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# ALCF-4 PROJECT OVERVIEW



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# AGENDA



Times	Item	Owner
8:30	Executive Session	Review Chair
9:00	Welcome	Mike Papka
9:10	Project Overview	Jini Ramprakash
9:40	Technical Overview and Early Science	Kevin Harms Chris Knight
10:15	Break	
10:30	Technical Requirements	Taylor Childers
11:30	Benchmarks	Chris
12:15	(Working Lunch) Discussion & Questions from the committee	ALCF-4 Team
12:30	(Working Lunch) Executive Session	Review Chair
13:30	Facilities	Jon Cisek
14:15	ALCF-4 Risks Review	Noah / Jini
15:00	Break	
15:15	Executive Committee Q&A with ALCF-4 team	Review Chair
15:45	Executive Writing Session	Review Chair
17:00	Adjourn / Tour of Aurora	Susan Coghlan
18:00	Dinner	



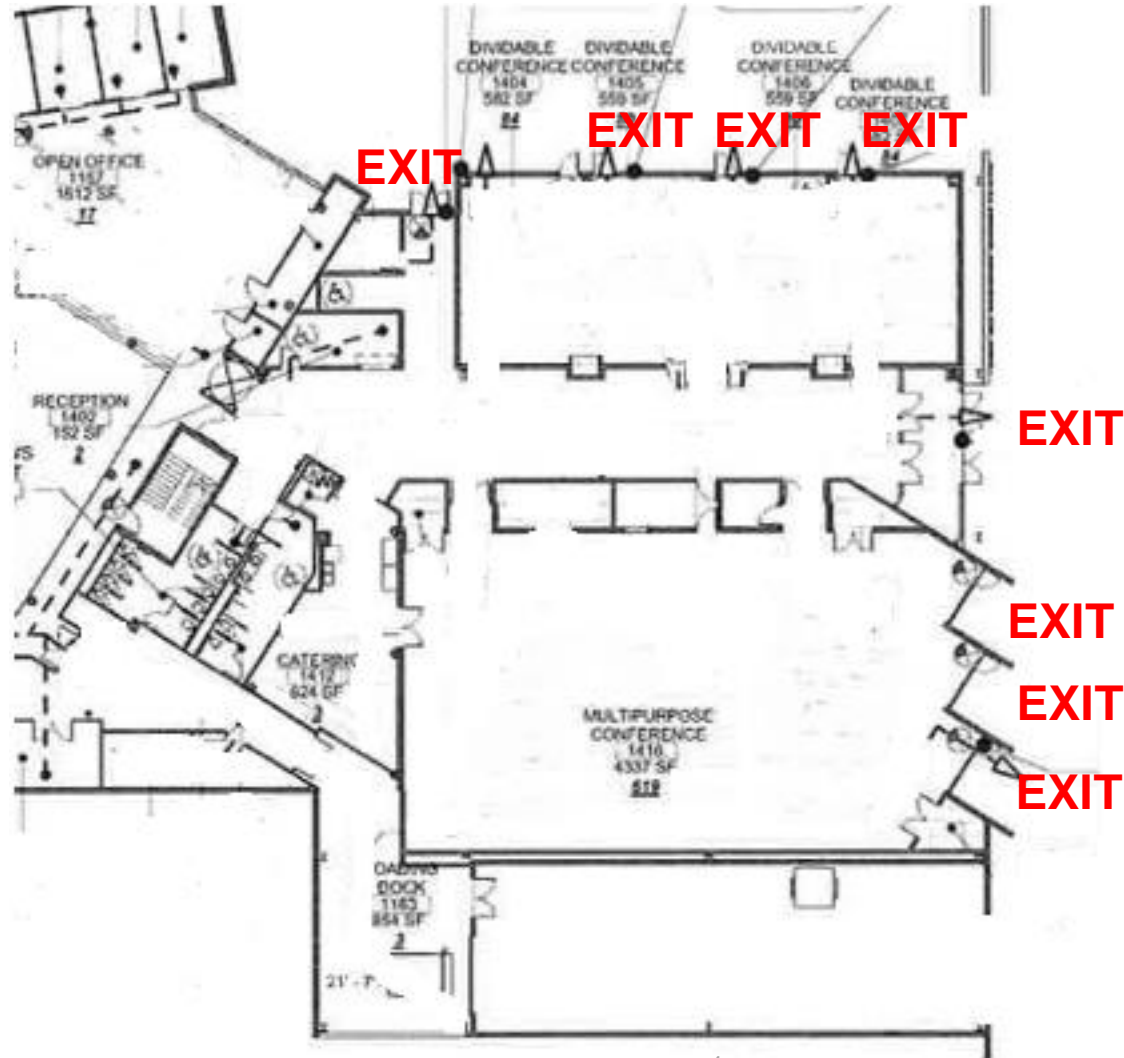
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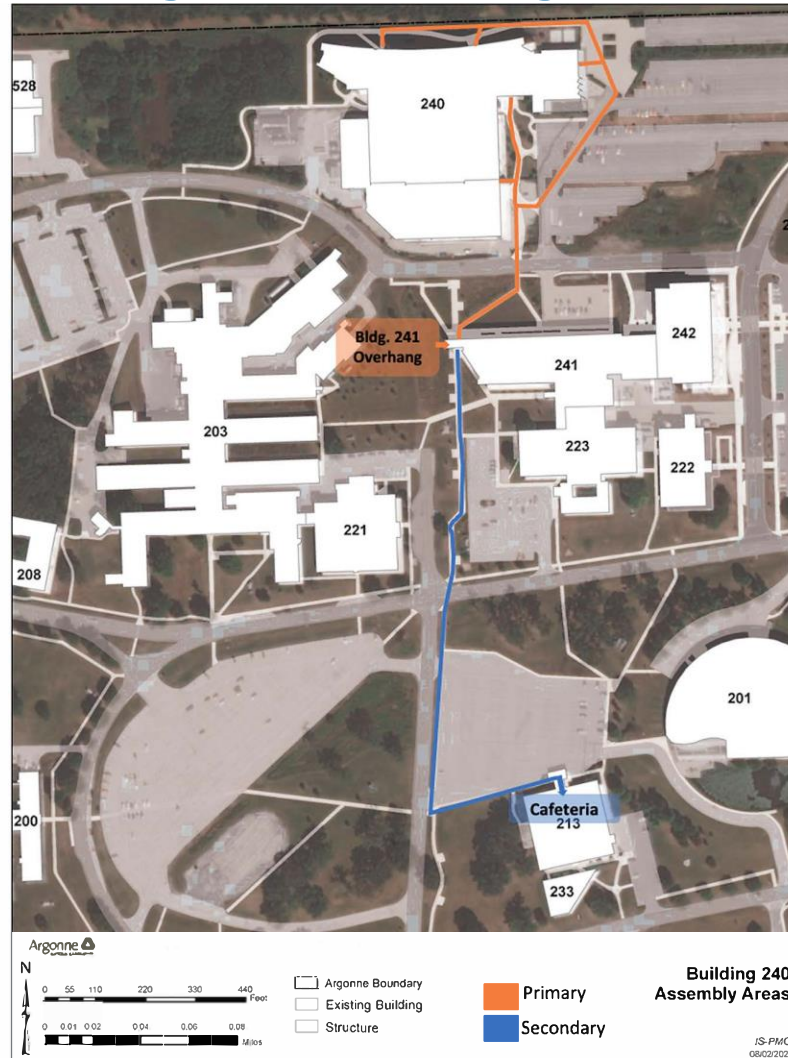
# EMERGENCY EVACUATION FROM THE CONFERENCE CENTER

