

CALL FOR SPEAKERS

Topics in Grid Management: A Workshop on Production Grids

Sponsored by Open Grid Forum and GlobusWORLD

In conjunction with GGF18 (September 10-12, Washington, DC, USA)

<http://www.psc.edu/~lfm/PSC/Grid/PGS-RG/GGF18-CFP.pdf>

Organized by OGF Production Grid Services Research Group (PGS-RG)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: August 15, 2006

It is clear that grids are becoming more pervasive as environments for corporate, scientific, and academic work. As grids mature, so must the communities that provide and support them. The Topics in Grid Management workshop provides an opportunity for grid managers and developers to share their experiences and build a support network to improve and enhance their work and the effectiveness of their grid implementations.

This workshop will bring together representatives from academic, research, and enterprise grids to share their experiences in addressing administrative and business management issues related to providing production-quality grid environments. Talks will be organized into three tracks:

- 1) Business Models and Strategic Planning – What goes into the evaluation process when considering moving to a grid environment? How did your organization decide to and make the transition? What lessons were learned? Where does more effort need to be focused?
- 2) Policy Management and Practice – Resources in a grid are still limited and grid resource providers have local policies and practices that need to be coordinated across the grid organization. What policy issues has your grid faced? How are these issues being handled?
- 3) Accounts and Accounting – Who is using your grid? What are they using it for? How do you know? What issues of identity management, authorization and usage do you address in your grid?

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Risk/Benefit Assessments for Grid Environments
- Cost Analysis Models
- Identifying and Serving Stakeholder Interests
- Build versus Buy Decisions – Open Source versus Commercial Solutions
- Security Coordination and Response
- Policy Management Frameworks and Tools
- Resources Scheduling and Coordination
- Identity Management
- Local versus Grid-level Accounting
- User Services for Distributed and/or Heterogeneous Resources

Because the primary goals of this workshop are to build community and identify areas of common interest, we are not soliciting papers. If you are interested in speaking at this workshop, please **submit an abstract** (not more than 500 words) of the material you would like to present. Submissions should be emailed to the organizing committee at GGF18_GridMgtTopics@psc.edu, marked as “GGF-18 Grid Workshop Submission” by Tuesday, 15 August, 2006. Speakers will be notified by Tuesday, 22 August, 2006.

Speakers will be asked to prepare a 30-45 minute presentation for the workshop. Slides will be collected from the speakers at the workshop and become part of a GGF informational document. Followup opportunities will be set up at the Production Grid Services session, scheduled during GGF18/GlobusWORLD. BoFs will be scheduled for followup at subsequent GGF meetings on specific areas if interest seems to warrant.

Thank you for your interest and support in this opportunity. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Important Dates:

- 500-word abstracts will be collected through August 15, 2006
 - Speakers will be notified of acceptance by August 22, 2006.
 - Presentation materials should be ready by 9am, September 10, 2006.
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