



# **Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)**

## **EPSCoR Governing Committees**

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# What is EPSCoR?

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- State-based capacity-building program
  - Governance rooted in State Committee
  - Alignment with State S&T plan
  - Research driven: **Science First!**
  - State co-investment – 20% Cost Sharing
  - Economic development engine
- Multidisciplinary
- Multi-institutional
- Close interaction between NSF and the EPSCoR community

***Multi-faceted State-wide program!***



# EPSCoR Strategic Objectives

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- Catalyze key research themes
- Activate effective jurisdictional and regional collaborations
- Broaden participation
- Use EPSCoR for development, implementation, and evaluation of programmatic experiments

***Strengthen Jurisdictions Capacity for Competitiveness***



## What is an EPSCoR Governing Committee?

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“ Each jurisdiction must establish and utilize an EPSCoR Governing Committee that works closely with leaders in academe, government, and the private sector. . . . .

***Facilitating a Multi-faceted State-wide Activity***



## **What is an EPSCoR Governing Committee?**

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“ The committee will identify potential R&D improvement strategies and activities that are consistent with the state S&T Plan and are most likely to advance the further development of a nationally competitive academic R&D capability. . . . .

***Facilitating a Multi-faceted State-wide program!***



## **What is an EPSCoR Governing Committee?**

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“ Once in place, this academic R&D capability is expected to provide a key ingredient for a definitive innovation and commercialization strategy to stimulate the jurisdiction’s economic development, including a diverse, well prepared STEM-enabled workforce.”

***Facilitating a Multi-faceted State-wide program!***



# EPSCoR - Multi-faceted State Program

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## EPSCoR Governing Committees. . .

- Provide integrative foundation for EPSCoR programs
- Lead development and refinement of state's Science and Technology Plan
- Provide guidance for S&T policy development
- Determine operating structures and procedures for EPSCoR activities



# EPSCoR - Multi-faceted State Program

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## EPSCoR Governing Committees

- Ensure excellence and breadth of impact of EPSCoR science and engineering activities and alignment with state S&T plan
- Seek balance and diversity of committee members
- Align membership with key positions
- Ensure commitment of members and key stakeholders



# EPSCoR - Multi-faceted State Program

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## EPSCoR Governing Committees

- Define roles and responsibilities.
- Elect chairs with vision, independence, and strategic focus
- Build regional and national alliances
- Engage, educate, inform, and communicate with state governments



# EPSCoR - Multi-faceted State Program

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## EPSCoR Governing Committees

- Deal with changing political leadership and landscape
- Champion role of EPSCoR in technology-based economic development
- Develop and maintain cost share funds in era of declining state budgets
- Work effectively with Project Director for common purposes and goals



# NSF EPSCoR Jurisdictions

1980

Arkansas  
Maine  
Montana  
South Carolina  
West Virginia

2001

Hawaii  
New Mexico

2002

U.S. Virgin Islands

1985

Alabama  
Kentucky  
Nevada  
North Dakota  
Oklahoma  
Puerto Rico  
Vermont  
Wyoming

2003

Delaware

2004

New Hampshire  
Rhode Island  
Tennessee

1987

Idaho  
Louisiana  
Mississippi  
South Dakota

2009

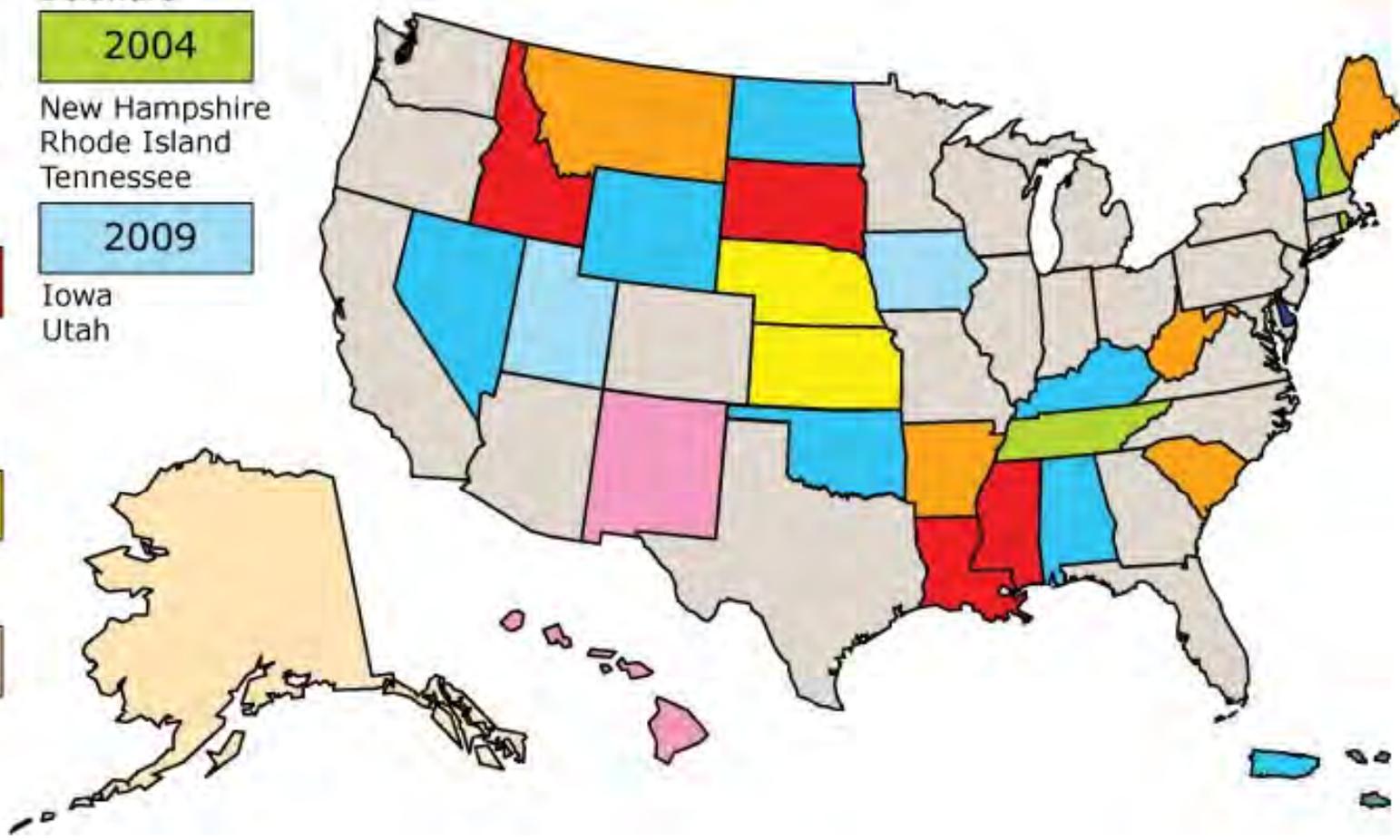
Iowa  
Utah

1992

Kansas  
Nebraska

2000

Alaska





## **On EPSCoR Governing Committees:**

**“If you have seen one  
You have seen one”**

**John Evans  
Vermont**