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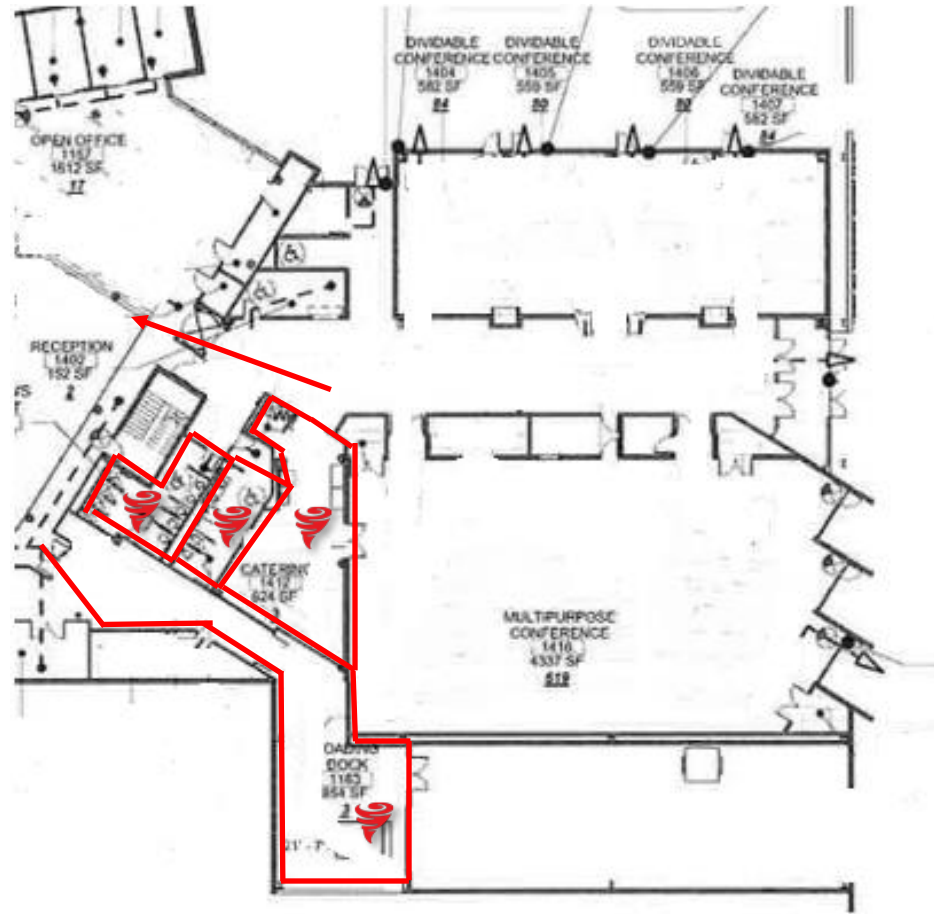
# ASSEMBLY AREA FOLLOWING EVACUATION

