CNMS UEC *ad hoc* Conference Call, Monday, November 17, 2014
11:00 am Eastern Time

Topic: Capital Equipment Survey results

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- **Background**
  - As an action item from last UEC telecon, a poll was conducted Nov 11-14, 2014
  - Poll was emailed to the User Group plus PIs on rejected user proposals 2012A-2015A plus User Meeting attendees from 2012-2013-2014; total of ~1650 unique email addresses, including ~400 non-users
  - 135 responses received
  - A summary of the results was provided to the UEC in advance of the conference call
- **Discussion**
  - All five items in the survey attracted comparable and considerable interest
    - Poll results do not strongly favor any particular item on the list
    - Very few respondents have access to any of these items elsewhere
  - Group discussed pros and cons of unique/complex capabilities vs high (user) throughput; trade-offs
    - Metrics include Number of Users, Number of Publications, Citations
- **Conclusion**
  - CNMS management has flexibility to make strategic procurement decisions based on balancing needs to both establish areas of technical leadership, which may favor unique/complex capabilities, and attract larger number of users (and publications), which may favor capacity/familiarity/ease-of-use

Next Conference Call: December 3, 2014, 11:00am (Eastern Time)