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RPI, UAlbany join effort to promote statewide online research network

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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the state University at Albany are two of 19 institutions across the state have joined to create the **NYSGrid**, what is being described as a cyberinfrastructure that will provide researchers easy access to data.

NYSGrid creators said the network is taking advantage of recent advances in technology that now link physically distributed resources into a research network.

The creators of the network said that more work needs to be done to make the network available to a broader community. The expectation is that by pooling together New York's centers of expertise, NYSGrid will push the development of software, algorithms, portals, and interfaces to make that happen.

"The digital revolution is data-driven and has permeated all aspects of society -- from research to education, from entertainment to doing business," said Russ Miller, NYSGrid executive director. "NYSGrid will provide researchers, teachers, students, and communities with the tools needed to navigate and excel in our data-driven, knowledge-based economy."

NYSERNet, a not-for-profit organization which is considered an Internet pioneer, is also one of the founding members of NYSGrid. It has an office in North Greenbush. NYSERNet helped create one of the first commercial Internet service providers.

NYSGrid founders said significant progress has already been made in establishing a working grid that includes many of these institutions.

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