

Workshop on Resilient Financial Information Systems

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URL: <http://www.cs.columbia.edu/wrfis>

Directions for Participants and Group Leaders

Each of the six working groups have two co-leaders responsible for leading the break-out discussions, appointing a scribe to blog the conversations and prepare briefing materials for presentation of the final results of their group discussions that will be reported back to the plenary sessions. A final summary of results of their group's discussion should be provided by the end of the second day of the meeting. The Workshop website <http://www.cs.columbia.edu/wrfis> will provide blogging facilities and the means of uploading any materials such as powerpoints or other source materials prepared prior to or at the workshop. There are directions on the navigation bar describing how to blog on this site.

It is suggested that the group discussions begin with a briefing by a member of the financial services industry to present an overview of the finance industry's problem(s) in the topic area, followed by brief presentations by each of the participants of their own areas of expertise and how their disciplines and area of research relate to the problem(s) in question.

The questions that should be addressed by each group are as follows.

- What do you consider to be the most important basic research questions that need to be addressed in order to make progress in your particular topic area?
- What is the current state-of-the-art and the best work in the research community most related to your problem area?
- What are the very hard problems requiring sustained research for several years or more, and what shorter term achievements are possible in the mid-term (2-3 years) or the short term (1-2 years)?
- What other areas of research are directly related and relevant to achieving success?
- What areas of research do you believe are no longer sustainable as viable approaches to solving the problems in your topic and why?
- What other vexing problems exist that you believe have not been addressed by the six topics?

Each participant is asked to come prepared to the workshop to present a brief (5-10 minute) presentation on their own research and suggested discussion points to address these questions fully. If there are any important publicly available source materials, or URL's of online sources, related to each topic, or any other electronic materials relevant to the discussions, please use the contact area of the Workshop webpage to provide these in advance of the meeting. Be prepared to use these materials at the meeting or to produce a summary of the relevance of these materials to the topics of the workshop.

We ask that you provide complete contact information that will be available on the Workshop website, suitably password protected. Only workshop participants and Department of the Treasury and NSF personnel will have access to your information. There is a registration page to enter the workshop website that requests this information.

There is a limited travel budget available for attendees. If you do not have any available NSF funds to cover your travel expenses, please include that information.