Follow the orange path below to Bldg. 241 overhang area



# EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Proceed to rest rooms, catering area, loading dock, and stairwells





# OTHER

## REST ROOMS & DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA

- Men's and women's rest rooms are located just outside the entrance to the main 7 story section of the building on the east side of the Conference Center.
- There is a dedicated smoking area just outside the Conference Center around the corner of the main entrance on the north side of the building.
- Please use the smokers' receptacle located within the area.

## AED LOCATION

- Near the restrooms



# OUTLINE

- Origin of LCF @ DOE
- Mission Need Statement
- Key Project personnel and their roles
- ALCF-4 Project Goals
  - Key Performance Parameters
- Mapping charge questions to presentations



# ORIGIN OF LEADERSHIP COMPUTING FACILITY

Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-423):

**LEADERSHIP SYSTEM.**—The term “Leadership System” means a high-end computing system that is among the most advanced in the world in terms of performance in solving scientific and engineering problems.

The Secretary of Energy, acting through the Office of Science, shall

- Establish and operate Leadership Systems Facilities
- Provide access [to Leadership Systems Facilities] on a competitive, merit-reviewed basis to researchers in U.S. industry, institutions of higher education, national laboratories and other Federal agencies.

118 STAT. 2400

PUBLIC LAW 108-423—NOV. 30, 2004

Public Law 108-423  
108th Congress

An Act

To require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program of research and development to advance high-end computing.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004”.

## SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **CENTER.**—The term “Center” means a High-End Software Development Center established under section 3(d).

(2) **HIGH-END COMPUTING SYSTEM.**—The term “high-end computing system” means a computing system with performance that substantially exceeds that of systems that are commonly available for advanced scientific and engineering applications.

(3) **LEADERSHIP SYSTEM.**—The term “Leadership System” means a high-end computing system that is among the most advanced in the world in terms of performance in solving scientific and engineering problems.

(4) **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**—The term “institution of higher education” has the meaning given the term in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

(5) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Energy, acting through the Director of the Office of Science of the Department of Energy.

## SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY HIGH-END COMPUTING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall—  
(1) carry out a program of research and development (including development of software and hardware) to advance high-end computing systems; and  
(2) develop and deploy high-end computing systems for advanced scientific and engineering applications.

(b) **PROGRAM.**—The program shall—  
(1) support both individual investigators and multidisciplinary teams of investigators;  
(2) conduct research in multiple architectures, which may include vector, reconfigurable logic, streaming, processor-in-memory, and multithreading architectures;

Nov. 30, 2004  
[H.R. 4516]

