While You Settle In

• On the paper provided, in ten words or less, please provide written definitions for:

1. the Unidata Community

2. Unidata’s primary responsibilities and obligations
Public and Private Sector Partnerships

A facilitated discussion with the Unidata Strategic Advisory Committee
Drivers for this Discussion

• The AWIPS II support contract is being recompeted and Unidata is being sought for teaming agreements with potential bidders.

• UCAR organizationally has encouraged programs to pursue strategic partnerships across all sectors including for profit organizations.

• This conversation can also guide how we go about doing more for the community; should we pursue new cooperating partners, additional grants, or both?
A Few Words Defined For This Conversation

• Collaboration: overarching term describing some degree of interaction between two or more entities.

• Control: a status outside the scope of collaboration, due to all decision-making authority or resources residing within one entity.

• Cooperation: shared decision-making between two or more entities through mutual consent. Resources may or may not be exchanged.

• Coordination: describes independent actors that maintain decision-making authority but communicate their choices to partners. Resources may or may not be exchanged.

• Isolation: a status outside the scope of collaboration due to a failure to communicate.

• Authority: an entity with decision-making ability and/or required resources, may be partial or complete.

• Dependent: an entity that requires either guidance or resources to act, may be partial or complete.
Continuum of Possible Partnerships

Visualization of Relationship Between Autonomy and Collaboration

- Autonomy-authority
- Collaboration
- Autonomy-dependent
Consideration of Existing Partnerships

- Where would you place a core-funding entity on this spectrum? (NSF in Unidata’s case)

- What about the US academic community?

- Unidata’s relationship with the NOAA National Weather Service National Centers for Environmental Prediction?

- Unidata’s relationship with the existing AWIPS II vendor (Raytheon)?
Possible Criteria for New Partnerships

• Is the proposed action mission appropriate?

• Does the proposed action benefit the Unidata community?

• … improve Unidata’s ability to serve the community?

• … diminish our capacity to complete primary responsibilities and obligations?
Future Partnerships

• Where would we like to position ourselves on the partnership continuum?

• In what scenario(s) would we automatically say no?

• Is our answer different for a private sector entity compared to a public sector entity?

• How should we respond to requests from foreign governments (i.e. Taiwan Civil Aviation Authority)?

• Are there any differences within the public sector (academia, government, NGO, or foundation)?
Suggestions…
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