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2024 NSF CREST/HBCU-RISE/PRP PI MEETING

November 19-20, 2024

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV), Edinburg, Texas, USA

**Hosted by the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) CREST Center for Multidisciplinary
Research Excellence in Cyber-Physical Infrastructure Systems (MECIS)**

Day 1 November 19, 2024	Location: Cambria Hotel, McAllen Convention Center, 701 South Ware Road, McAllen, TX 78501
Time	Event
7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast – Served at the Hotel
8:00 – 8:10 am	Welcome Remarks – NSF CREST Program Director
8:10 – 10:00 am	NSF CREST/HBCU-RISE/PRP topics prepared by CREST Team
10:00 – 10:20 am	Coffee Break
10:25 – 11:55 am	Session One: Enhancing MSI administrative operational efficiency to optimize potential for success
12:00 – 1:15 pm	Lunch – Keynote Speaker, Felicia Nave, NSF Division Director Directorate for STEM Education (EDU) Division of Equity for Excellence in STEM (EES)
1:25 – 2:55 pm	Session Two: Successful strategies for leveraging institutional support for enhancing effectiveness
3:00 – 3:20 pm	Coffee Break
3:25 – 4:55 pm	Session Three: Town Hall Meeting – Discussing challenges, opportunities, and future of NSF CREST/HBCU-RISE/PRP Programs
5:30 – 7:00 pm	Dinner – Speaker – Can (John) Saygin, UTRGV Sr. Vice President for Research and Graduate College
Day 2 November 20, 2024	Location: The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg Campus, Edinburg, TX 78539
Time	Event
7:00 – 7:50 am	Breakfast – Served at the Hotel
8:00 am	Buses depart from Cambria Hotel to UTRGV Edinburg Campus (Travel time ~30 minutes)
8:30 – 8:45 am	Arrival at UTRGV Edinburg Campus
9:10 – 10:40 am	Session Four: Strategies for planning sustainability after funding
9:00 – 11:00 am	Concurrent Session: Workshop for Early Career Investigators (in-person and virtual options)
10:40 – 11:00 am	Coffee Break
11:00 am – 12:15 pm	Research Poster Session
12:20 – 1:30 pm	Lunch – Served at UTRGV Edinburg Campus – Closing Remarks
1:30 pm	Adjourn – Buses return attendees to Cambria Hotel