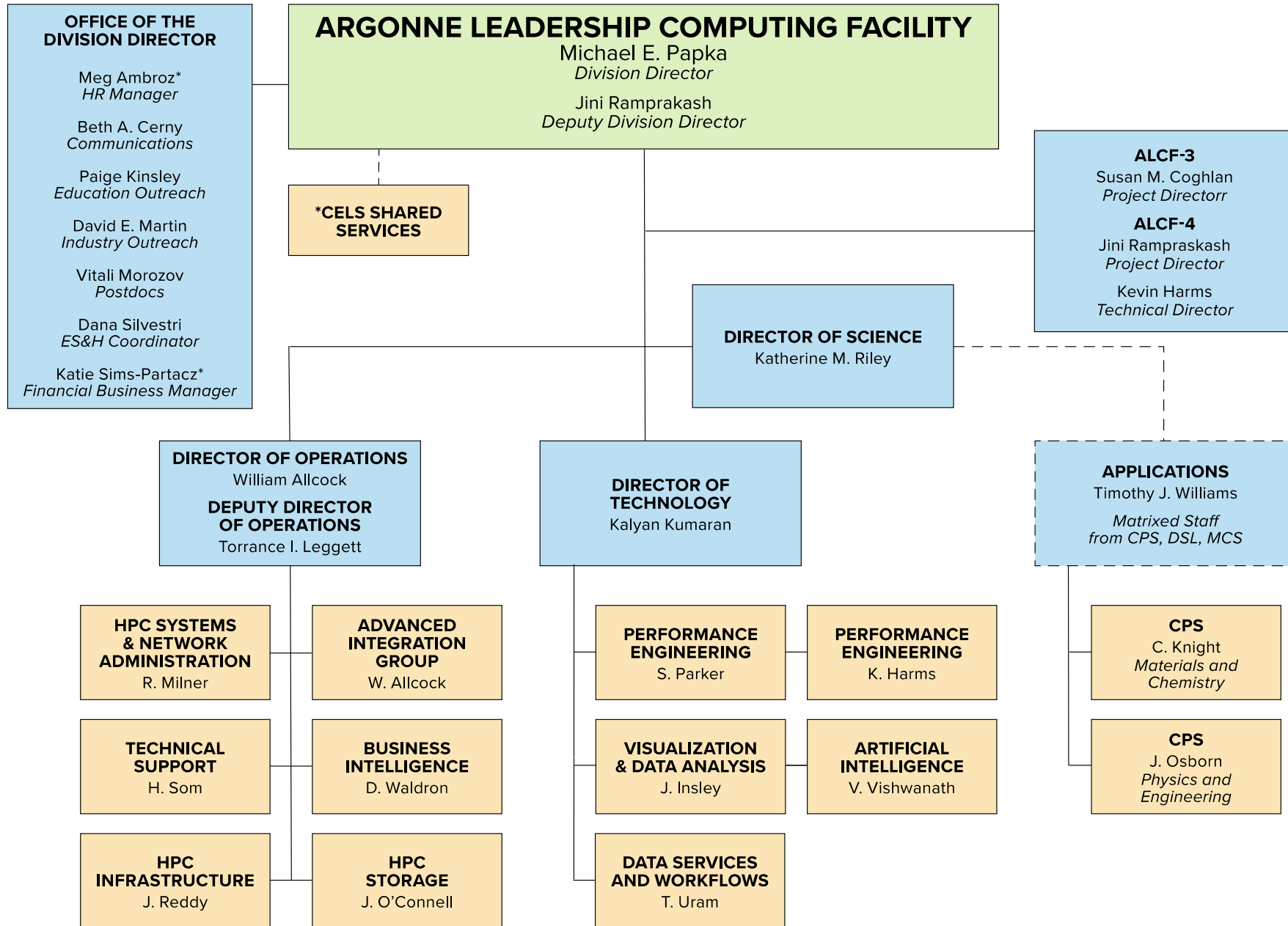
Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004.  
15 USC 5501 note.  
15 USC 5541.

15 USC 5542.

# DOE Leadership Computing Facility

- Established in 2004 as a collaborative, multi-lab initiative funded by DOE's **Advanced Scientific Computing Research** program
- Operates as **one facility** with two centers, at Argonne and at Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- Deploys and operates at least two advanced architectures that are **10-100 times more powerful** than systems typically available for open scientific research
- **Fully dedicated** to open science to address the ever-growing needs of the scientific community











# ALCF AT A GLANCE IN 2023

- Users pursue scientific challenges
- In-house experts to help maximize results
- Resources fully dedicated to open science

