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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

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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