

# ACCESS: RAMPS

Resource Allocations Marketplace  
& Platform Services

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***Lightening Talk***

# Our Goals

- open, inviting, and  
**democratized allocations marketplace**
- efficient, scalable, and  
**simplified request and review framework**
- robust, decentralized, and  
**flexible software platform**

# Our Team



■ Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center (PSC)

■ *Stephen Deems, PI*



■ National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR)

■ *Dave Hart, co-PI*



■ National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA)

■ *Laura Herriott, co-PI*

# Our Partners



# Simplified Review & Request Framework

**Rapid and adaptable review, engaging and empowering resource providers**

- Standardized allocation tiers
- ACCESS Credits
- Engaging resource providers

# Four Allocation Tiers



## 1. Explore ACCESS

- Easy entry
- Low pressure
- Eligibility review



## 2. Discover ACCESS

- 1-page proposal
- More substantial award
- Advisory review *upon request*
- One-time supplement



## 3. Ramp-Up ACCESS

- 3-page proposal
- Merit reviewed
- Accepted continually
- One-time supplement

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# Four Allocation Tiers (cont)



**Largest ~15% of  
today's allocations  
consume  
~80% of resources**

## 4. Maximize ACCESS

- Will largely follow more conventional allocation practices for these projects
- ACCESS Allocation Review Committee (AARC)
- Resource-specific allocations
- Extreme scale requests
- 10-page proposals
- Annual renewals
- Semi-annual opportunities

# ACCESS Credits



	USD	GBP	EUR	NZD	JPY	HKD	SGD
TT SELL	0.8142	0.5117	0.6527	1.0623	93.1470	6.3284	1.0456
CHQ BUY	0.8146	0.5121	0.6531	1.0634	93.4230	6.3330	1.0567
NOTE BUY	0.8886	0.5611	0.7225	1.1498	103.700	6.8680	1.1558
	0.8894	0.5674	0.7294	1.1704	106.560	6.9416	1.2196

- A single “currency” that researchers can exchange for resource specific units
- Builds on longstanding and familiar “normalized unit” concept
- Resource providers define the exchange rates

# eXtensible Resource Allocations Service (XRAS)

Allocation management, resource  
integration, and data sharing

# Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

**DEI Facilitator on management team to ensure diverse, equitable, and inclusive marketplace, platforms, services, and innovative pilots**



# RAMPS Continuous Improvement

## ■ **Communication**

*New process & platform improvements*

## ■ **Feedback**

*From a variety of stakeholders*

## ■ **Inclusion**

*Ensuring we are accessible to all*

# Innovative Pilots

A more flexible marketplace, On-RAMPS, and an expanding resource portfolio

# Questions?



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