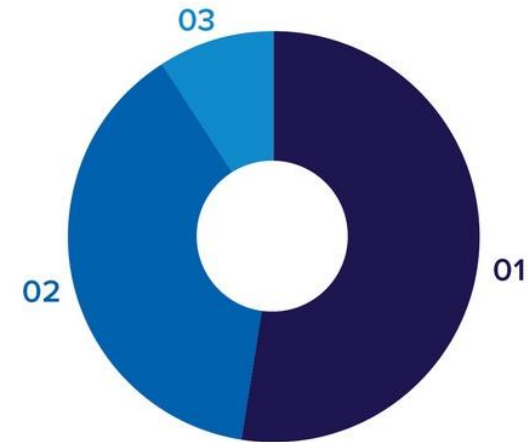
**35.7M** node-hours of compute time

**417** active projects

**1,624** facility users

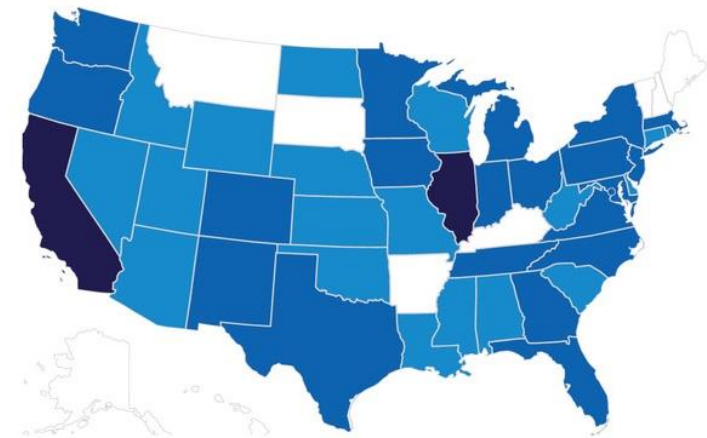
**230+** publications

## 2023 ALCF Users by Affiliation

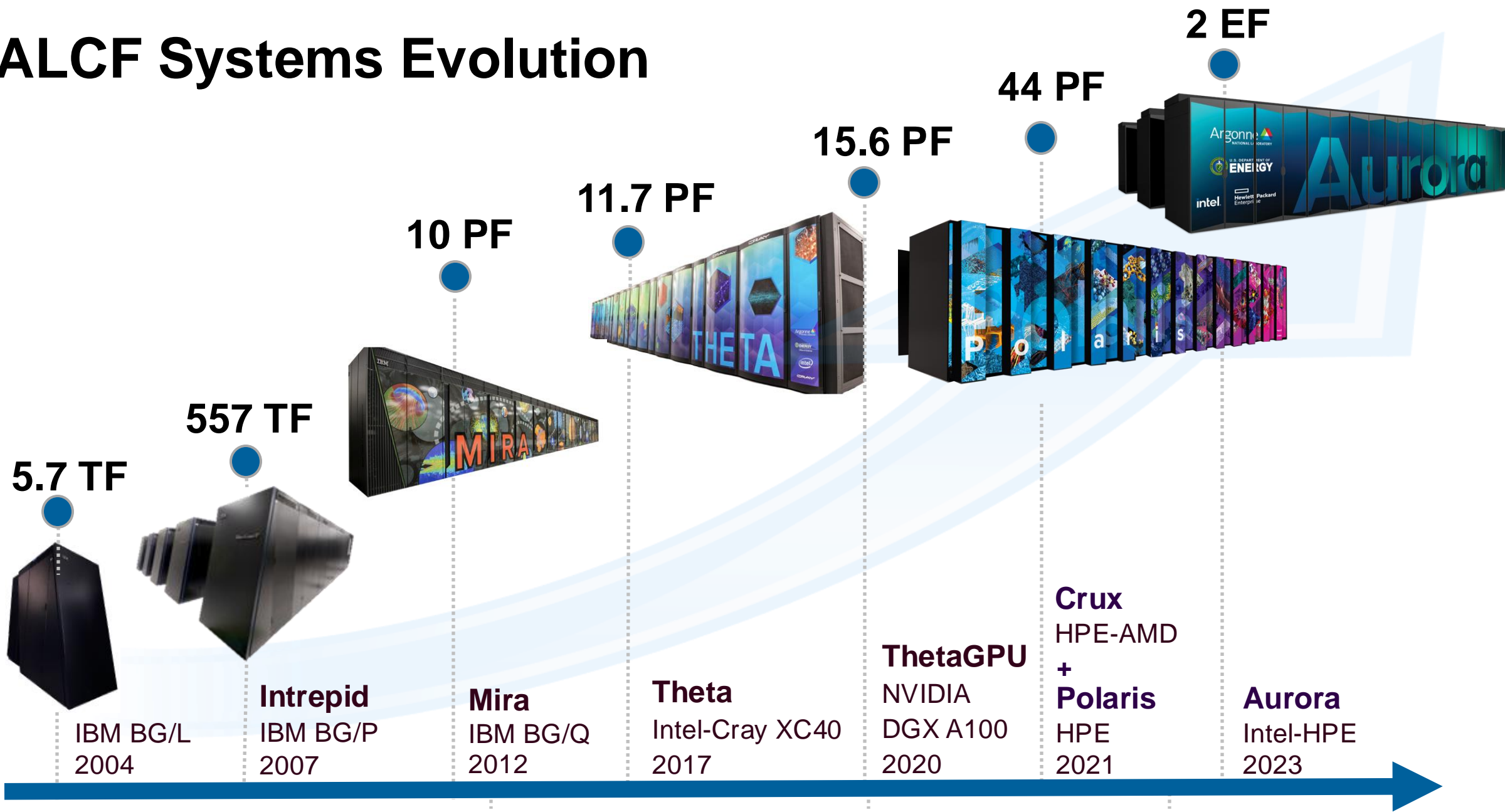


<b>01</b>	Academia	857
<b>02</b>	Government	620
<b>03</b>	Industry	147

## 2023 U.S. ALCF Users by State



# ALCF Systems Evolution



JLSE (2013)

