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UNITED KINGDOM

Subject: 6th Framework Programme – “Research Infrastructures”
Call identifier: FP6-2004-Infrastructures-6
Proposal and Draft Contract N° 026546
Our letter dated 23 June 2005 (Ref: D(2005)627434)

Dear Mrs. Vickers,

We will shortly be sending to you by e-mail a pdf (Adobe) document containing a draft of the above-referenced contract. This will include the pre-completed accession forms A for all participants listed in Article 1.2 of the draft contract. The document should be printed using Adobe reader. Kindly forward a copy of the draft contract (in electronic form or paper as appropriate), the respective form A and a copy of this letter to each of the participants for their review.

Please note the following:

This draft contract should not be regarded under any circumstances as a formal commitment by the Commission. A formal commitment depends, inter alia, on the satisfactory completion of the formal selection process. **This draft contract does not therefore constitute an offer by the Commission and will not officially bind the Commission until an authorised representative has signed it thereof.**

If you and the participants agree with the content of the draft contract, we would appreciate that you sign two copies of the draft contract. Please indicate above the signature of the authorised legal representative of your organisation his or her name and function and add the stamp of your organisation. If the authorised legal representative named in the preamble of the contract is not the person signing the contract, please confirm in the accompanying letter the legal authorisation of the person having signed.

Please do **not date** the copies so as to avoid possible confusion due to different dates appearing on the contract.

Please confirm in writing in the accompanying letter that no modification has been made to the text of the contract. Any modification that has not been discussed and agreed with our services cannot and will not be taken into consideration.

In light of the Commission's internal rules for the execution of the annual budget, we request that you return both copies of the signed draft contract **within 2 weeks of receipt of this letter** by express courier to the Commission services at the following address:

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DG Information Society and Media / F3 "Research Infrastructure"
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The other contractors should sign three copies of the accession form A. In the event that the accession form of one of the participants is not signed by the person(s) named in the draft contract, this participant should confirm in an accompanying letter that he/she is empowered to sign for the participant.

Each of the participants should return **three** original signed copies of their accession form (Form A) to **you** by express courier. You should sign these, keep one of the original signed accession forms for your own files, return the second original to the participant and send the third original signed accession form to the Commission services to the address set out above.

The signed accession forms (Forms A) should be sent in accordance with the deadlines established in Article 2 of the contract.

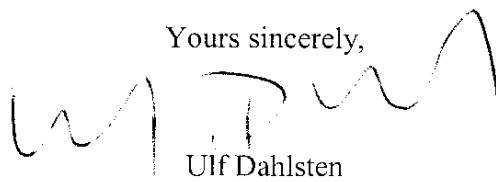
As soon as the Commission is able to make a formal offer, both copies of the contract will be signed and dated by the Director General (or his authorised representative) on behalf of the Commission. One original contract will be returned to you as co-ordinator of the consortium as legal proof that the contract has been signed by the Commission and has therefore entered into force. We will ask you to distribute a copy of this signed contract to all the participants.

Lastly, please note that the "start date" of the project will be the date mentioned in Article 4.2 of the contract.

Please note, if any of the other contractors does not accede to the contract within the delays established in Article 2, the Commission may terminate the contract.

If you have any questions with regard to the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Bernhard Fabianek at the following number +32 2 2969615.

Yours sincerely,



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