



## March 2022

### Did you know?

Raj Panda (Axiom Consultants) and Jim Abeles (IMSG), EMC contractors have been working with collaborators at NOAA/GSL to implement testbed environments in the Cloud. They have developed workflows using AWS cloud resources for real-time demonstration and evaluation of NOAA's next generation RRFS ensemble forecast system. The results from the Cloud testbed environments are now providing scientific insights into configuration aspects of the ensemble forecast system to meet stakeholder needs for Version 1 of the RRFS, which is scheduled for an operational implementation in 2024. Three separate testbed environments, HWT (Hazardous Weather Testbed), FFaIR (Flash Flood and Intense Rainfall Experiment), WWE (Winter Weather Experiment) have been implemented in the Cloud. A set of benchmarks was created that was used to pick the optimal resources for the testbed environments. For NOAA HPC systems users, cloud computing is a new paradigm. Both Raj and Jim have been sharing their experiences with other groups at NOAA who also want to use cloud resources for their computing needs.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- NWS All Hands Event schedule for March 10, 2022, questions for Mary or AJ, please use [this form](#). To register click [here](#) the webinar ID is 832-627-331.
- 2022 Virtual NOAA Safety and Health Week is from March 7-11, 2022, click [here](#) to see updated [schedule](#), to register use this [link](#).
- NOAA's 2022 Women's History Month Observance, March 24, 2022- this year's theme, *Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope*, is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history. To register click [here](#).
- Mid-Year Performance Plans must be completed by April 30, 2022.
- Mid-Year certification memos are due to Kim Montgomery by May 18, 2022.

### TRAINING

- How to Conduct a Successful Mid-Year Progress Review, scheduled March 23 at 11:00 am. Please contact either your supervisor or Kim Montgomery to attend the session.
- Click [here](#) for the February 2022 EEO and DEIA Events Calendar.
- Due to popular demand-additional 7 Adobe courses have been added, click [here](#) to see full workshop catalog.
- Mandatory USERRA, Veterans Employment and Disability Training-All hiring managers, supervisors, and human resources professional are required to complete the online trainings by May 2, 2022. The courses can be accessed via the [Commerce Learning Center \(CLC\)](#).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For those employees enrolled in the NWS Health and Wellness Services Fees Reimbursement Program may request reimbursement, up to \$300 per calendar year. Submissions are due by March 31, 2022.
- Call for Mentors: If you are interested in being a mentor and would like to participate in NCEP's mentoring program, fill this [form](#).

### REPORT DEADLINES

Report Name	Due to NCEP OD	NCEP OD POC
Scientific Publications	Monthly (third Friday)	Jacqui Poindexter
NCEP Quarterly Newsletter	Jan7, April7, July7, Oct7	Jacqui Poindexter
International Trip Reports	When traveler returns	Adria Schneck

Click [here](#) to read more about the case study that was published on intel.com.

**Job well done Raj & Jim!**