

Systems-Facing call, 2026-05-21 @ 1p ET/ 12p CT/ 11a MT/ 10a PT

Topic: Procurement in the Age of Volatility

Procurement processes have always been the bane of an HPC or large-scale computing systems practitioner's existence, especially when it comes time for a major systems renewal. Institutional processes, facilities quirks, SoWs, and funding constraints have been persistent challenges, however the recent rise in supply chain volatility has put further pressure on existing pain points.

This session will hear a few examples from research computing centres who have had, or are planning to, make changes to their existing approaches in order to deliver resources to researchers. We'll explore the differences in impacts to different funding and procurement models such as centrally funded systems, grant funded clusters, and condo models.

Speakers:

- Brian Haymore, Sr IT Architect, HPC, Center for High Performance Computing, University of Utah;
- Dhruva Chakravorty, Senior Director, Advanced Systems, Princeton Research Computing;
- Matthew Smith, Manager, Research Infrastructure and Operations, Advanced Research Computing, University of British Columbia;

Slides & Links:

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