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The team working on the next-gen of supercomputers is comprised of Nvidia, Cray, Oak Ridge National Laboratory and six top US universities. Their promise is to make new hardware and software that will deliver a massive increase in GPU computing performance, programmability and reliability.

"This recognizes Nvidia's substantial investments in the field of parallel processing and highlights GPU Computing's position as one of the most promising paths to exascale computing," said Bill Dally, Nvidia's chief scientist and senior vice president of research, and the team's principal investigator. "We look forward to collaborating to develop programmable, scalable systems that operate in tight power budgets and deliver increases in performances that are many orders of magnitude above today's systems."

The universities participating in the DARPA-funded project have not been named yet but you can pretty much bet they are from the CUDA Center of Excellence Program.


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