NIST Strategic Plan Implementation

VCAT Update

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Strategic Plan at a Glance





Where are we in the Implementation Cycle NIST

Review progress on plan implementation and selection of activities for action.

Quarterly progress review and assessment of selected actions. Quarterly progress review and assessment of selected actions.

Six-month progress review and selection of next actions for second round of implementation.

We are here

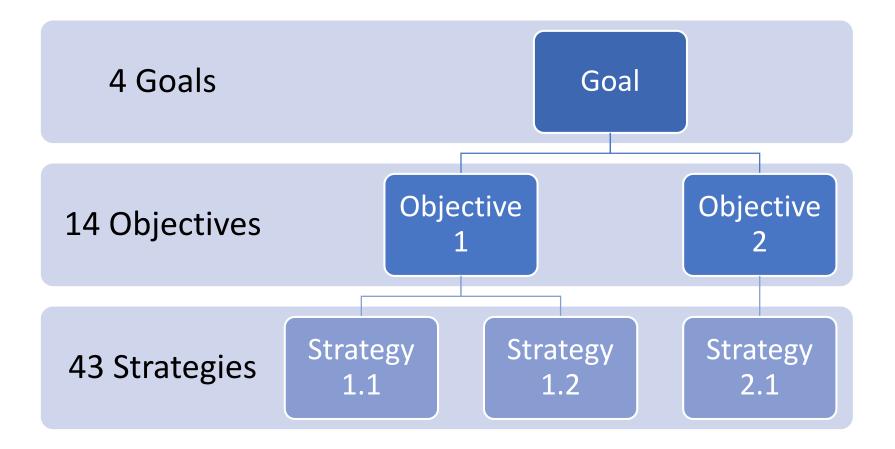
NIST Strategic Plan: Goals



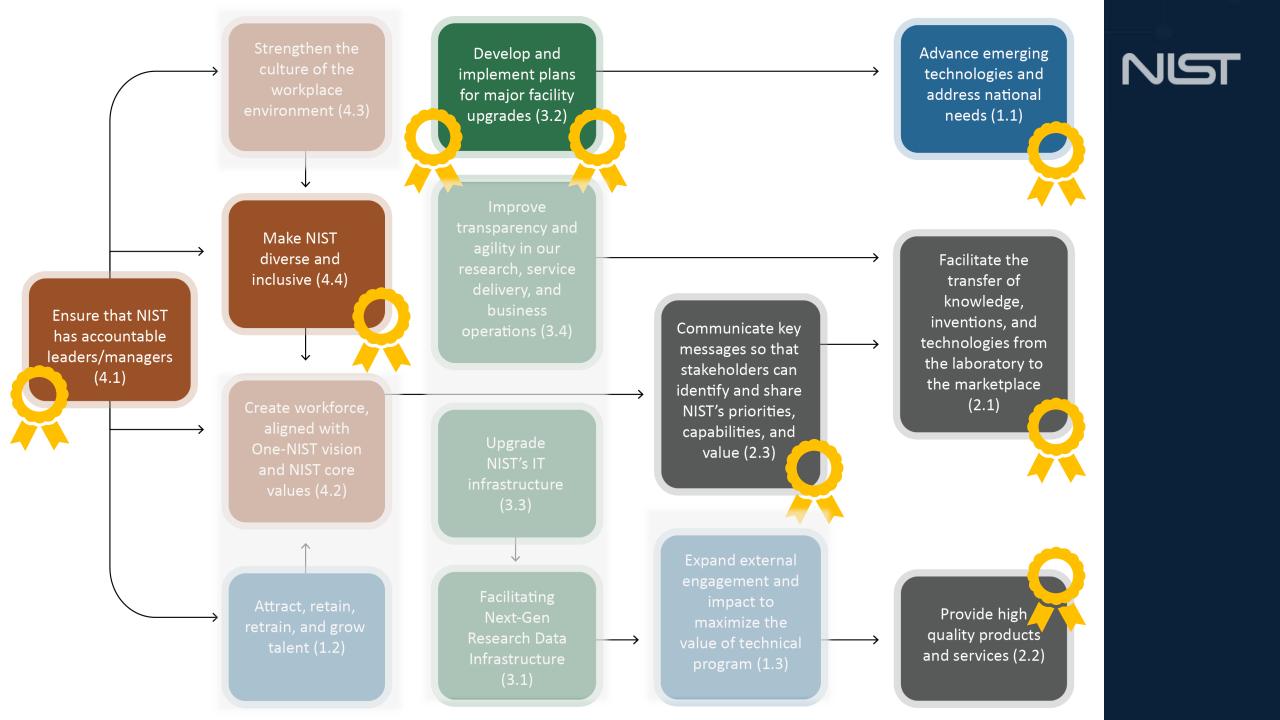
Goal 1: Goal 2: Position NIST to Maximize NIST's Advance U.S. Stakeholder Impact through Science and Innovation **High-Value Service** Delivery Goal 3: Goal 4: Build a One Nist Create the Culture Infrastructure for a 21st Century **Research Institution**

