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Optimizing SRNL Resources and Housekeeping with the Creation of an “eDatabase”

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Being an R&D worker...



Lab optimization efforts...



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To: Brenda Garcia-Diaz
Cc: Jay Gaillard; Joseph Meany

Hi Brenda,

Here is the list of the new lab names we discussed yesterday:

- 149 – Clean Room
- 155 – Mechanical Testing Laboratory
- 152 – Hydrogen Fuel Cell Laboratory
- 151 – (N/A for now)
- 145 – Flow Battery Laboratory
- 142 – Energy Storage Laboratory
- 135 – Catalyst Laboratory
- 136 – Induction Catalysis Laboratory
- 140 – Nanomaterial Synthesis Laboratory
- 138 – User Facility Characterization Laboratory
- 191 – Modular Laboratory
- 194 – Additive Manufacturing Laboratory
- 193 – High Temperature Laboratory
- 196 – Permeation Laboratory
- 195 – Thin Film Synthesis Laboratory (Note: GaTech's lab group is named Polymer Thin Film Processing)

The walkdown was a great review for me to tour all the labs and see all the various equipment. Here is what I think the next steps should be:

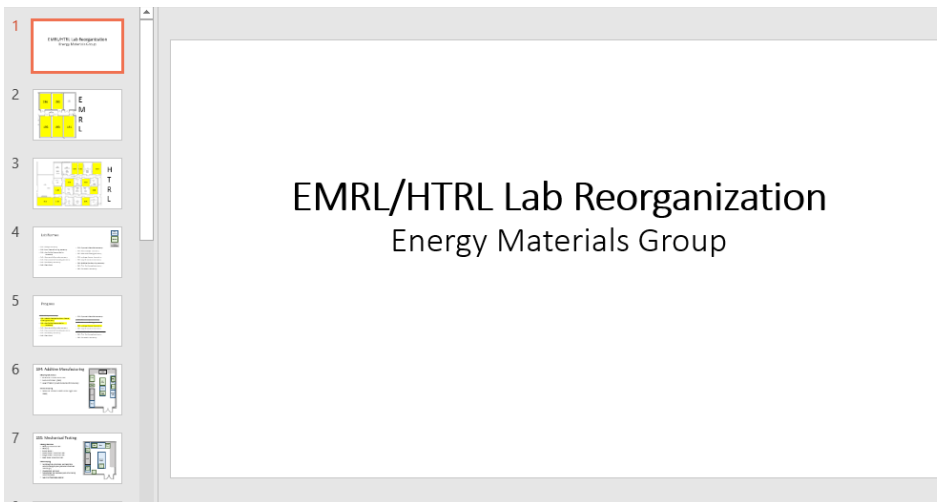
- Go down lab-to-lab again, this time recording/labeling where the equipment should be moved. Jay or someone else who is familiar with all of the equipment would have to join me.
- Compile a spreadsheet with the old and proposed rooms for each machine. I can also make a visual if I have the blueprints/layouts of the ARC.
- Email these documents to the lab owners. Get their input and their final approval.
- Move equipment.

I also have a list of machines that are in the database, so I can make sure that is accounted for during the walkdown. Let me know what you think!

Best,

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Objective:

To reorganize, rearrange, and reoptimize HTRL/EMRL lab space to increase productivity and efficiency.

Plan of Action:

1. Talk with lab custodians and PIs of the lab to discuss how they would like their lab rearranged for increased optimization.
2. *Planning phase:* Label and record which equipment they would like moved out or excessed. Discuss relevant available equipment available in other labs to see if they would like it moved in their lab. Update and reference the partial equipment sheet for this step.
3. Create a list of equipment moving in/out of the specific lab as an action plan for arranging. If there is a substantial number of equipment being moved, create a visual map.
4. Move the equipment in accordance to the plan. Enlist the help of available lab technicians, custodians, and support staff.
5. Once the equipment is moved and the lab custodian is satisfied with the rearranging, move on to another lab and repeat the steps.

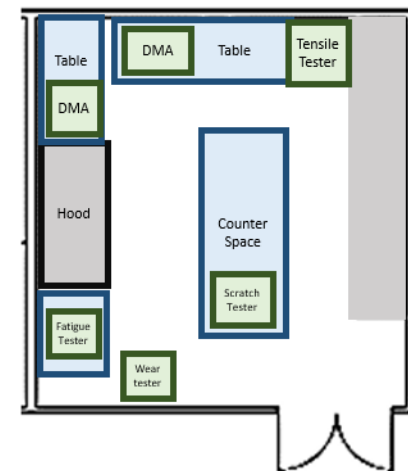
155: Mechanical Testing

Moving Machines

- DMA (1): move from 195
- DMA (2): -
- Tensile Tester: -
- Scratch Tester: move from 138
- Fatigue Tester: move from 136
- Wear Tester: move from 135

Housekeeping

- Clean/empty out hood
- Move/excess the toolboxes (and other items) under the tables
- Get rid of flammable cabinet



What I had to work with...


	A	B	C	D	E
1	Current Lab	Instrument Type	Model	Analyte / Analysis	Custodian/SME
2	135				
3	135				
4	136				
5	136				
6	136				
7	136				
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62	196				

- Outdated
- Incomplete
- Hard to find

... Does an item database exist?

Looking for a lab-wide database...

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MSB Database
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Instrument Inventory List



Looking for a lab-wide database...

The screenshot shows the Savannah River National Laboratory website. On the left is a navigation menu with items like 'Home', 'About Us', 'Work Directives', 'Database', and 'Forms, Groups, and...'. The main content area features a header with the logo and 'SAVANNAH RIVER NUCLEAR SOLUTIONS', followed by a list of links including 'Acronym List', 'Bulk Gas and Gas Cylinder Management', 'Charters and Committees', 'Conduct R&D Integrated Safety Management', 'Contacts', 'CRC/ACTL/HTRE/EMRL Operating and...', 'Fact Sheets', 'Functional Area Managers (FAMs)', 'Instrument Inventory List', 'Issue/Event Notification Requirements', 'Lab Equipment Purchase/Replacement Screening', and 'Logos and Publishing Products'. A blue banner with a document icon and the text 'SRNL Instrument Inventory' is overlaid on the page.

