

**1st NOAA User Workshop on the  
Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM) Mission**  
August 18-19, 2010  
Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Center (ESSIC)  
M-Square Research Center, College Park, MD



# Welcome Packet

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## Welcome

On behalf of NOAA/NESDIS, NOAA/OAR and NOAA/NWS, it is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 1<sup>st</sup> NOAA User Workshop on the Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM) Mission.

We look forward to your participation and collaboration on making the workshop a success and setting a well defined path forward for NOAA's utilization of GPM data and products.

Sincerely,

*Ralph Ferraro and David Kitzmiller*  
*Co-Chairs, NOAA's Steering Group on Precipitation Measurement from Space*

*Workshop Organizing Committee,*  
*Chandra Kondragunta, Fuzhong Weng, Pingping Xie*

## Conference Location

**Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Center (ESSIC)**  
5825 University Research Court  
College Park, MD 20740



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# Getting to ESSIC by METRO

Take the Metrorail green line to College Park – U of MD Metro Station. [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)

- Take the **Green Line** to **College Park – U of MD**.
- Exit station, walk up the steps, escalator or take the elevator to the bus terminals.
- Catch the 109 River Road Shuttle. Get off at the 4<sup>th</sup> stop – M-Square.



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# Getting to ESSIC by car

**5825 University Research Court, College Park, MD 20740**

## **From Baltimore and Points North**

- Travel on I-95 South to Washington, D.C.'s Capital Beltway (I-495). (About 20 miles from Baltimore)
- Take Exit 23 to MD Route 201 (Kenilworth Avenue).
- Travel south for about 3 miles and turn RIGHT onto River Road.
- Take the first RIGHT turn AFTER the bridge, onto University Research Court. The building number is 5825. We are the last building on the right and the parking lot is located in front of the building. We are located on the fourth floor.

## **From Virginia and Points South**

- Travel on I-95 North to Washington, D.C.'s Capital Beltway (I-495).
- Take Exit 23 to MD Route 201 (Kenilworth Avenue).
- Travel south for about 3 miles and turn RIGHT onto River Road.
- Take the first RIGHT turn AFTER the bridge, onto University Research Court. The building number is 5825. We are the last building on the right and the parking lot is located in front of the building. We are located on the fourth floor.

## **From Virginia and Points West**

- Take I-66 East or I-270 South to Washington, D.C.'s Capital Beltway (I-495).
- Go East on I-495 toward Baltimore/Silver Spring.
- Take Exit 23 to MD Route 201 (Kenilworth Avenue).
- Travel south for about 3 miles and turn RIGHT onto River Road.
- Take the first RIGHT turn AFTER the bridge, onto University Research Court. The building number is 5825. We are the last building on the right and the parking lot is located in front of the building. We are located on the fourth floor.

## **From Annapolis and Points East**

- Take U.S. 50 to Washington, D.C.'s Capital Beltway (I-495).
- Go North on I-95/I-495 toward Baltimore.
- Take Exit 23 to MD Route 201 (Kenilworth Avenue).
- Travel south for about 3 miles and turn RIGHT onto River Road.
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## **From Washington, D.C. (Northwest/Southwest)**

- Take 16th St. North which becomes Georgia Ave. North at Maryland/D.C. line.
- Go East on I-495 toward Baltimore.
- Take Exit 23 to MD Route 201 (Kenilworth Avenue).
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## **From Washington, D.C. (Northeast/Southeast)**

- Take Rhode Island Ave. (U.S. 1 North) which becomes Baltimore Ave. North at Maryland/D.C. line.
- Proceed through the city of College Park.
- Turn RIGHT onto Paint Branch PKWY. Proceed under the train tracks and turn RIGHT onto River Rd. Continue on River Rd. past the College Park Metro Station.
- Turn LEFT onto University Research Court. We are the last building on the right and the parking lot is located in front of the building. We are located on the fourth floor.

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# Accommodations

The following is a listing of nearby accommodations to ESSIC.

When making your reservations, request the government per diem if possible.

## **Courtyard by Marriott**

6301 Golden Triangle Dr.  
Greenbelt, MD  
1.800.321.2211  
301.441.3311

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasgr-courtyard-greenbelt/>

## **Holiday Inn**

7200 Hanover Dr.  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
1.800.280.4188  
301.982.7000

<http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/greenbelt/wasgb/hoteldetail>

## **Sheraton Washington North Hotel**

4095 Powder Mill Rd.  
Beltsville, MD 20705  
1.800.325.3535  
301.937.4422

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=2011>

## **UMUC Marriott**

Adelphi Rd at University Blvd.  
College Park, MD 20740  
1.800.228.9290  
301.985.7300

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasum-the-marriott-inn-and-conference-center-university-of-maryland-university-college/>

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