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I am writing to endorse the participation of MIT's Plasma Science and Fusion Center (PSFC) in the PIC-SER the campus trials being offered by the Presence and Integrated Communications Working Group of Internet2. This trial will be done in conjunction with the Institute's Integrated Communications Project (ICP) being coordinated by Information Services and Technology (IS&T).

The ICP's intent is to understand the opportunities presented by integrated (voice-video-data) network-based communication technology, both existing and that which will become available in the next several years, for education, research and community. To that end we are undertaking set of experiments or prototype implementations with a view to understanding the impact of their broader adoption at MIT and to help us develop IT services in the next 3-5 years.

The experiment at PSFC will help MIT understand how future technologies could be used to better support research communications and collaboration. The PIC-SER trial will give us access to software before comparable commercial products are available. The results of this experiment will both inform MIT's future directions in communications services and contribute to the general understanding of how these technologies can impact the Internet2 community and beyond.

IS&T is committed to making staff and resources available in support of the PIC-SER trial at PSFC.