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Instrument Inventory List



L3330: Energy Materials

L9100: Advanced Modeling, Simulation, & Analytics

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U248 In Mixed Waste Satellite Area

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
	Custodi- /SME	Organiza- tion	Instrument Type	Manufac- turer	Year of Manufac- ture	Model	ELI #	Build- ing Num- ber	Room Num- ber	Analgte / Analysis	Sample Matri- c(e)s	Advanced Measurement	Instrument Replacem- ent Cost	Unde- r Serv- ice	Dedica- ted Serv- ice	Frequency Of Use
1	Dave Diprete	L1400	Gamma Detector (Wellsco)	Canberra	GCW7028	441461	773-A	B-105	Gamma Detector Wellsco	Multiple	Routine analysis	\$50k-\$100k	No	Can be shared	Weekly	
2	Abraham Rodriguez-Vaquero	L2100	Surface Area	Micromeritics	2010-2014	3FLEX	0000441056	773-A	C-064	BET/surface area	Solid	Routine analysis	\$100k-\$250K	No	Dedicated	Monthly
3	Abraham Rodriguez-Vaquero	L2100	Temp prog analyzer	Micromeritics	2010-2014	F3 JUPITER	0000432425	773-A	C-064	TGA-DSC-MS	Solid	Routine analysis	\$100k-\$250K	No	Dedicated	Program Dependent
4	Abraham Rodriguez-Vaquero	L2100	Chromatograph	Inficon	2010-2014	3000 MICRO GC	0000440951	773-A	C-064	gas composition	Gas	Routine analysis	\$100k-\$250K	No	Dedicated	Monthly
5	Carol Kestin	L2100	SEM	JEOL	2005-2009	JSM-6480LV	410197	234-7H	106	electron microscopy	Solid	Routine analysis	\$250-\$500k	Yes	Can be shared	Weekly
6	Carol Kestin	L2100	EDS	Oxford Instruments	2010-2014	x-max 50	431429	234-7H	106	elemental analysis	Solid	Routine analysis	\$100k-\$250K	Yes	Can be shared	Weekly
7	Carol Kestin	L2100	FTIR	Bruker	2015-present	Alpha FT-IR Prisma QM5 200	431871	234-H	267	FTIR	Solid	Routine analysis	less than \$25K	No	Can be shared	Monthly
8	David James	L2100	Spectrometer Chromatograph	Pfeiffer-VAC			396199	999-2V	156	Mass Spec	Gas	Routine analysis		No	Dedicated	Program Dependent
9	David James	L2100	Chromatograph	Agilent-Tech		G2801A	409347	999-2V	156	Chromatograph	Gas	Routine analysis		No	Dedicated	Program Dependent
10	David James	L2100	Balance, Analytical	METTLER-TOLE		XP5003S	411163	999-2V	156	COMPARATOR	Multiple	Routine analysis		No	Dedicated	Program Dependent
11	David James	L2100	Chromatograph	AGILENT		3000A	411573	999-2V	144	Chromatograph	Gas	Routine analysis		No	Dedicated	Program Dependent
12	David James	L2100	Gas Analyzer	AMETEK-CONTR		DYCOR DYMATION	425850	999-2V	156	MASS SPECTROMETER SYSTEM	Gas	Routine analysis		No	Dedicated	Program Dependent
13	David James	L2100	Gas Analyzer	Inficon		3000	433631	999-2V	156	MICRO GC, (PART #	Gas	Routine analysis		No	Dedicated	Program Dependent
14	David James	L2100	Gas Analyzer	Inficon		3000	440976	999-2V	156	MASS SPECTROMETER SYSTEM	Gas	Routine analysis		No	Dedicated	Program Dependent
15	David James	L2100	Gas Analyzer	Inficon		3000	441555	999-2V	156	MASS SPECTROMETER SYSTEM	Gas	Routine analysis		No	Dedicated	Program Dependent
16	David James	L2100	Gas Analyzer	Anetej-Contr		DYCOR DYMATION	461656	999-2V	156	MASS SPECTROMETER DM200M	Gas	Routine analysis		No	Dedicated	Program Dependent
17	David James	L2100	Mol Bloc	DHI		Various	414848	999-2V	156	Gas	Gas	Routine analysis		No	Dedicated	Program Dependent
18	David James	L2100	Sensotec Sensors	Honeywell		SC2001, SC3004		999-2V	156	Gas	Gas	Routine analysis		No	Dedicated	Program Dependent
19	David James	L2100	Analyzer Humidity	Panametrics		MIS1	388774	773A	CO61	Moisture	Gas	Routine analysis		No	Dedicated	Program Dependent
20	David James	L2100	Gas Analyzer	Inficon		TSPTT100	409207	773A	CO61	Transceptor 2, RGA	Gas	Routine analysis		No	Dedicated	Program Dependent
21	David James	L2100	Gas Analyzer	INFICON		TSPTT100	409649	773A	SV6C6	Transceptor 2, RGA	Gas	Routine analysis		No	Dedicated	Program Dependent
22	Edward Stein	L2100	Instant Measurement	Kegece	2015-present	IM-6125	441852	234-7H	101	dimensional	Solid	Routine analysis	\$50k-\$100k	No	Can be shared	Monthly
23	Edward Stein	L2100	Instant Measurement	Kegece	2015-present	IM-6125	442753	234-7H	319	dimensional	Solid	Routine analysis	\$50k-\$100k	No	Can be shared	Weekly
24	Edward Stein	L2100	Optical Microscopy	Zeiss	2015-present	SmartZoom 5	451662	234-7H	101	microscopy	Solid	Routine analysis	\$50k-\$100k	No	Can be shared	Monthly
25	Edward Stein	L2100	Optical Microscopy	Zeiss	2015-present	SmartZoom 5	451662	234-7H	101	microscopy	Solid	Routine analysis	\$50k-\$100k	No	Can be shared	Monthly

