Report to Unidata Policy Committee

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Main Topics

- Update on FY 2008 Budget
- Changes in GEO staffing
- CDI for FY 2008 and beyond

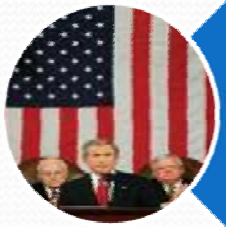
Update on FY 2008 Appropriation Bills

House bill provides 10+% increase over FY 2007 level

- Above President's request

Senate bill provides almost 11% increase over FY 2007 level

- Above President's request



Point of tension

- Appropriations (all discretionary spending) is $30 B over President's request
- White House threatens a veto, but science funding bills support President's API
- Possible veto override --- test case the bill that contains NSF appropriation

Changing GEO Staff

Change at the top

Dr. Mark Abbott has been selected as the next Assistant Director for Geosciences

- Dr. Abbott is currently serving as Dean of the College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon State University.
  - Professor of Biological Oceanography at OSU.
  - Abbott, who joined OSU in 1988, became Dean in 2001.
- He will begin his tenure on October 1, 2007
- Currently member of NSB
  - Will resign in August
- Additional information on NSF website
  - http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=109688&org=olpa&from=news

CYBER-ENABLED DISCOVERY AND INNOVATION (CDI)

- **Objective:**
  - ***Broaden the Nation's capability for innovation by developing a new generation of computationally based discovery concepts and tools to deal with complex, data-rich, and interacting systems.***
- **Description:**
  - Scientists and engineers are faced with research problems that often have **many complex internal feedback processes** that defy simple analysis, or that must be studied at scales that are much different than processes occurring in nature.
  - Some research problems require **extensive complex networked observations**.
  - These challenges often need **massive datasets for simulation**, have heterogeneous data sources that must be linked, or generate massive, high-dimensional datasets from experiment or observation, and will soon be beyond today's capabilities.

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- Five distinct themes of CDI
  - knowledge extraction,
  - interacting elements,
  - computational experimentation,
  - Virtual environments, and
  - education for computational discovery
- For additional information see
  - http://www.nsf.gov/about/budget/fy2008/pdf/39_fy2008.pdf

Proposed Funding for CDI

Long-term Funding for Cyber-enabled Discovery and Innovation

(Dollars in Millions)

FY 2008 Request	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
$51.98	$100.00	$150.00	$200.00	$250.00

Questions and Discussion