

SURA Announces Leadership Transition
CFO Scott Hartranft to Serve as Interim CEO During Nationwide Search

Washington, D.C., April 15, 2021 - SURA announced today that, effective April 14, 2021, Dr. Jerry Draayer has resigned from employment as SURA's President and Chief Executive Officer. SURA thanks Dr. Draayer for his many contributions to SURA's accomplishments during his 34 years of service to the organization. SURA's Chief Financial Officer, Scott Hartranft, will serve as the organization's interim President and CEO. Over the next several months, SURA will conduct a national search for its next chief executive.

Hartranft is an innovative leader with demonstrated success managing the finance, accounting and operations of complex for-profit and non-profit organizations, including human resources, administration, and customer service functions. He has extensive experience partnering with Boards of Directors to meet organizational goals of growth, financial strength, and stability.

"We are pleased to appoint Scott to lead SURA and advance our important scientific work while a search for a permanent replacement is underway. Scott will lead his talented colleagues at SURA and work closely with SURA's scientific advisors, our laboratory partners, and member institutions to continue to make progress on our work together," said Fred King, chair of SURA's Board of Trustees.

"SURA and its member institutions continue to grow our collective scientific capabilities and to make significant contributions to our nation's knowledge in nuclear physics, information technology, coastal and environmental science, and space science," said King. "SURA intends to build on its model of collaboration and partnership to enhance these contributions in the years to come."

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SURA is a consortium of 61 research institutions in the United States and Canada and was established in 1980 as a non-stock, nonprofit corporation. SURA serves as an entity through which colleges, universities, and other organizations may cooperate with one another, and with government and industry in acquiring, developing, and using laboratories and other research facilities and in furthering knowledge and the application of that knowledge in the physical, biological, and other natural sciences and engineering.