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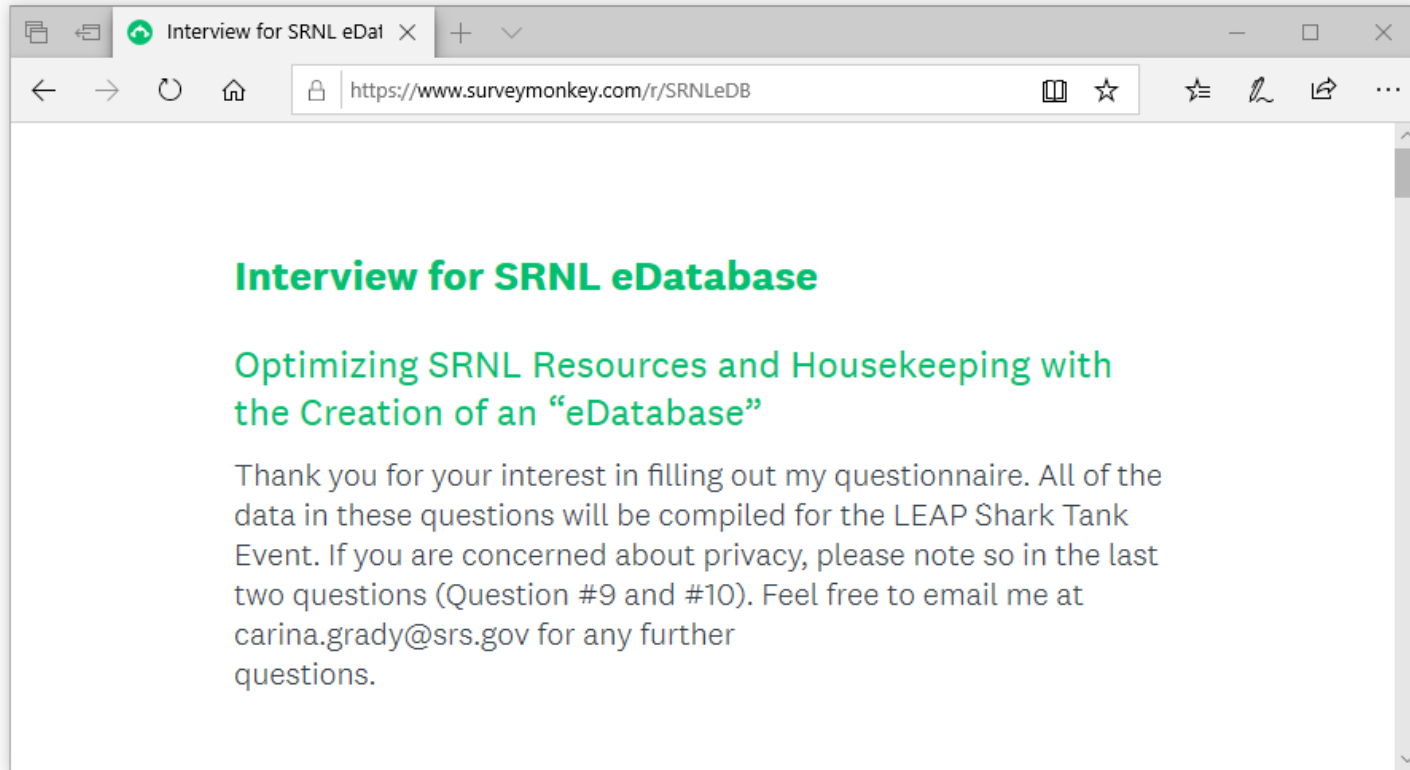
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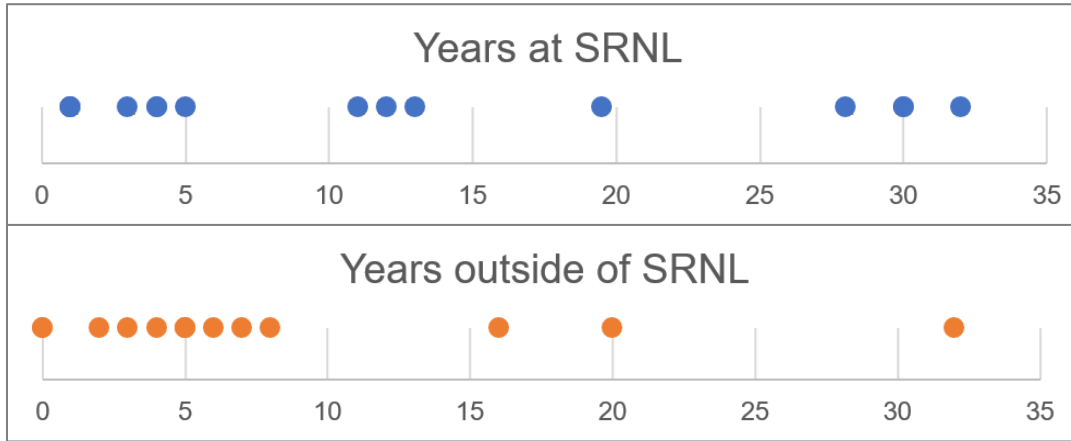
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1	Stephanie Hall	L4600	LSC (EKM LSC 3)	Beckman	Pre 2000	7068625	384600	234-H	270	Tritium	Liquid	Advanced measurements	\$50k-\$100k	Yes	Dedicated	Weekly
2	Stephanie Hall	L4600	LSC (PE LSC 1)	Perkin Elmer	2010-2014	SGTC37140416	n/a	234-H	270	Tritium	Liquid	Advanced measurements	\$50k-\$100k	Yes	Dedicated	Weekly
3	Stephanie Hall	L4600	LSC (PE LSC 2)	Perkin Elmer	2010-2014	SGTC30140360	n/a	234-H	270	Tritium	Liquid	Advanced measurements	\$50k-\$100k	Yes	Dedicated	Weekly
4	Craig Mauldin	L4600	Mass Spectrometer	Finnigan	Pre 2000	MAT 271	n/a	233-H	10	Light elements	Gas	Advanced measurements	more than \$500k	No	Dedicated	Weekly
5	Craig Mauldin	L4600	Mass Spectrometer	Finnigan	Pre 2000	MAT 271	n/a	233-H	10	Light elements	Gas	Advanced measurements	more than \$500k	No	Dedicated	Weekly
6	Craig Mauldin	L4600	Mass Spectrometer	Finnigan	Pre 2000	MAT 271	n/a	233-H	10	Light elements	Gas	Advanced measurements	more than \$500k	No	Dedicated	Weekly
7	Craig Mauldin	L4600	Mass Spectrometer	Finnigan	Pre 2000	MAT 271	n/a	264-H	109	Light elements	Gas	Advanced measurements	more than \$500k	No	Dedicated	Weekly
8	David Blair	L4600	Mass Spectrometer	Finnigan	Pre 2000	Mat 251	409419	234-H	270	Light elements	Gas	Advanced measurements	more than \$500k	No	Dedicated	Weekly
9	Andy Farmer	L4600	Mass Spectrometer	Finnigan	Pre 2000	MAT 251	MS 23	234-H	325	Light elements	Gas	Advanced measurements	more than \$500k	No	Dedicated	Weekly
10	Andy Farmer	L4600	Leak Detector	Detection	2005-2009	MS50	0000400600	234-H	325	Light elements	Gas	Advanced measurements	\$50k-\$100k	No	Dedicated	Weekly
11	David Blair	L4600	TUM 2	SRNL	2015-present	n/a	n/a	234-H	270	heat	Gas	Advanced measurements	\$250-\$500k	No	Dedicated	Weekly
12	David Blair	L4600	TUM 3	SRNL	2015-present	n/a	n/a	234-H	270	heat	Gas	Advanced measurements	\$250-\$500k	No	Dedicated	Weekly
13	David Blair	L4600	CAL 23	SRNL	Pre 2000	n/a	n/a	234-H	270	heat	Gas	Advanced measurements	\$250-\$500k	No	Dedicated	Weekly
