Organization Top Takeaways:

- Need user friendly infrastructure (user support/training); similar to WRF

- Data and software repository

- Need longer term investment (3 year plus) to retain talent

- Grants vs cooperative agreements vs contracts
  - Grants fund smaller, innovative ideas
  - Cooperative agreement bridges the gap
  - Contract funds targeted work for operations
Management Top Takeaways:

● No consensus but a lot of ideas

● Need strong leadership that will make decisions

● Need space for high risk/high reward
  ○ Example models included DARPA, ECMWF, UFS
**GOVERNANCE**

**EPIC Breakout Group Triple S One**

**Governance Top Takeaways:**

- Part of group thought it is congressionally mandated that NOAA should lead with advisory board.

- Another part of group thought EPIC should be non-NOAA led.

- Priorities and goals need clarity before determining governance structure.

- EPIC director might need to be a scientist but not an atmospheric scientist.