Structure of the Plan





8 Actions selected for implementation



NIST Strategic Plan: Immediate Actions



Workforce

- 1. Improve collaboration and agility across NIST programs by restructuring performance plans to provide flexibility for collaborative work.
- 2. Establish a new ADLP funding mechanism to foster cross-OU collaboration.
- 3. Appoint a NIST Diversity coordinator to lead efforts to improve the diversity of NIST's workforce.
- 4. Strengthen NIST's leadership corps by developing and implementing a NIST leadership competencies model and increase support for development and growth of existing leaders at NIST.

Infrastructure

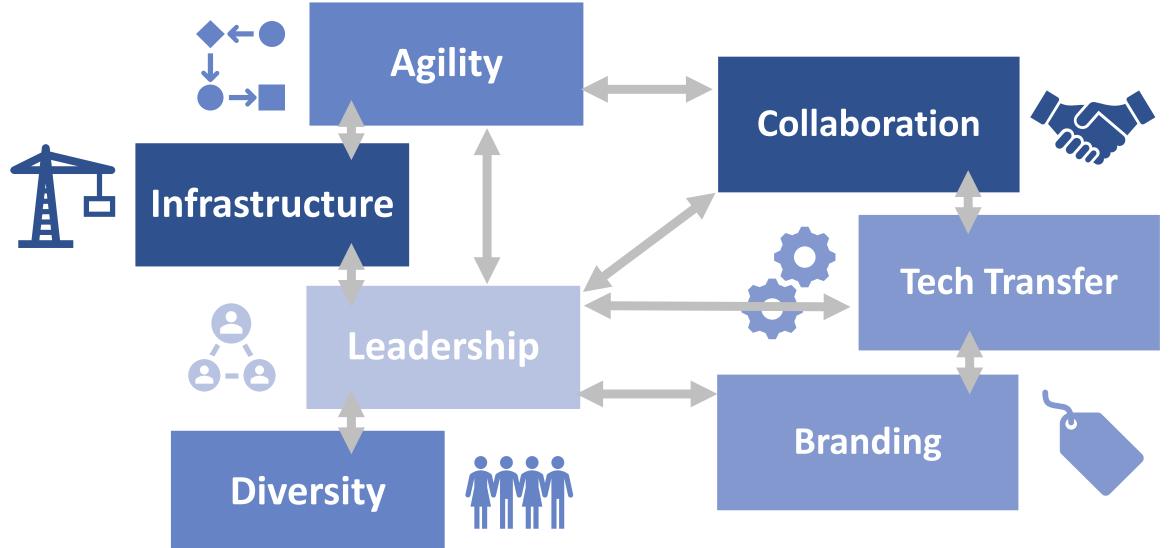
- 5. Develop a prioritized implementation plan of the NIST Campus Master Plan.
- 6. Optimize ongoing repair activities through the utilization of a predictive facilities maintenance tool to guide future SCMMR investments.

Operations and Procedures

- 7. Increase the successful transfer of NIST-developed technologies by applying best practices to streamline and enhance customer and stakeholder engagements.
- 8. Improve stakeholder awareness of NIST by clarifying and sharpening NIST's strategic communications and initiating an effort to rebrand.