14	David Blair	L4600	HTV	SRNL	Pre 2000	n/a	n/a	234-H	270	heat	Gas	Advanced measurements	\$250-\$500k	No	Dedicated	Weekly
15	David Blair	L4600	NNR	SRNL	Pre 2000	n/a	n/a	234-H	270	heat	Gas	Advanced measurements	\$250-\$500k	No	Dedicated	Weekly
16	David Blair	L4600	EHS	SRNL	2010-2014	n/a	n/a	234-H	271	heat	Gas	Advanced measurements	\$100k-\$250K	No	Dedicated	Weekly
17	David Blair	L4600	TUM 1	SRNL	2005-2009	n/a	n/a	234-H	270	heat	Gas	Advanced measurements	\$250-\$500k	No	Dedicated	Weekly
18	Cofer/Norman Johns	L4600	Titration	Mettler	2015-present	T5, T7	451459, 441156	772-F	Lab 111	Acid/Base/Redox Titrations	Liquid	Routine analysis	less than \$25K	No	Dedicated	Weekly
19	Cofer/Norman Johns	L4600	Titration	Mettler	2015-present	T50	451430, 451429	772-F	Lab 115	Acid/Base/Redox Titrations	Liquid	Routine analysis	less than \$25K	No	Dedicated	Weekly
20	Maria Morales-	L4600	Coulometer	SRNL	2005-2009	N/A	N/A	772-F	Lab 130	Plutonium/Nep-237	Multiple	Advanced measurements	\$25k-\$50k	No	Dedicated	Monthly
21	Simon Thompson/ Dot Stuit	L4600	Alpha Analyst Spectrometer(2)	Canberra/Miri	2010-2014	7200	431282	772-IF	Lab 108	Total Alpha (Pu, Np, Am)	Liquid	Routine analysis	\$50k-\$100k	Yes	Dedicated	Weekly
22	Simon Thompson/ Dot Stuit	L4600	Alpha Ensemble Spectrometer	Ortec	2015-present	DUD-MI	457308	772-IF	Lab 108	Total Alpha (Pu, Np, Am)	Liquid	Routine analysis	\$50k-\$100k	Yes	Dedicated	Weekly
23	Simon Thompson/ Dot Stuit	L4600	Gamma Spectroscopy (4)	Canberra/Miri	2005-2009	BEGe 2538	433776, 425001, 424997, 424999	772-IF	Lab 108	Am241, Cs137, U235, etc	Liquid	Routine analysis	\$50k-\$100k	Yes	Dedicated	Weekly
24	Simon Thompson/ Dot Stuit	L4600	Liquid Scintillation	Perkin Elmer	2015-present	3100	Unknown	772-IF	Lab 108	Alpha/Beta/Tritium	Liquid	Routine analysis	\$50k-\$100k	Yes	Dedicated	Weekly
25	Simon Thompson/ Dot Stuit	L4600	Liquid Scintillation	Perkin Elmer	2015-present	5100	Unknown	772-F	Lab 111	Alpha/Beta/Tritium	Liquid	Routine analysis	\$50k-\$100k	Yes	Dedicated	Weekly
26	Maria Morales-Arteaga/Nor	L4600	Davis & Gray Titration	Various	2015-present	Various	N/A	772-F	Lab 142	Uranium Concentration	Liquid	Routine analysis	less than \$25K	No	Dedicated	Weekly

