2024 SOCIETY FOR SCIENCE AT USER RESEARCH FACILITIES ANNUAL MEETING

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About SSURF:
The Society for Science at User Research Facilities is a 501(c)3 non-profit with a mission is to provide a consolidated voice and be a unique resource for best practices and support to those who are engaged in research at one or more of our nation’s federal research laboratory User Facilities. SSURF member research facilities are located throughout the U.S. and include laboratories of the Dept. of Energy, Dept. of Commerce and National Science Foundation-funded entities, with a combine network of more than 100,000 scientists & researchers (“users”).

SSURF’s primary efforts are:
1) Supporting federal User Facility communities and research networks by sharing best practices and facilitating professional development, and
2) Promoting public awareness about the benefits and significance of User Facility research.

See more about SSURF at [www.ssurf.org](http://www.ssurf.org)
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Our Values: We embody sincere curiosity and seek an ever-broadening spectrum of inclusion across the scientific research ecosystem of user facilities. We strive to proudly give recognition to the work of scientists and to increase user involvement in our activities.

Our Vision: We envision our members’ discoveries as unique and crucial sources of insight and solutions that benefit all of humanity, making the world safer, more prosperous, more healthy and connected. Likewise we envision our membership is globally renowned as the most specialized, brilliant network of fundamental scientific research laboratories available to the most talented scientists from across the globe.
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GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE:
• 11 Person Board of Directors
• Part-Time Executive Director
• Volunteer Committees

ACTIVITIES: 2023 saw the growth of our communications and advocacy:
• Online webinars
• Social media outreach
• Newsletters
• Presentations

Washington D.C. visits with officials
Hosted event gatherings
Membership surveys
Formal statements

2024 Strategic Outlook: Board of Directors process with themes including more presentations, Site visits and in-person gatherings, advocacy efforts and topical workshops
2024 SSURF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SSURF COMMUNICATIONS

• Webinars
• Newsletter
• Social Media
• Website
SSURF OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

• 40+ meetings with elected officials, congressional committee, federal agency & user facility government affairs staff
• Georgetown University Congressional Operations class
• Annual Member Survey
• Conferences
• Formal Statements
• Hosted Event Gatherings
• Volunteer Committees

Statement on Dept. of Energy Office of Science Proposed Budget: Impacts

The Society for Science at User Research Facilities joined the Energy Sciences Coalition (ESC) as a co-sponsor to this statement in the House and Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittees, Chairman Thompson and Ranking Membersrap, as well as House Science and Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committees.

The ESC is a broad-based coalition of organizations representing scientists, engineers and mathematicians in academia, industry and national laboratories who are committed to supporting and advancing the scientific research programs of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and, in particular, the DOE Office of Science.

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As the House advances the fiscal year (FY) 2024 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill (H.R. 4789), the Energy Sciences Coalition (ESC) has prepared an impact assessment to the House mark of $10.7 billion for the DOE Office of Science (OFS) in FY2024. The OFS budget, representing DOE’s Office of Science (OFS) budget, was cut by 11.8% in the FY23 budget agreement. This proposal would continue this trend in the FY24 budget, resulting in a 2024 budget of $10.7 billion, which is 15% lower than the FY2023 budget. This reduction would have significant impacts on the DOE Office of Science’s research, operations, and infrastructure programs.

The United States cannot risk losing its leadership in science and technology, which is vital to national prosperity, economic growth, and national security. The DOE Office of Science’s research is critical to maintaining U.S. competitiveness and R&D and driving innovation will not have the same level of funding and investment that is needed.
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2024 OUTLOOK: Strategic Activity Realms:

**In Person**
- Site Visits
- Conferences
- Scientific Programs
- User Meetings Socials

**Advocacy**
- Statements
- Washington D.C. visits
- Legislators & staff programs
- Media Outreach

**Online Convening**
- Webinars
- Surveys
- Virtual Roundtables
- User Facility Upgrades: Spotlights

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