**The Society for Science at User Research Facilities (SSURF)**

## **Corporation Details for Logo Design**

***Distinguishing Features (from other organizations)***

SSURF is unique in its membership and role in the scientific community. It is a brand new **professional society** dedicated to all aspects of user facility research. It is a platform for communities of practice—i.e., it is a “community of communities” that include User Executive Committee chairs, user research facility directors and managers, communications managers and writers, government affairs liaisons, scientific society representatives, individual researchers. It is **not** a lobbying organization, but serves as the only consolidated voice of the user science community on Capitol Hill. We are incorporating to allow the organization to grow, to take advantage of other sources of funding, to have employees, and to take on new activities (e.g., bringing Congressional staff to visit user facilities, produce reports and analyses, etc.).

***Mission and Goals***

Our goal is to have elected officials have a true understanding of what role the user research facilities play in our society and how important the science being conducted at these facilities is to the general public -- how science changes people’s lives for the better. To this end, our Corporate Mission is:

"Advance the science performed at user research facilities by (1) supporting their professional communities and research networks through the sharing of best practices and facilitation of professional development, and (2) promoting public awareness about the benefits and significance of the facilities and their research."

***Services and Benefits***

## Services and benefits may include but not be limited to:

## User Facility Administration

## Sharing of best practices in user program administration

## Development and provision of formal training programs for users, with focus on navigating user facilities

## Facilitating reciprocity of training across facilities

## Development of intra-facility networks and federated systems across user facilities

## Facilitating opportunities for intra-facility collaboration

## Use of the Corporation’s J-1 program for sponsorship of international researchers, students and trainees

## Development of white papers and other studies on cross-facility issues

## Support for Individual Users

## Development of best practices for users across facilities

## Guidance and support on career development, with focus on careers within user facilities

## Publication, dissemination and promotion of individual user’s research efforts and accomplishments

## Awards and recognition of accomplishment within user science and administration

## Negotiated benefits with allied professional societies

## Attendance at the Corporation’s Annual Meeting and similar forums for the exchanges of ideas relating to the Mission of the Corporation

## Promotion and exploration of the issues facing international students and researchers at user facilities

## Receipt of the Corporation’s newsletter and quarterly updates on issues of relevance to users

## Outreach

## Interaction with, and outreach to, the public for educational purposes

***Membership***

## Current membership categories include:

## Voting Members

## *Organizational Members*: publicly funded scientific user facilities that provide tools and expertise for both internal and external scientists and engineers to use in conducting research, as represented through their

## User Program Administrator, or an authorized designee of the member facility’s User Program Administrator.

## Facility Director, or an authorized designee of the member facility’s Director.

## *Individual Members* – “Research” below is defined as professional services involving or supporting research at a member user facility:

## Researchers, comprising individuals currently engaged in Research or who previously engaged in Research within the three (3) years prior to their application for membership.

## Senior Researchers, comprising individuals who have retired from Research, or who have withdrawn from Research due to temporary or permanent disability

## Emeritus Members, comprising individuals invited by the Corporation’s Board to become members of the Corporation on the basis of their achievements or sustained acclaim within user science, or noteworthy support of user science or a member facility.

## Student Members, comprising individuals currently enrolled in, or within twelve (12) months of graduation from, a degree-granting program of study within a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) field represented at a member user facility.

## Non-Voting Members – any individual or entity who provides support or assistance to the Corporation may be designated as a “supporting member” or other similar title as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. The current category is below, although additional categories of membership may be identified by the Board:

## *Friends:* any other individuals or organizations seeking to support or assist the Corporation.

## ***Logo Details for* Society for Science at User Research Facilities (SSURF)**

This is a new scientific society focused on promoting scientific results to the public at large. We would like to see something fresh and daring --something that makes people take notice.