

EarthScope: From a Spark of an Idea to Inception, Lessons Learned from a Successful Community Earth Science Initiative.

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EarthScope is a remarkable success; a distributed Earth science facility changing the way we view the structure of our continent and the dynamic processes that shape it over time; an incredible resource for research, education, and engaging the public in science. Looking back, as the community first defined an ambitious set of goals then mapped a course to achieve them, provides insight into some of the key elements that laid the groundwork for future success.