AI Testbed (2020)

Edge Testbed (2021)

# LEADERSHIP COMPUTING FACILITY UPGRADE – MISSION NEED STATEMENT

- “This falls short for scientific applications in the *CY 2026-2031* timeframe that will need a *5x-10x increase in application performance.*”
- “DOE goals for the Energy Earthshots are ambitious [...] Leadership computing will accelerate and optimize efforts across the Earthshots, and *more advanced capabilities will* allow optimization within and across the Earthshots to *maximize impact.*”
- “*Industries* of the future, a bipartisan priority, are *heavily interdependent with progress in HPC* – these include Quantum Information Science, Quantum networking, Artificial Intelligence, and microelectronics.”
- “The next generation leadership computing ecosystem will be *designed to interface* the IRI environment that *supports automated workflows, data integration, and AI technologies* and integrates distributed resources and advanced data technologies with edge-to-exascale capabilities that reduce the time from experiment and observation to scientific insight.”

# PROJECT LEADERSHIP TEAM



Jini Ramprakash  
ALCF-4 Project Director



Kevin Harms  
ALCF-4 Technical Director



Susan Coghlan  
ALCF-4 Project Advisor



Ti Leggett  
ALCF-4 Project Deputy



Taylor Childers  
ALCF-4 Technical Deputy

## ALCF-4 Project

- Focus on O413.3b requirements
- Schedule, budget, reviews, ...

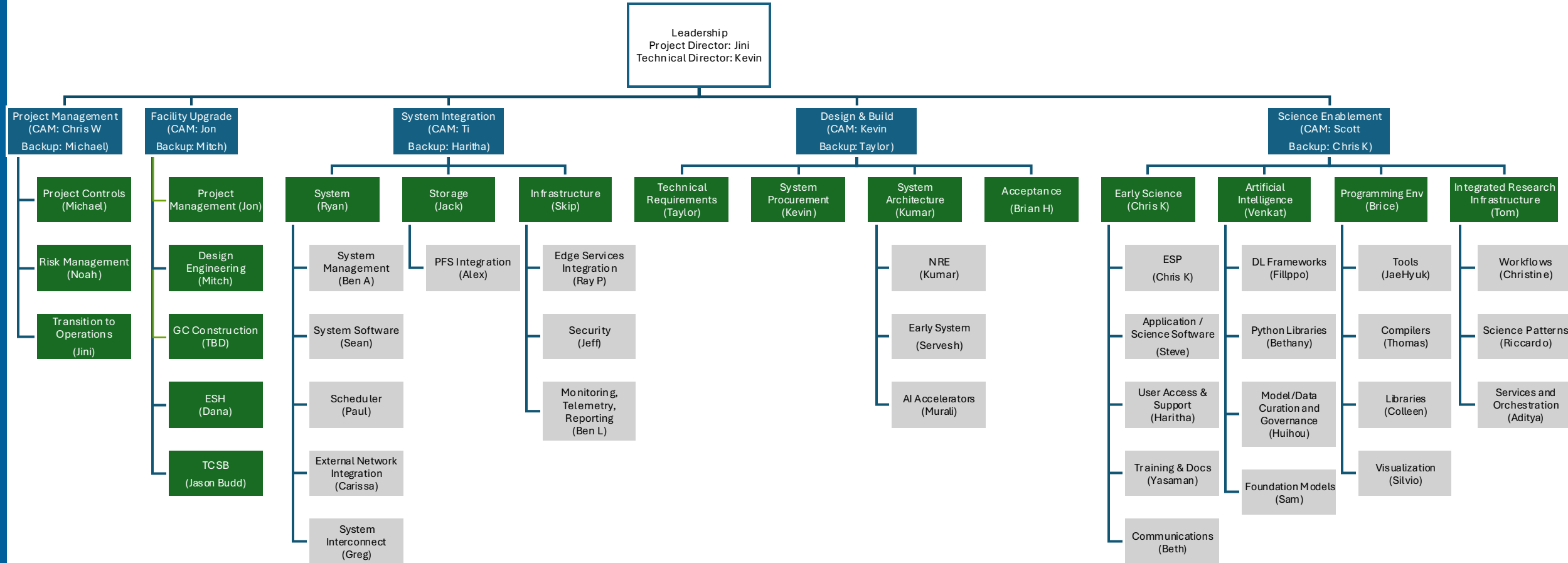
## ALCF-4 Technical

- Focus on system build & science requirements
- RFP/SOW, procurement, ...

