

Save-The-Date

FLR Annual Meeting Day 1: Research Enablement and CC* Workshops

Who: Research Leadership and Faculty,
Research Computing Leads, FLR Member Engineering Teams,
Higher Ed Cyberinfrastructure Leaders

When: Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 8:00-5:00pm EDT

Where: University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Highlight of Events (What)	Benefit to Community (Why)
NSF Sponsored Programs Brief Guest Speaker: NSF CC* Program Officer (TBD)	Learn details about the NSF Sponsored Programs, and how to apply for CI, CS and AI grants to support your education and research
NSF CC* Proposal Writing Presentation Guest Speaker: NSF CC* Program Officer (TBD)	Presenter will provide an in-depth class on computational grant writing to aide researchers and CC* PIs in their grant proposal development
ESnet EPOC Event Facilitator: Jason Zurawski, ESnet	Learn about optimizing your network for research, advanced network monitoring, deploying and managing perfSonar, and drafting cyberinfrastructure plans
FLR Technical Support to Researchers Presenter: Chris Griffin, FLR Chief Architect	Gain a better understanding of how to leverage the FLR network
CC* Regional Networking Workshop #1 (TBD) Facilitators: Internet2 Research Engagement, University of Miami, Bethune-Cookman University, Florida Memorial University, St. Thomas University, FLR	Learn how to grow your campus cyberinfrastructure, build your campus science DMZ and connect to a regional Science DMZ to support education and research; collaboration welcome!
Technical Workshop: Southeast RENs Support to CI and Research Facilitators: Internet2 Research Engagement and SE REN Leaders	Participants will learn how to prepare sponsored program proposals to improve campus cyberinfrastructure, and share opportunities for collaborative research
NSF Program Director Office Hours (TBD)	Institutions' research/research computing/IT leadership can sign-up throughout the day!



Florida's Research and Education Network

Save-The-Date FLR Annual Meeting Day 2

Theme: *National and Regional Advanced Networking Services and Initiatives*

Who: FLR Member Vice Presidents of Research and CIOs/Network Directors

Organizations: Counties/Municipalities, NFP healthcare, and Higher Education

When: **Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 1:00-5:00pm EDT**

Where: University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Highlight of Events (What)	Benefit to Community (Why)
<p>National Science Foundation Programs to support Regional Research Efforts in the Southeastern US Guest Speakers: NSF CC* Program Officer (In-person or virtual - TBD)</p>	<p>Learn how NSF and research and education networks (RENs) can help higher education</p>
<p>Internet2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network and Security Services Available through your REN • InCommon and Eduroam • NET+ Program and Portfolio • Research Enablement Presenter: Internet2</p>	<p>Learn about how the national research and education network can support your not-for-profit network priorities</p>
<p>FLR Network and Security Update Presenter: Chris Griffin, FLR Chief Network Architect Ryan Vaughn, FLR Deputy Chief Network Architect</p>	<p>An update on FLRnet4 capability and security services and planned infrastructure upgrades over the next two years</p>
<p>Advanced Networking Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - REN AI Initiatives - Quantum Research and Networking Initiatives </p>	<p>Learn about REN initiatives in AI and Quantum, and public-private partnerships involved and opportunities for research collaboration</p>
<p>Guest Workshop: USAC Rural Healthcare Program Guest Presenters: TBD</p>	<p>Not-for-profit healthcare organizations with hospitals or higher education that have a health education program(s) are eligible to participate</p>



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FLR Annual Meeting Day 3: Technical Meetings and Research Enablement

Who: Research Leadership and Faculty, Research Computing Leads, Member Network Engineering Teams, Higher Ed Cyberinfrastructure Leaders

When: Thursday, May 21, 2026, 9:00am-5:00pm EDT

Where: University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Highlight of Events (What)	Benefit to Community (Why)
Coffee Talk: Talking Fiber Facilitated by: Chris Griffin, FLR Chief Network Architect Jon Ellis, FLR CEO	FLR Members bring your fiber requirements! Initial discussion will center around building fiber along the I4 corridor, but is open to all members with other metro or regional area fiber discussions
FLR Network and Security Update for Technical Leaders and Network Engineers Presenter: Chris Griffin, FLR Chief Architect	Gain a better understanding of how to leverage the FLR network
SSERCA All-hands Meeting	SSERCA will hold their annual member meeting to collaborate on research computing projects and to share best practices
FLR Annual Technical Meeting Presenter: Chris Griffin, FLR Chief Architect	A detailed, technical update on the FLRnet4 capability and planned updates over the next two years
CC* Regional Networking Workshop #1 (TBD) Facilitators: University of Miami, Bethune-Cookman University, Florida Memorial University and St. Thomas University along with FLR	Regional Networking Workshop (Closeout)
NSF Program Director Office Hours (TBD)	Institutions' research/research computing/IT leadership can sign-up throughout the day!