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ND EPSCoR HOSTS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(FARGO, ND)—ND EPSCoR (Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) is hosting their annual conference at the FargoDome on March 27, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ND EPSCoR Executive Director Kelly Rusch, Ph.D., announced that the keynote presentations will be given by Jose Colom-Ustariz, Ph.D., National Science Foundation (NSF) Program Officer for the North Dakota EPSCoR Track-1 cooperative agreement, and by Dane Skow, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Center for Computationally Assisted Science and Technology at NDSU.

The annual event will feature multiple presentations by students and faculty on their research involving the Center for Regional Climate Studies (CRCS) and the Center for Sustainable Materials Science (CSMS), as well as other related research and outreach efforts. Track-1 research for CRCS supports industry and agriculture with better predictive models for weather, hydrology, and crop selection processes. The goal of CSMS has been to develop bio-based sustainable products derived from agricultural materials, which can then be made available to industry.

Over 300 participants are registered to attend the conference and over 150 posters will be presented at the event, along with oral presentations by faculty members, graduate and undergraduate students from 11 institutions across the state.

The mission of ND EPSCoR is to increase the competitiveness of North Dakota for merit-based federal grants and contracts supporting research in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). In this mission, ND EPSCoR seeks to provide leadership and teamwork that supports workforce development and diversifies and broadens the K-12 STEM pathway.

The 11 EPSCoR-affiliated institutions include Cankdeska Cikana Community College, Dickinson State University, Mayville State University, Minot State University, North Dakota State University, Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College, Sitting Bull College, Turtle Mountain Community College, United Tribes Technical College, University of North Dakota, and Valley City State University.

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