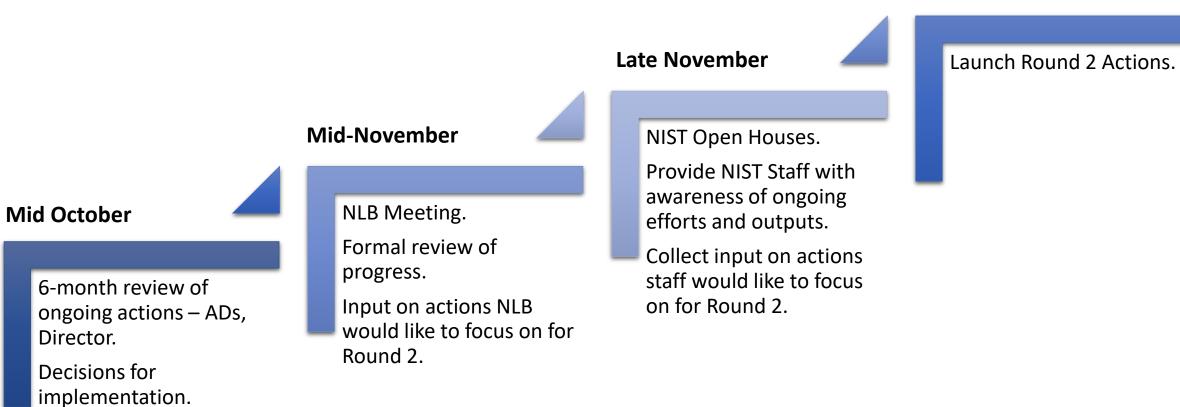
Actions are Interlinked





Upcoming Steps





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Workforce Actions

NSP Dashboard



Restructure performance plans to provide flexibility for collaborative work.





Establish a new ADLP funding mechanism to foster cross-OU collaboration.





Appoint a NIST Diversity coordinator to lead efforts to improve the diversity of NIST's workforce.



Strengthen NIST's leadership corps by developing and implementing a NIST leadership competencies model.





Infrastructure Actions



Develop a prioritized implementation plan of the NIST **Campus Master Plan.**





Optimize ongoing repair activities through the utilization of a predictive facilities maintenance tool.





Operations and Procedures Actions

Define and establish the technology liaison function to facilitate the transfer of NISTdeveloped technologies





Improve stakeholder awareness of NIST by clarifying and sharpening NIST's strategic communications and initiating an effort to rebrand NIST.



Needs Improvement

Complete!

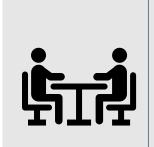


Noteworthy Accomplishments





Diversity and Inclusion Leader PD



Performance Plans modifications to foster One NIST culture



Innovation Ambassador detail opportunity



Branding Study contract awarded

Additional Slides

Progress Update





Prioritized Implementation PlanPredictive Maintenance Tool



- Technology Transfer
- Branding

Infrastructure





Problem

NIST's lacks strategies and resources to deal with aging infrastructure.

Motivation:

- Deferred maintenance backlog is over \$750M
- Congress signaled its willingness to support funding increases for a facility improvements

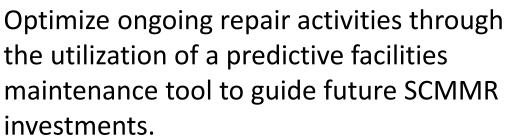


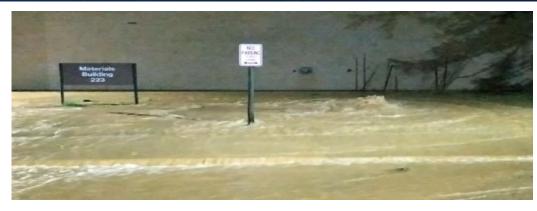
Action

Develop a prioritized implementation plan of the NIST Campus Master Plan.



Action







Branding: What is the Problem to be Solved? NIST



Problem

NIST does not have a consistent, recognizable brand that clearly communicates NIST's priorities, capabilities, and value.

How do we know that this is a problem?

- External public affairs experts' reports
- Strategic Plan Objectives
- NIST community feedback



Action

Improve stakeholder awareness of NIST by clarifying and sharpening NIST's strategic communications and initiating an effort to rebrand NIST.



Technology Transfer





Problem

NIST lacks a cohesive approach to technology transfer.

How do we know that this is a problem?

- Strategic Plan Objectives
- NIST community feedback
- Lessons learned from NOAC Pilot



Action – new direction!

Define and establish the **technology liaison** function to facilitate the transfer of NISTdeveloped technologies through enhanced customer [internal] and stakeholder [external] **service and process improvements**.







WORKFORCE

- Diversity
- Leadership
- Collaboration and Agility

Diversity: What is the Problem to be Solved?



Problem

NIST lacks a systematic and lasting approach to improving workplace diversity, inclusion, and belonging.

