

**Business & Grid for the 2<sup>nd</sup> EGEE User Forum**

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Distributed computing is coming of age and 2006 has seen a steady growth of grid deployment especially in enterprises which are focusing more and more on having, using and obtaining value from grids.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> EGEE User Forum, which will be held in conjunction with OGF20 in Manchester, UK, 9-11 May 2006 (<http://www.eu-egee.org/uf2>) will provide a unique opportunity for businesses to meet with users of the largest multi-science Grid infrastructure, to interact with companies already benefiting from grid deployments, and to share their experiences. This combined event will further strengthen the links between EGEE and the Open Grid Forum, bringing users and standards bodies together to ensure that the future of the Grid is complemented by the establishment of key standards.

This is a novel opportunity for the early adopters of grid computing such as those working in industries like financial services, aerospace, automotive, oil & gas and manufacturing & pharmaceuticals industries, as well as Independent Software Vendors (ISVs), middleware companies and researchers. EGEE invites these communities to submit abstracts on how the adoption of grid for them may generate business advantage in their field of interest.

Grid has proven to be not only a tool for performing computational tasks but also an environment to establish collaboration, share data and develop new innovative applications in the scientific field. Often the term "Grid" comprises recent technologies like Service Oriented Architecture (SOA), virtualisation, web 2.0, distributed computing and adaptive enterprise, among others. The User Forum offers authors a unique opportunity to participate in these discussions and raise issues surrounding these topics including discussions with leading, international experts at the User Forum.

Grid analysts hope to see 2007 bringing some major breakthroughs in applications, leading to solutions realized in increasingly standard ways so that the private sector may enjoy the benefits of open standards & open source in the same way that the public sector is enjoying them.<sup>1</sup>

The Call for Abstracts opened on 1 December and will close 30 January 2007. The main areas of interest will cover key topics in Grid technology such as experience with and development of data access tools, interactive usage of the Grid, running complex workflows on the infrastructure and Grids as collaborative environments. To submit your abstract, please go to <http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceCFA.py?confid=7247> or follow the link from the User Forum Webpage where you will also find further information on the template to be followed.

The programme committee will review the submissions and notify selected contributors by 6 March 2007. Selected contributions will be included in the EGEE User Forum Book of Abstracts.

For more details on the OGF 20 programme, please refer to [www.ogf.org](http://www.ogf.org).

<sup>1</sup> Extract taken from the globus consortium journal : "Grid analyst Round-Up"  
<http://www.globusconsortium.org/journal/20061102/index.php>