

2010/11 Strategic Objectives Information Technology Division, Berkeley Lab

The IT Division objectives support and advance Lab-wide goals defined by Director Alivisatos, including:

- Science for the future
 - Carbon Cycle 2.0
 - Next Generation Light Source
- Safe and Efficient Berkeley Lab
- Space for our Future
- Building Community

IT Division Mission

The Information Technology (IT) Division supports Berkeley Lab's scientific mission by developing and maintaining the Lab's computing, information, and communications infrastructure. This infrastructure includes networking and telecommunications; desktop computing; business management information systems; and systems for scientific clusters, technical information and computer security.

IT Division Strategic Objectives

SERVICES

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- 2. Enhance scientific computing services and support to accelerate discovery.
- 3. Deliver new and enhanced business systems to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of laboratory operations.

4. Embrace emerging, innovative service models to improve the user experience.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- 5. Be recognized as a leader in the sustainable management of IT systems.
- 6. Improve the effectiveness and resiliency of core infrastructure systems.

PEOPLE

- 7. Maintain an environment of excellence in service delivery and customer support.
- 8. Demonstrate leadership in regional and national IT initiatives.
- 9. Contribute to the community.

Examples of specific activities in support of the strategic objectives:

- 1. Partner with Lab Divisions to anticipate and plan for future systems and computing needs.
 - Develop strategies to address the computational and collaborative services requirements of scientific customers.
 - Support the OCFO strategic financial systems planning initiative.
 - Perform comprehensive IT portfolio assessment with EH&S Division.
- 2. Enhance scientific computing services and support to accelerate discovery.
 - Deliver reliable, high performing computing capacity for scientific users.
 - Expand expertise in scientific data management and computational user support.
 - Collaborate with UCB to expand online access to research journals.
- 3. Deliver new and enhanced business systems to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of laboratory operations, e.g.:

- Implement OCFO vision for Financial Management System transformation.
- Develop a next-generation Work Planning and Control system.
- Implement Human Resources design of a new guest-processing system.
- Implement an enterprise Content Management System.

4. Embrace emerging, innovative service models to improve the user experience.

- Explore, prototype, and implement cloud-based solutions for scientific computation and core IT infrastructure.
- Deploy Google Mail, Google Apps, Google Calendar and other cloud-based services for specific business needs.
- Participate in multi-institutional partnerships (including data center collocation and shared research computing initiative) to achieve efficiencies of scale.

5. Be recognized as a leader in the sustainable management of IT Systems.

- Continue IT's widely publicized data center energy efficiency campaign and measure improvements over time.
- Reduce desktop power requirements and measure savings.
- Emphasize sustainability in all infrastructure service architectures (systems management, backup services, networking, etc.)

6. Improve the effectiveness and resiliency of core infrastructure systems.

- Continue to virtualize servers and launch a storage virtualization project.
- Ensure business continuity consistent with Lab goals.
- Provide ubiquitous wireless services and flexible, cost effective voice services.
- Scale cyber-security defenses to address emerging threats.

7. Maintain an environment of excellence in service delivery and customer support.

- Foster high-performing teamwork.
- Recruit, retain and develop top quality IT talent.
- Continue to elicit high customer satisfaction.

8. Demonstrate leadership in regional and national IT initiatives.

- Guide the northern regional UC data center initiative.
- Manage the northern component of UC Shared Research Computing System project.
- Lead standardization of IEEE802.3az (Energy Efficient Ethernet).
- Advise DUSEL (Deep Underground Science/Engineering Lab) project.

9. Contribute to the community

- Develop the community within the IT Division.
- Reach out to local schools and community organizations.