The Computing Community Consortium:
Why, What, Who, How?

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On behalf of the

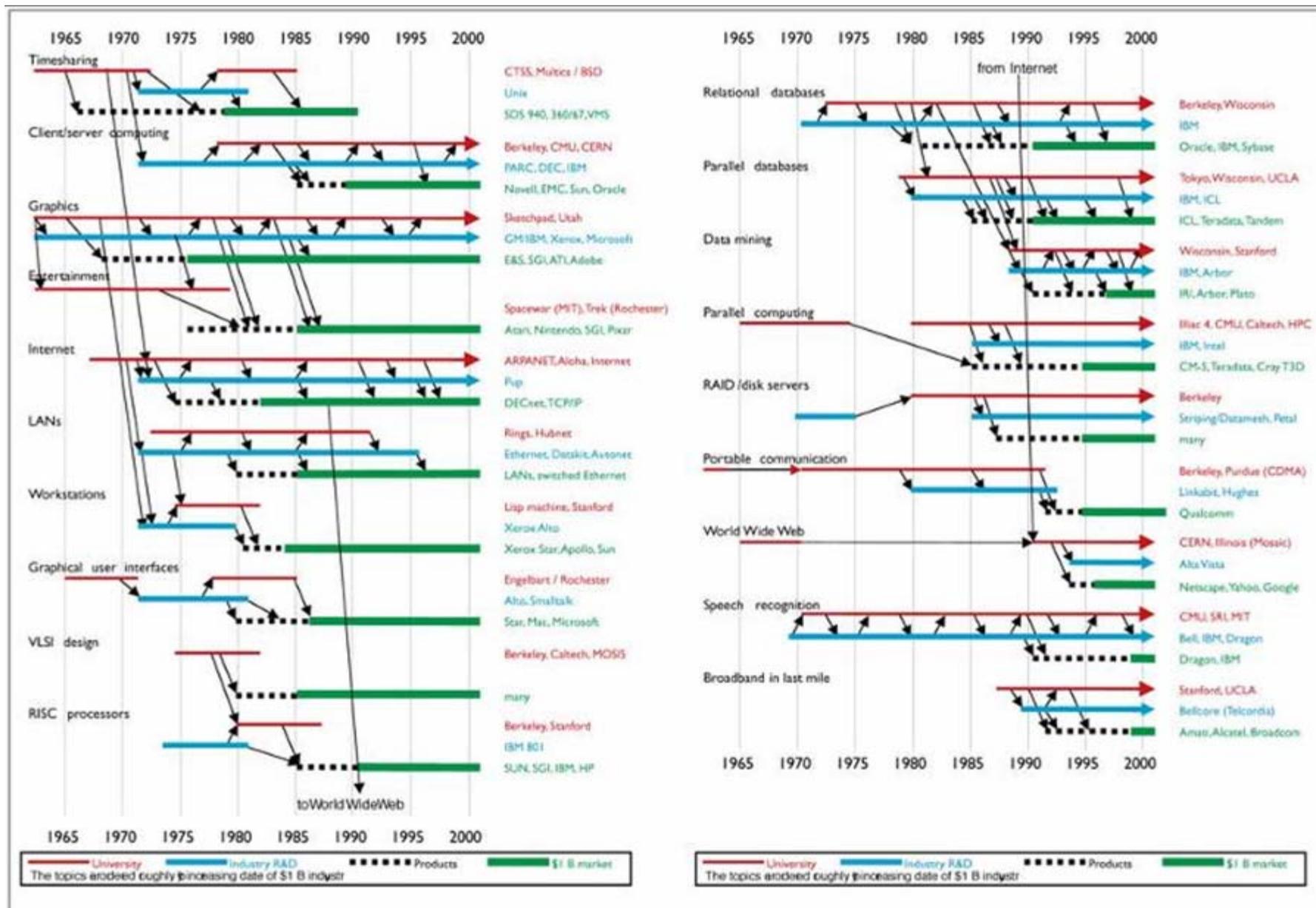**Computing Research Association**

`http://www.cra.org`

Why A CCC?

- **What questions shape our intellectual future?**
- **What attracts the best and brightest minds of a new generation?**
- **What are the next big computing ideas?**
  - **that will define the future of computing**
  - **galvanize the very best students**
  - **catalyze research investment and public support**