Creating a survey...



15 Responses:
R&D Hands-On Workers

Experience, Location, Workgroup, Title



Location	Total
999-2W	5
773-A	3
773-41A	2
773-42A	3
735-A	3
723-A	1

List of Workgroups

- Analytical Development*
- Energy and Biotech Projects*
- Energy Materials*
- Environmental Sciences*
- Hydrogen Isotope Proc Science*
- Nonproliferation Technologies Section*
- Research and Development Engineering*
- Weapons Production Technology*

List of Positions

- Laboratory Specialist*
- Associate Engineer*
- Engineer*
- Senior Engineer*
- Principal Engineer*
- Fellow Engineer*
- Principal Scientist*
- Senior Fellow Scientist*

* Some information not listed for anonymity

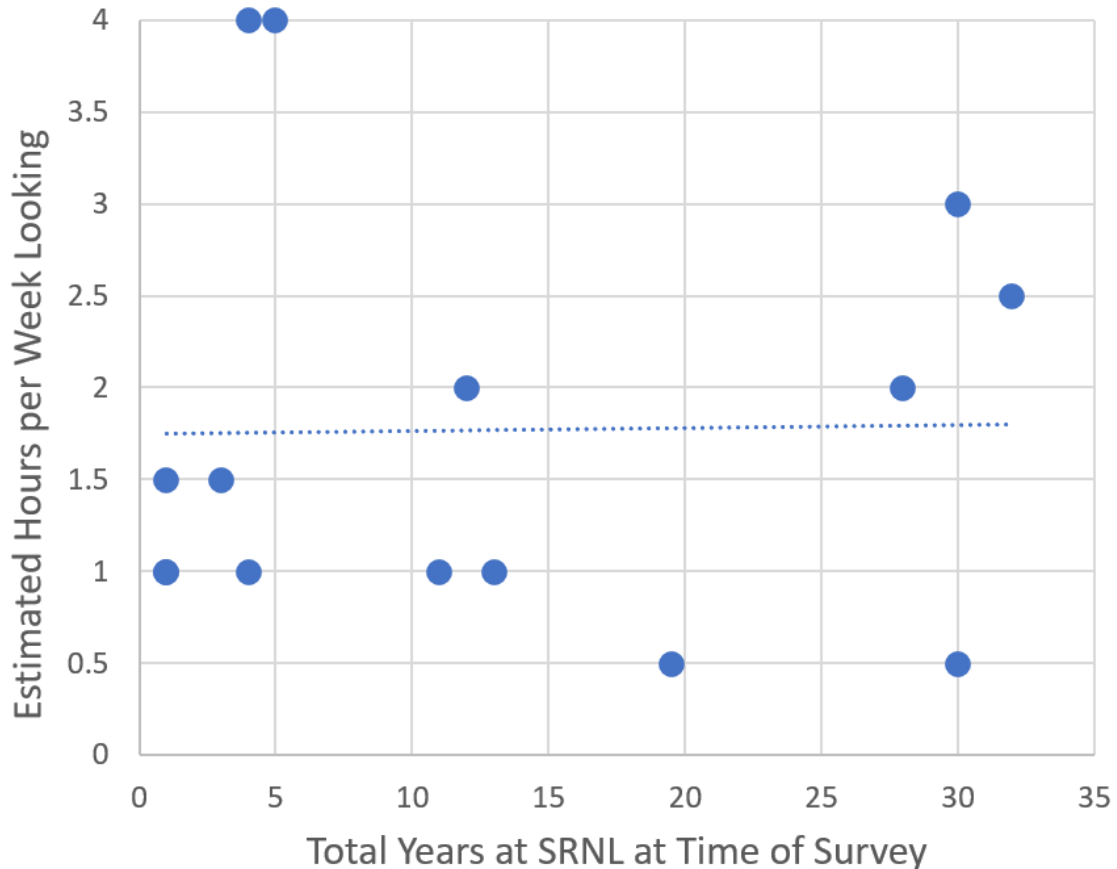
“How often do you look for items? How much time per week?”

3. On average, how much time per week do you spend looking for items, tools, equipment, and/or samples?

- None
- 0 to 0.5 hour
- 0.5 to 1 hour
- 1 to 1.5 hours
- 1.5 to 2 hours
- 2 to 2.5 hours
- 2.5 to 3 hours
- More than 3 hours

Title	How Long per Week
<i>Senior Engineer</i>	More than 3 hours
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<i>Senior Engineer</i>	2.5 to 3 hours
<i>Senior Fellow Scientist</i>	2 to 2.5 hours
<i>Principal Engineer</i>	1.5 to 2 hours
<i>Principal Scientist</i>	1.5 to 2 hours
<i>Associate Engineer</i>	1 to 1.5 hours
<i>Lab Specialist</i>	1 to 1.5 hours
<i>Associate Engineer</i>	0.5 to 1 hour
<i>Engineer</i>	0.5 to 1 hour
<i>Fellow Engineer</i>	0.5 to 1 hour
<i>Principal Scientist</i>	0.5 to 1 hour
<i>Senior Engineer</i>	0.5 to 1 hour
<i>Fellow Engineer</i>	0 to 0.5 hour
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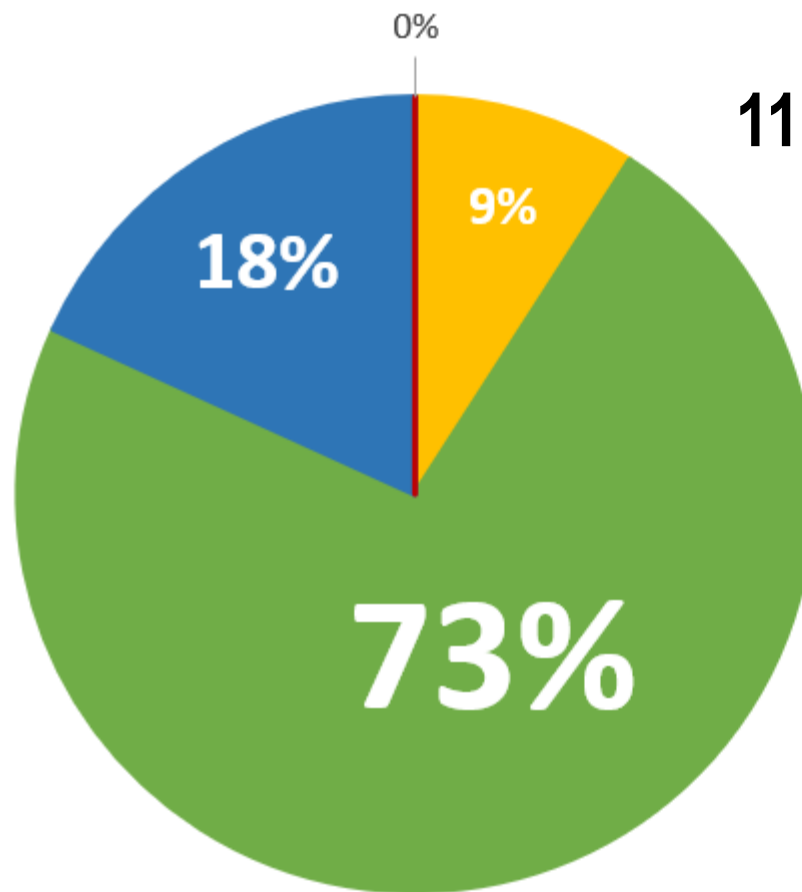
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“Would a database of research equipment help you write more proposals?”