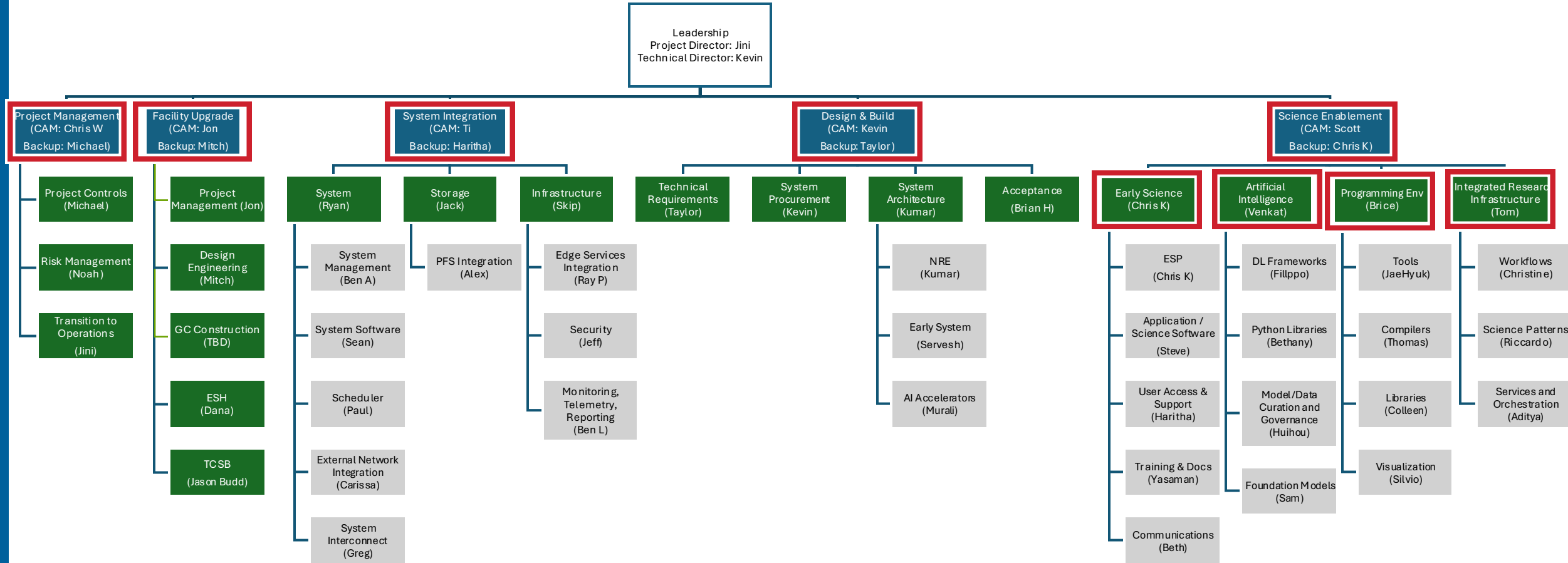


# PROJECT ORGANIZATION

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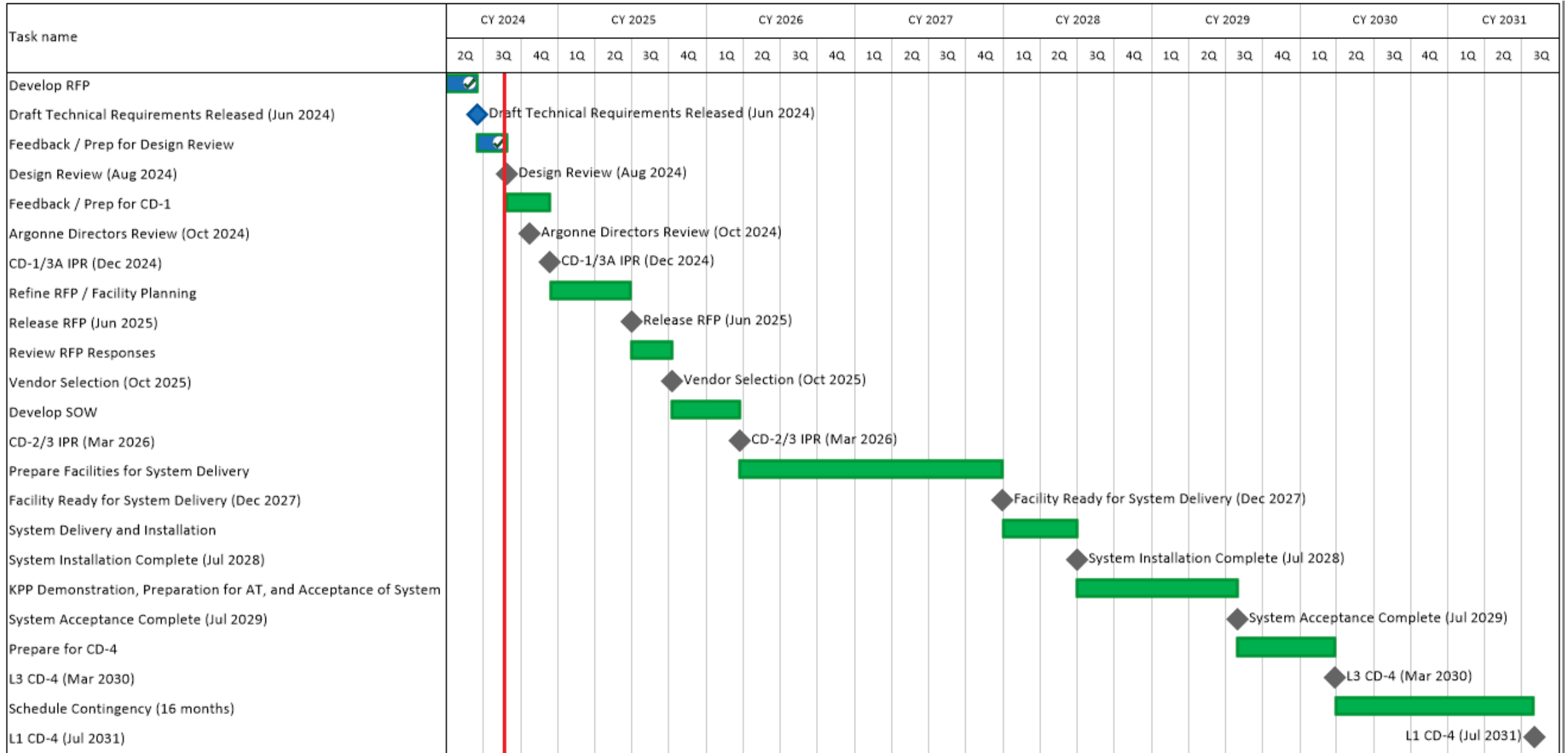


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\* CAMs indicated with red frame

# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



# PROJECT GOALS

- 5x-10x improvement in application performance over Aurora
- Support traditional HPC computation, AI, and data intensive computation
- Investigate potential to provide faster deployment and realization of new technology for future systems beyond ALCF-4



# KEY PERFORMANCE PARAMETERS

Scope	Threshold	Objective
Application Performance	3x GeoMean	≥ 5x GeoMean
Early Science Program Applications	8 applications INCITE ready	15 applications INCITE ready
System Power	≤ 40MW	≤ 30MW
Programming Environment	1 compiler, 1 debugger, 1 learning framework	2 compilers, 2 debuggers, 2 learning frameworks
IRI capabilities	Support 3 IRI practice areas*	Support all 6 IRI practice areas*

# PRACTICE AREAS



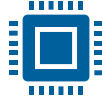
## Resource Co-Operations

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## Cybersecurity and Federated Access

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## User Experience

Understanding evolving users' needs and experiences is critical for technologists to develop effective IRI solutions. This area is central for building an effective IRI. Strategies for enabling users, including requirements gathering, user-centric (co)-design, liaising approaches, and related topics, have been proposed. This topic has implications for all other practice areas.



## Workflows, Interfaces and Automation

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## Scientific Data Lifecycle