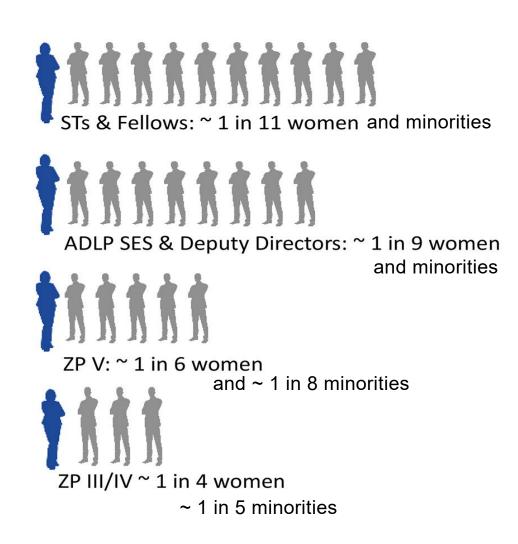
Motivation

- Common theme in Goal I and IV
- Calls to allocate real resources and drive real changes
- Data from studies and analyses



Action

Appoint a NIST Diversity Coordinator to lead efforts to improve the diversity of NIST's workforce.



Leadership: What is the Problem to be Solved? NIST



Problem

NIST lacks a comprehensive and complete toolkit to grow, nurture, and support leaders and managers.

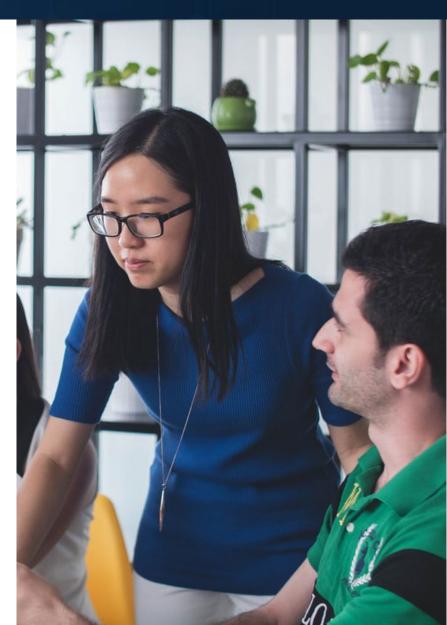
From Strategic Plan:

- Prepare individuals for leadership positions
- Enhance the capability to develop and/or hire the 'right' leaders/managers
- Training leaders for success



Action

Strengthen NIST's leadership corps by developing and implementing a NIST leadership competencies model and increase support for development and growth of existing leaders at NIST.



Agility: What is the Problem to be Solved?





Problem

NIST needs to realize agility and technical excellence both at the institutional and individual level.

From Strategic Plan:

- Create the least-restrictive environment for NIST staff and associates to achieve technical excellence.
- Foster a culture that promotes collaboration across laboratory programs.
- Incentivize cross-collaboration between different OUs and improve the engagement and empowerment of the NIST workforce.



Action

Restructuring performance plans to provide flexibility for collaborative work.

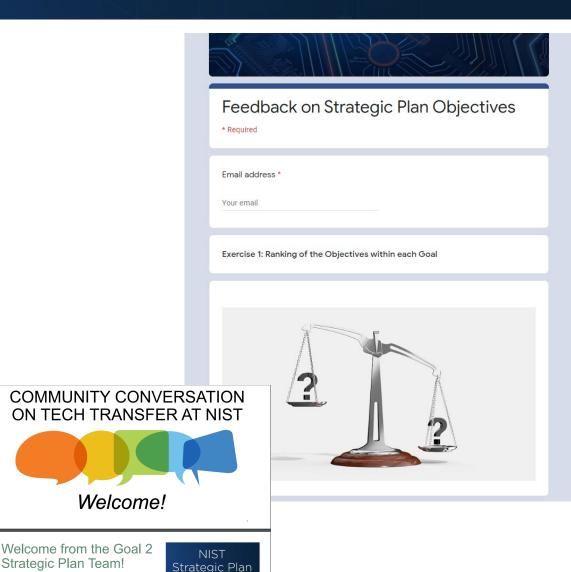


Action

Establishing a new ADLP funding mechanism to foster cross-OU collaboration.

How were Actions Formulated?

- Short list of objectives that originated from ranking exercise with NLB and Goal Teams. Ranking in terms of financial cost the barrier to culture change.
- Open House feedback in Gaithersburg and Boulder.
 Community input sessions on tech transfer (G2) and next-gen infrastructure (G3).
- Analysis of overlap in objectives and strategies between Goal Teams.
- Strategic priorities of Associate Directors.
- Final selection takes into consideration urgency, constraints of cost, and the level of difficulty.



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