7. (For proposal writers) Say there is a list or database of SRNL's high-value research equipment. Would this list motivate you to write more proposals?

i.e. Because John Doe had access to an equipment database, he knew SRNL's research capability. Because of this, he submitted a proposal knowing that he did not need to buy expensive equipment.

- Yes - it would greatly help.
- Yes - it would help.
- Yes - it would help a little.
- No - it would not help.
- N/A



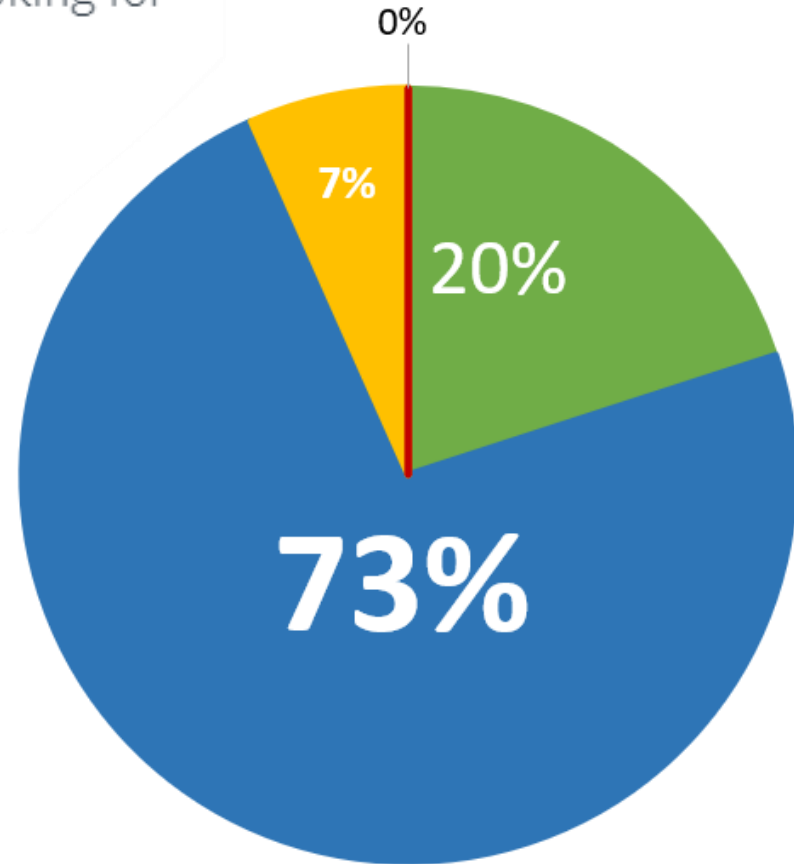
11 out of 15 respondents

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“Would you use a database that lists lab items?”

8. If there was an electronic database that lists SRNL's items, tools, and equipment, would you utilize it rather than conventionally looking for an item or asking around?

- Yes - I would use it frequently.
- Yes - I would use it sometimes.
- Yes - although not often.
- No - I don't have a need for it.



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Various input...

Hi Carina,

Happy to help. I think this is a good idea, an emphasis on the capital equipment, specifically analytical capabilities is an idea I had that I think would help promote proposals and facilitate more research.

A question interrogating how a lack of knowledge about analytical equipment has hindered prior proposal writing efforts or discovery of analytical equipment after the fact may have benefited a submitted proposal may be germane to your survey, this would be slightly different than #7.

Additionally, some method to weight how much "lab work" and proposal writing someone is doing may be helpful to help weight your responses. I see 2 benefits here, in making existing in-lab work easier, and making it easier for someone to leverage SRNL capabilities when writing proposals, but it's probably important to try and separate those signals as much possible to bolster the points you're making.

To be honest, groups are very protective of the items they buy. An older college had a locker full of never used pumps locked away because he didn't want to share and now they are past their expiration. You may want to set up a way for groups to not only see if another group has a piece of equipment but also if they are will to sell, lend or schedule time to use it. That way no one feels like toes have been stepped on.

This would be extremely compatible with SRNL R&D Supply cage (common lab items available to all SRNL). Also advertised on homepage (SRNL Consumable Supply Area) and is a CI initiative.

Did survey.

There are 2 links you should look at on SRNL home page, both under pother resources.

Equipment listing and Consumable supply area.

I think your data base would fit nicely with the consumable supply area – CI initiative.

Nice job.

I think the ability to search capital equipment and its custodian would be a major enabler for basic science proposal writing.

The most important is that there is no real way of finding capabilities or expertise in the lab. Only by word of mouth.

Carina,

All of the instruments are supposed to be listed in the ELN now although most people have not input that information. The ELN is not the most convenient method to look up instrumentation from a database viewpoint, but you will likely hear this as a response to your idea. I would suggest finding advantages of what you are proposing over the search methods for instruments in the ELN.

I filled out the survey and submitted it. I didn't think about this until afterwards, but in addition to tracking equipment, it would be nice to have a central database where we could shop for services. For instance, if I wanted a certain type of analysis done, who could I pay to do it? If I wanted a web site developed, who could I pay to create one?

If you develop an electronic database for this equipment, it needs to be kept up to date. If it is not, the database is of limited value. We have tried this in the past, and it is frequently out of date. How will your proposal be different?



For what it is worth, I attempted to do something similar with the mechanical testing equipment spread across the Lab a while ago. There is a lot of equipment in numerous labs with several owners and no one really knew what was available. I used a MS-Access database with the equipment information, calibrations, pictures, POC's if available; sort of a 'Distributed Mechanical Testing Facility'. The main problem I had was limited management buy in, so it did not get farther than the database.

A bit of unsolicited comments, (I was the LEAP-Professional Development chair for 2 years when we started the Shark Tank, and this is a good concept and the comments are intended as support). Even recently, I have lost a large amount of time, months, trying to find an oven or furnace for a small project and took a lot of asking around and then follow up checking to see if the equipment would be compatible. After all that, now going to the Glass Shop for a custom device.