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## Portable / Scalable Solutions

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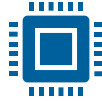
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# SUMMARY

- LCF Upgrade Mission Need Statement includes
  - Significant increase in leadership computational and data science capabilities
  - Advanced capabilities to maximize impact
  - Interface the IRI environment that supports automated workflows, data integration, and AI technologies
- Project Goals align with LCF Upgrade Mission Need Statement
  - 5x-10x improvement in application performance over Aurora
  - Support traditional HPC computation, AI, and data intensive computation
  - Investigate potential to provide faster deployment and realization of new technology for future systems beyond ALCF-4
- Core team members bring experience and expertise to the ALCF-4 Project



# MAPPING CHARGE QUESTIONS TO TALKS

1. Is the technical approach appropriate to support the ALCF-4 Mission Need requirements?
  - Project Overview, Technical Overview and Early Science (Speakers: Jini Ramprakash, Kevin Harms & Chris Knight)
2. Are the RFP technical requirements reasonable, clear, and consistent with the goals and objectives for the ALCF-4 project?
  - Technical Requirements, Benchmarks (Speakers: Taylor Childers, Chris Knight)
3. Does the ALCF facility upgrade plan support the system requirements specified in the RFP for the onsite options?
  - Facilities (Speaker: Jon Cisek)
4. Have the major technical risks and appropriate mitigation strategies been correctly identified for this stage of the project?
  - ALCF-4 Risks Review (Speakers: Noah Legenski & Jini Ramprakash)



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