



RHIC & AGS USERS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Responding to the Budget and
RHIC running

Tuesday Jan 14, 1 PM EST

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Purpose of Today's meeting

- Purpose
 - Responding to the congressional budget situation with regard to RHIC running
- Status
- Our response
 - RKS requirement - full support from the RHIC collaborations (I.e. the users) and the Lab otherwise we cannot do anything
 - Timetable

The Situation

The congressional budget

- RHIC got a \$12M bump in the president's 2003 budget
- Congress couldn't pass a budget last year- We are on a CR (continuing resolution) which means we are funded at 2002 levels
- Congress hopes to respond in the next couple weeks with
 - A budget
 - A continuing resolution (disaster)

Conversations

- I spoke with
 - Dennis who verified the situation
 - Mike Lubell who verified the situation and explained the APS
 - Johns Spoke with Pierson
 - Conversations with Tom, Derek etc



The Situation: RHIC running (now!)

- Physics has started. Beam doing well
- We are operating at the lower of the house and senate markups
- CR is LOWER than either of these
- From Derek "if we receive no more than the FY02 budget of \$79.2M the RHIC operations will end on January 31"
 - More info in Derek.txt

Our response

- I will not go ahead without the full support and OK of the collaborations
- Here is what I think
 - People know the situation - rumors should be clarified - read the WA post
 - We can have an effect (we are not alone)
 - Write to our own congress people
 - Time to respond is minimal for a person (5-10 min)
 - People need to be able to respond

Proposal

- Get folks to write letters to their representatives (email/fax/phone)
- Set up web site to make this easy
- Get some folks to make personal visits
- (hope and pray...)