-Labor rate seems very low, LDRDs are unburdened and the rates are generally over \$100/hr, fully burdened rates are ~\$250/hr. There are some good estimating templates available.

-It almost seems like too much, combining large capital equipment with consumables in the same database. The smaller items might do well in an inventory tracking software (COTS) with barcode scanning. Also, at least in 773-A there is a material supply 'store' that is starting to address some of the smaller consumable needs and the Tool Crib for small tool items. A separate system might be needed or an integrated approach could build on what is already available. The small dollar items are fairly mobile and tend to walk around quite a bit, keeping track of number and location might be fairly time consuming. That being said, it seems to be working for the chemical inventory system.

-Instead of iPads, a decent amount of staff have iPhones and almost everyone at EMRL/HTRL, and there are numerous apps that can handle scanning barcodes or QR's, and would reduce the hardware costs and lower the threshold for people adopting it.

-Might get asked about a cost comparison of a commercial inventory system vs developing one internal.

-Another option, at least for the larger equipment, is to use GRANTA. It is a very powerful data management software that we/ Lab have access and it is implemented across the DOE complex, mostly for AM applications but the use of it is spreading into other areas. While it is primarily for experimental, reference, and modeling data storage several groups have started storing equipment data in it as well, e.g. you do a Raman test and link to the instrument and it carries over all the equipment information, calibration dates/tests etc.. I believe there should be a way that the equipment information could be exported to a web page/user interface that could then be searchable.

There is a list on the SRNL homepage of available equipment (under other resources and documents, Instrument Inventory List). Mark Barnes had it put together and posted. I do not know how frequently (or if) it is updated

Good idea, just want to have a system in place to ensure it is kept up to date.

In theory it is a great idea. I just see it being hard to motivate people to put the smaller items in a database, time is precious. Also, just look at accountable equipment inventory process. It is hard to get people to track what is required vs an optional system.

Because we do ultra low level work, we would tend not to share equipment outside the group. Something that would be very helpful is if a database/system could be set up that we could use within our group to track tools, equipment, supplies, etc... and that would indicate their location and who they are checked out to. Anything set up would need to be simple and not time consuming. For example, we have a set of cabinets with Swagelok parts. It would be extremely helpful to have a system that parts could be scanned out when people take them so that the parts get charge to the correct job, and so that we can order more as they get low.



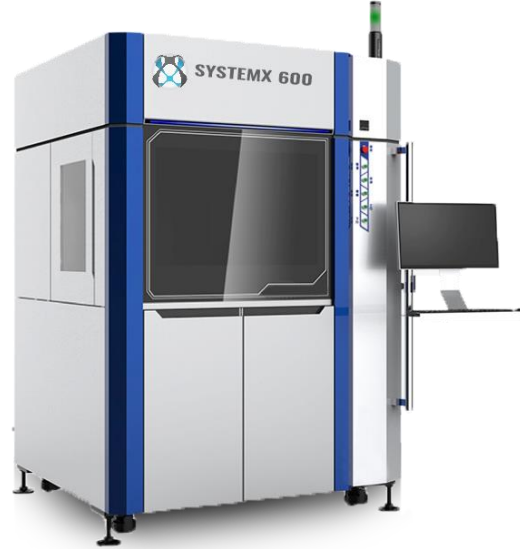
The SRNL Electronic Database (eDatabase) is a one-stop shop database that lists all items. This will result in cost savings, optimized resources, and increased convenience.

Graded Approach:

1. Capital Items
2. Uncommon Items
 - *Tools*
 - *Inventory*
 - *Equipment*
3. Common Items
4. Bonus Features
 - *Excess*
 - *Skill Collaboration*
 - *Samples*
 - *Waste*



Phase I: Capital Items



Tensile Tester



POC: John Jones

Location: L155, 999-2W

Analysis:
Manufacturer:
Model Number:

ONH Analyzer



POC: Jane Doe

Location: L194, 999-2W

Analysis:
Manufacturer:
Model Number:

3D Printer



POC: Joe Schmoe

Location: L194, 999-2W

Analysis:
Manufacturer:
Model Number:

Spark Plasma Sintering



POC: Jill Hill

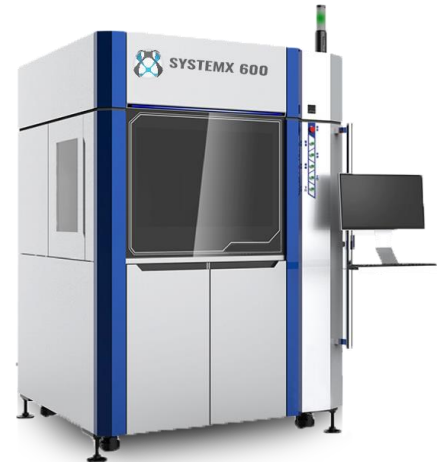
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Analysis:
Manufacturer:
Model Number:



Phase I: Capital Items

- Every individual item is logged.
- Search ELI to easily look it up.
- POC is accountable.
- These items are typically large, expensive, and don't get move around often.
- If they do move around, the POC must update the location.



