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Dear John,

The Minnesota Supercomputing Institute (MSI) wishes to participate in the XSEDE Federation and SP Forum as a Level 3 Service Provider (SP).

As a large University-based HPC center, we believe that MSI can offer valuable perspectives and best practice ideas to other XSEDE service providers on topics such as HPC system administration, data storage including large-scale data storage, bioinformatics, networking, software utilization, and user support. Long-term, it is possible we will be able to contribute additional services to the XSEDE community.

Conversely, membership in XSEDE will provide MSI in the short term with new opportunities for collaboration as well as insights into how we might later integrate our resources and services within a larger national grid. Long term, XSEDE membership may provide MSI with access to additional large and cutting edge resources through XSEDE interfaces. Overall, membership will provide MSI with opportunities for participation in advanced computation initiatives on a large scale and will elevate MSI's profile on a national scale.

We have reviewed the XD Service Providers Forum: Charter, Membership, and Governance document (version 10.1, dated 2 February 2012, at: https://www.xsede.org/documents/10157/281380/SPF_Definition_v10.1_120228.pdf3) defining the mutual responsibilities of XSEDE and an SP and are confident that we can and will fulfill our obligations as described therein.

In the event that you have an issue with our performance, please contact me, directly. Similarly, if we perceive an issue, we will contact you. In either case we commit to work with you to resolve any issues.

We at MSI look forward to working with XSEDE to advance the mission of XSEDE and the NSF in advancing the nation's research capability.

Sincerely,



Jorge Viñals
Director,
Minnesota Supercomputing Institute