- ***Computing Community Consortium purpose***
  - ***create compelling research visions***
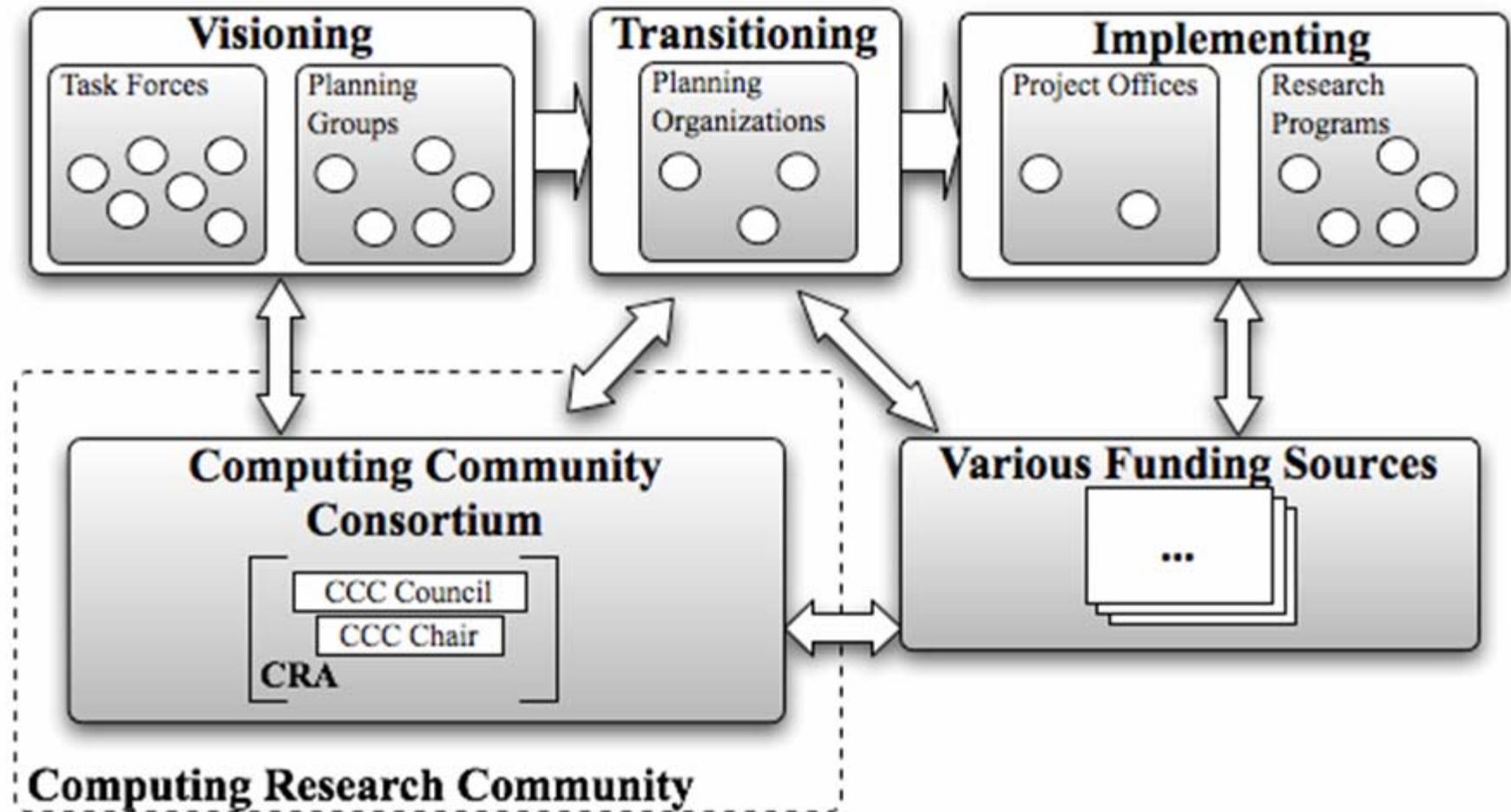 - ***create the mechanisms to realize these visions***

Computing's Impact: Billion Dollar Industries

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The CCC Challenge

- **Catalyze the computing research community**
  - debate long range, more audacious research challenges
  - build consensus around research visions
  - articulate those research visions
  - work with funding organizations to move the challenges and visions toward funding initiatives

- **Do this without harming the research environment**
  - that has created the computing world of today

How Will The CCC Work?

Who Will Be The CCC?

- **Broadly inclusive**
  - the entire computing research community
- **Welcome participation**
  - any computing researcher who wishes to be involved
- **The CCC Council's role**
  - stimulate and facilitate visioning
  - NOT to do the visioning
- **A Cooperative Agreement with CISE**
  - Will be an interactive partnership

Relationship to GENI

Not Interdependent

- GENI was impetus for CCC
- But CCC's mission and impact much broader

Serve as Proxy Organization

- Create the GENI Science Council
  - Work with GENI Planning Group to evolve GENI Science Plan
  - Work with GENI Project Office to ensure evolving design meets scientific needs
- Communicate with the computing research community regarding GENI
  - Expand community understanding of GENI
  - Maximize community participation in science plan, design, and use

Broader Impacts

General Public

- Promote computing as a thriving intellectual discipline
- Show role of information technology in tomorrow's world

Students

- Entice more students to enter computing-related fields
- Provide training opportunities for future leaders

Plans

Phase I Bootstrapping (Oct-Nov, 2006)

- Interim GENI Community Advisory Board
- Interim CCC Council
- Solicit nominations for chair & council members

Phase II Bootstrapping (March-May, 2007)

- Select chair & council members
- Commence operation

Steady State

- Council & chair members selected by combination of CRA & CCC with community input

Requirements for Success

- **Community Involvement**
  - **Computing community must believe in the mission & operation of the CCC**

- **Support from Funding Agencies**
  - **Funding agencies must be open to the directions identified by the visioning processes**

- **Effective Leadership**
  - **Dedicated and visionary people must be willing to serve as chair & council members**