



The 2007 Unidata Equipment Awards Program

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Status Report

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The primary purpose of the Unidata Community Equipment Awards is to encourage new members from diverse disciplinary backgrounds in the geosciences to join the Unidata community, and for existing members to continue their active participation so as to enhance the community process. We accept equipment proposals from academic institutions engaged in teaching and research in the geosciences for the deployment of Unidata-supported systems.

This year special consideration will be given to proposals that further the use of the Integrated Data Viewer (IDV) in education settings, including upgrades to existing classroom and laboratory equipment or procurement of new computers to run the IDV more efficiently. Additionally, proposals submitted by investigators in new geoscience disciplines (e.g., hydrology and oceanography) and departments outside of those traditionally active in the Unidata community (e.g., meteorology) are encouraged. The primary purpose of this focus is to give the broader community access to Unidata tools and datasets that could be relevant to their teaching and research.

We have once again set aside \$100k to fund the Unidata Community Equipment Awards, which includes overhead on awarded subcontracts. The call for proposals was sent out on January 8th with a submission deadline of April 6th. A Review Panel has been formed and will be meeting on Wednesday, May 16th at the Unidata Program Center. We've received 13 proposals this year, which each Panel member has received copies of for a preliminary review. We hope to make the final award announcement by June 1st.