

Directions to NIST Main Campus:

The headquarters site of the National Institute of Standards & Technology is located at 100 Bureau Drive in Gaithersburg, Maryland, just off Interstate Route 270, about 25 miles from the center of Washington, D.C. See http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/maps/index.cfm

FAQ: I am driving to NIST and need an address for my GPS? Do not use "100 Bureau Drive." Instead, use "21 North Drive, Gaithersburg" or "West Diamond Avenue and Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg."

Note: the NIST conference office may send different gate instructions for the conference to registered attendees. Please use their instructions.

From northbound I-270 take Exit 10, Route 117 West, Clopper Road. Bear right at the first light onto Clopper Road/West Diamond Avenue. At the next light, turn left onto the NIST grounds.

From southbound I-270 take Exit 11, Route 124, Montgomery Village Avenue/Quince Orchard Road. Bear right at the first light onto Route 124 West, Quince Orchard Road. After you merge onto Rt. 124, Quince Orchard Road, turn left at the second light onto Route 117, West Diamond Avenue. Turn right at the first light onto NIST grounds.

NIST Main Gate Requirements

All visitors and guests to the NIST campus must have the following items available before entering the Visitor's Center: Photo I.D. (federally approved State issued driver's license, Federal ID, or original passport) and Vehicle Registration Card. Visitors driving rental cars can show their rental agreement in lieu of vehicle registration. International attendees are required to present a passport.

Once you leave the Visitor Center, you will be asked to show the name badge you picked up and a photo ID before being admitted onto the campus. At the main entrance stop sign, make a left, follow until you see signs for the Administration Building (101) (tallest building). There is free visitor parking.

The conference will be held in the Green Auditorium and Lecture Room B on the first floor. The cafeteria is also located on the first floor and closes at 3:00pm. Visitors must wear a visitor badge while on the NIST campus.

PLEASE NOTE: Effective July 21, 2014, under the [REAL ID Act of 2005](#), agencies, including NIST, can only accept a state-issued driver's license or identification card for access to federal facilities if issued by states that are REAL ID compliant or have an extension. Drivers' licenses from the following states and territories will NOT be accepted for entry to NIST: American Samoa, Arizona, Louisiana, Maine, and Oklahoma. In addition, only enhanced drivers' licenses (identified by the American flag on the face of the card) will be accepted from the following three states: Minnesota, New York, and Washington. Visitors with state licenses *not in compliance* with the REAL ID requirements may be admitted to campus provided the sponsoring NIST employee meets the visitor at the Visitor Center on arrival and provides escort while the visitor is on site.

NIST currently accepts other forms of federally issued identification in lieu of a state-issued driver's license, such as a valid passport, passport card, DOD's Common Access Card (CAC), Veterans ID, Federal Agency HSPD-12 IDs, Military Dependents ID, Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC), and TSA Trusted Traveler ID.

METRO Shuttle Red Line

NIST provides shuttle service for official visitors and staff to and from the **Shady Grove Metro Station**. The shuttle stops at the 4th kiosk on the Eastside of the Shady Grove Metro Station, and at NIST in front of the Administration Building (101) every 30 minutes. The first shuttle leaves the Shady Grove Metro Station at 6:45 a.m. and the last shuttle from NIST leaves at 6:05 p.m. The ride between NIST and the Shady Grove Metro Station takes approximately 15 minutes, depending on traffic conditions.