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MEMORANDUM FOR: All NOAA Employees

FROM: Joseph Klimavicz
NOAA Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: Call for FY09 High Performance Computing and Communications Proposals

I am pleased to announce the annual call for proposals for NOAA IT research and development (R&D) opportunities under the High Performance Computing and Communications (HPCC) Program. The primary goal of the NOAA HPCC program is to foster information technology R&D that supports and enhances the NOAA mission. This competitive, internal program is open only to NOAA principal investigators, although partnerships with other external organizations are encouraged. The deadline for submissions is December 15, 2008.

Last year the HPCC Program Office awarded over $2.1 Million to 25 deserving IT research proposals in a wide variety of topics. Over time many of these will be integrated into the mainstream of NOAA's IT environment. This is your chance to make a significant impact on the future of IT in NOAA and help continue our agency's mission successes in the future.

Full details of the proposal process and guidelines are provided on the HPCC Network Working Group (NWG) web site: http://www.pmel.noaa.gov/cnsd/hpcc-nwg/. For those who are familiar with this process, please review the FY 2009 guidance document as some priorities have changed from last year. All NOAA organizations are invited to submit proposals, which will be evaluated and prioritized for the HPCC Office by the Network Working Group, which includes regional representation. Interested parties are strongly encouraged to contact your HPCC regional representatives (listed on the web site) for more details, in addition to the on-line guidance.

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