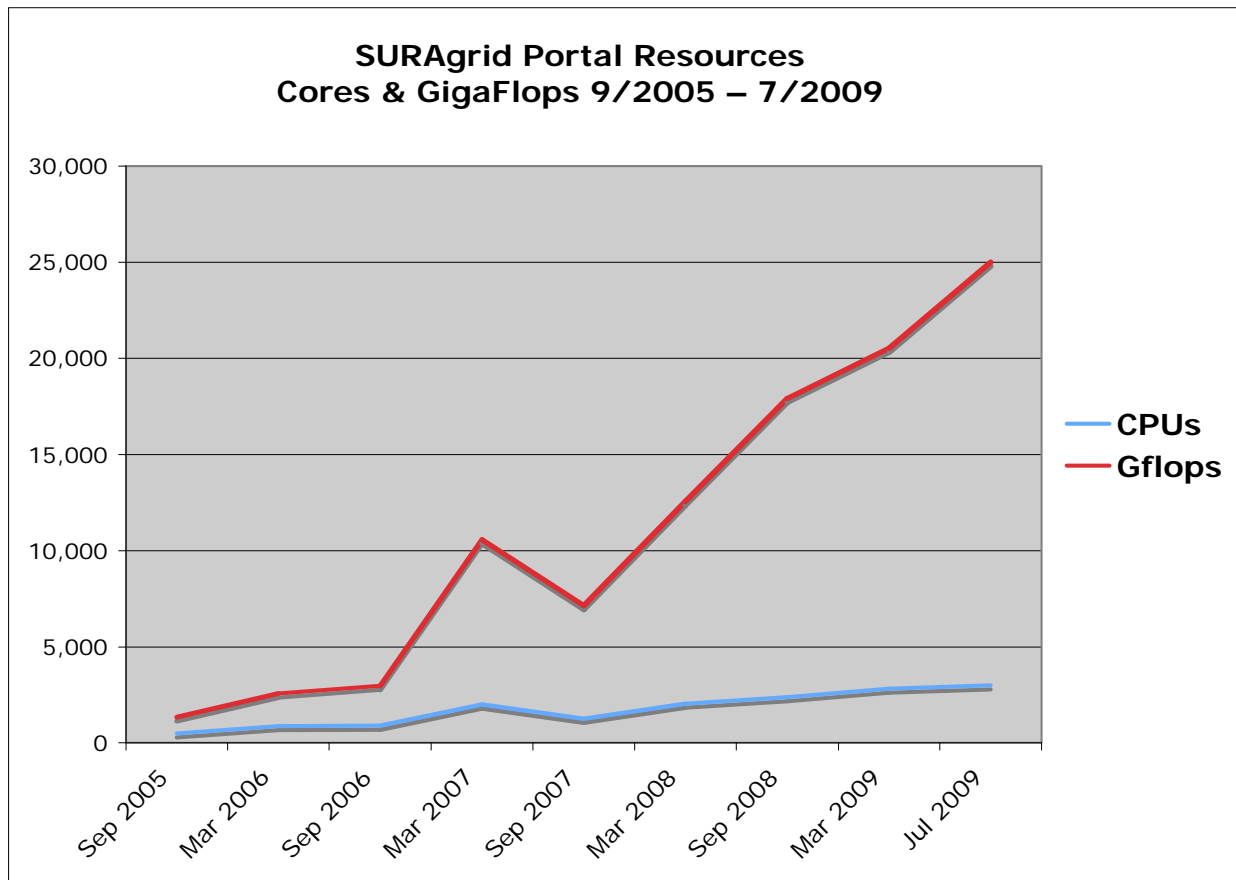
-- SURAgrid Governance Committee Leadership Update --

By unanimous vote of the SURAgrid Governance Committee (SGC) members, Art Vandenberg and John-Paul Robinson will continue to serve for the next year as the chair and co-chair of the SGC. Issues for consideration by the SGC should be sent to via email to Art Vandenberg at avandenberg@gsu.edu and John-Paul Robinson at jpr@uab.edu.

-- SURAgrid Achieves Strategic Plan Milestone --

The SURAgrid Strategic Plan Goal #2 is *to plan, manage, and support SURAgrid infrastructure to provide a solid foundation for the evolution of SURA region research and education programs*. One of the four measurable milestones for this goal is to increase resources by at least 50% each year through 2012.

Recently, TAMU increased CalcLab to 762 cores and 8Tflops. Boosting SURAgrid Resources to 2982 Cores and 25TeraFlops and helping SURAgrid attain its 2009 goal of 3000 Cores and 25 TeraFlops.



- - Funding Opportunities - -

Led by Mary Fran Yafchak of SURA, the SURAGrid Funding Review Working Group was established to review external funding opportunities for their potential to support for SURAGrid activities, then field ideas and spin-off discussions towards collaborative proposal development among SURAGrid members and SURA. The group is refreshed three to four times per year via a call for participation issued to the SURAGrid community.

Below are some upcoming funding opportunities.

- **NSF Information and Intelligent Systems (IIS): Core Programs**, <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08575/nsf08575.htm>. Next deadline: Large Project proposals due Nov 1 – Nov 28, 2009; Small Project proposals due Dec 1 – Dec 17, 2009.
- **NSF Cat.5: Development of Cyberinfrastructure for the Earth Sciences (Geoinformatics)**, http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=6186. Proposals due: February 10, 2010.

If you are interested in these funding opportunities or know of other opportunities to support collaborative engagement of research teams through the use or development of SURAGrid, please contact Mary Fran Yafchak via email at maryfran@sura.org.

- - Newsletter Only Listserv - -

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UPCOMING Events

- 31 Aug - 4 Sep, Cluster 2009, New Orleans, <http://www.cluster2009.org/>
- Sep 21 – 23, Coalition for Scientific Computing (CASC), Meeting and 20th Anniversary Symposium, <http://www.casc.org/meetings2.html>
- Sep 23 – 25, SURAGrid All Hands Meeting, SURA, Washington, DC
- Oct 5 – 8, Internet2 Fall Meeting, San Antonio, TX <http://events.internet2.edu/2009/fall-mm/>
- Nov 14 – 20, SC09, Portland, OR <http://sc09.supercomputing.org/>

All issues of SURAGrid update can be found at http://sura.org/programs/sura_grid_communications.html. Please submit comments and contributions for inclusion to Linda Akli at akli@sura.org.