Phase II: Uncommon Items



Strap Wrench

POC: John Jones

Location: L137, 999-2W

Analysis:



Oil Pump Hose

POC: Jane Doe

Location: L137, 999-2W

Analysis:



Hot Plate and Stirrer

POC: Joe Schmoe

Location: L194, 999-2W

Analysis:



Sonication Bath

POC: Jill Hill

Location: L145, 999-2W

Analysis:



Optical Microscope

POC: Joan Johnson

Location: L138, 999-2W

Analysis:



Phase II: Uncommon Items – Categories

Tools



Inventory



Equipment



To Borrow:

- Search item in eDatabase
- Borrow item
- Return when done

To Take:

- Search item in eDatabase
- Take item
- Notify procurement if supply is low

To Borrow:

- Search item in eDatabase
- Borrow item
- Return when done

To Take:

- Buy a new one using project spending

To Store:

- Store in location per eDatabase and change quantity available



Phase II: Uncommon Items

- Not logged individually.
- Not held accountable due to inconvenience.
- These items are typically medium-to-small in size and may be pricy but still affordable.
- Quantity is noted and kept in supply.
- Categorized:
 - *Tools* → *Borrow*
 - *Inventory* → *Take* (Notify procurement if supply is low)
 - *Equipment* → *Borrow, Store*



Phase III: Common Items



Fasteners

Location: L137, 999-2W



Hex Wrenches

Location: L137, 999-2W



Plastic Bags

Location: L194, 999-2W



Syringes

Location: L145, 999-2W



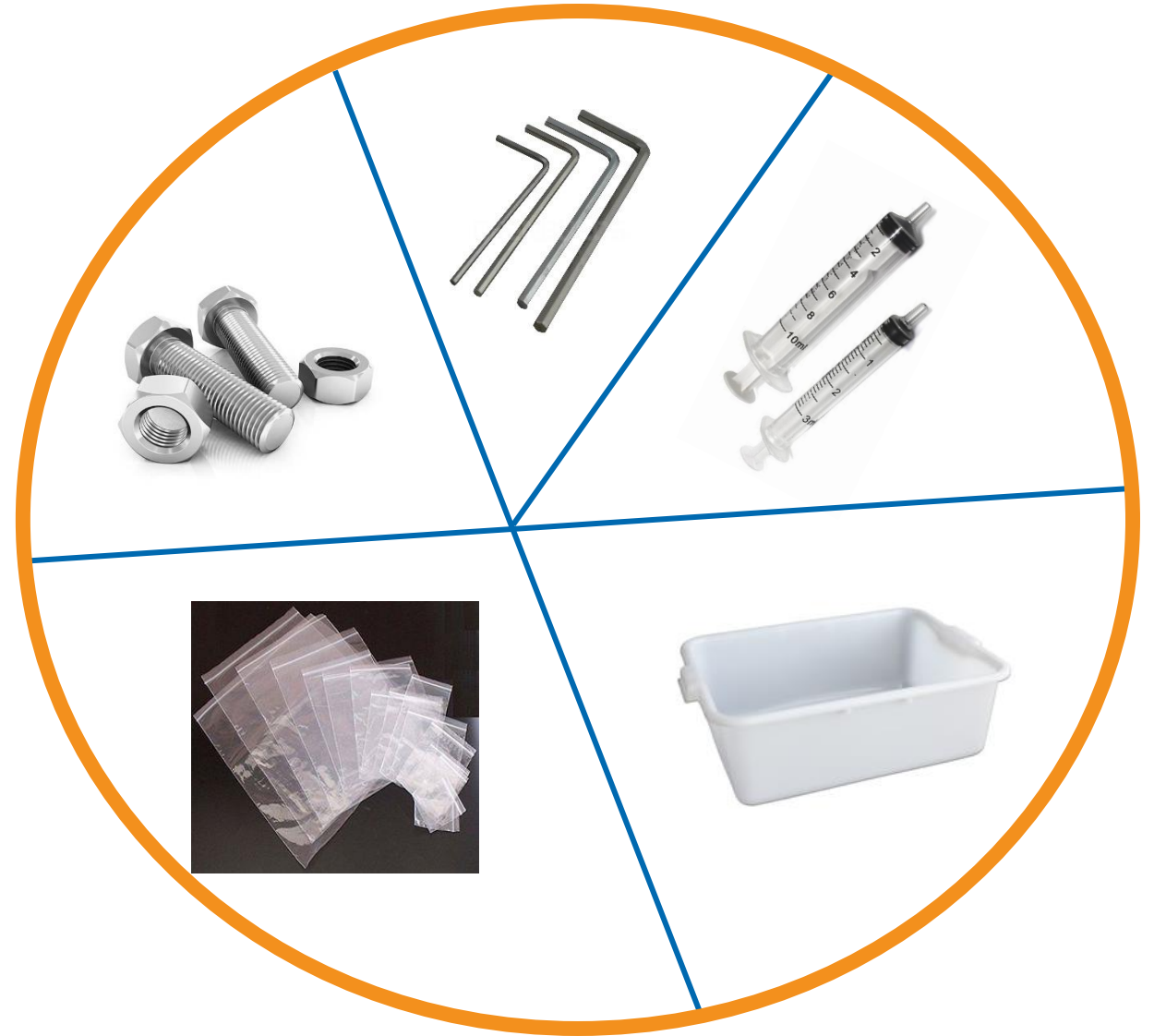
Container Bins

Location: L138, 999-2W

Similar to SRNL Lab Consumable Supply Area

Phase III: Common Items

- Logged as a general item and place.
- These items are typically small in size, inexpensive, and are consumables/easily lost.
- Quantity is not noted but kept in supply.
- Notify procurement if supply is low.



A new culture...

This initiative has been done before...

How is this idea different?

How can we ensure the database gets up-to-date?

A Culture of Housekeeping & Accountability

Housekeeping

Accountability

Teamwork



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SAFETY MEETING



Potential Savings

Assumptions

- 2-4 weeks to develop in SharePoint done by Digital Transformation
- Man-Hour Rate: \$200/hour
- Assume one workgroup for now (15 people)

***Yearly Costs: No eDatabase
Cost savings of thousands of dollars***

Low Range

Item	Time	Rate	Yearly Cost per Researcher	Yearly Cost per X15 Researchers
Researcher	0.5 hour/week	\$200/hour	\$5,200	\$78,000

High Range

Item	Time	Rate	Yearly Cost per Researcher	Yearly Cost per X15 Researchers
Researcher	3 hours/week	\$200/hour	\$31,200	\$468,000

Item	Rate	Quantity	Total Cost
Software Development	\$200/hour	160 hours	\$32,000
Initial System Inventory	\$200/hour	160 hours	\$32,000
Total			\$64,000

Overall Benefits

Cost Savings

- Time saved looking
- Accidental repurchasing
- More funding from proposals



More Convenient

- Increased productivity
- Increased collaboration
- Easily accessible



Optimize Resources

- Sharing tools
- Lessen likelihood of losing items
- Reuse excess equipment





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Any questions?