Closing Remarks

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http://www.OpenAnnotation.org
• Request for Proposals

• Action Items from Workshop
Next Steps

• Request for Proposals (RFP) for Experiments 5-8.
  – Tentative schedule:
    RFP Available: 04 April 2011
    Letters of Intent Due (preferred): 25 April 2011
    Final Proposals Due: COB 16 May 2011
    Awards: Successful Responders will be notified between June 1 and June 15
    Period of performance: 01 July 2011 - 31 March 2012
  – Awards will be $30,000 - $45,000 each (ave: $38,000)
    • Labor & limited travel; no indirect costs, no tuition remission
    • Must document as you go
  – Projects must advance the goals & objectives of the OAC
  – See also: http://msc.mellon.org/guidelines/proposal-guidelines
OAC goals & objectives

• Facilitate emergence of a Web and Resource-centric interoperable annotation environment that allows leveraging of annotations across boundaries of clients, services, and content repositories.

• Seed widespread adoption & infrastructure development by deploying applications & translators conformant with the OAC interoperable annotation environment across ubiquitous and specialized services, tools, and content used by scholars.

• Demonstrate benefits of shared model & interoperable annotation environment in settings characterized by a variety of annotation client/server environments, collections, and scholarly use cases.
• **Prerequisites**
  – Existing collection or collections
  – Identified & well-described audience
  – Some existing collection-level services (i.e., the audience is already interacting with this collection)
  – Acceptance of Mellon Foundation IP Terms

• **Preferences**
  – Include members of audience in project directly
  – Demonstrate value of interoperability / shared data model, e.g.:
    • Annotation across collection silos
    • Annotate in one tool, view in another
    • Annotations that propagate in other ways
    • Services over aggregated annotations
We anticipate more good responses than we can fund; and anyway $38,000 doesn’t go very far

- OAC still wants to encourage innovation and interoperability across annotations tools & services

- Open to collaborative submittals to other sponsors & funders; including larger projects (but not as part of OAC Phase II)
Birds of a Feather / Work not here

• BOFs?
  – Annotation for Education
  – Annotation of Video
  – Annotation of Editions of Texts / Manuscripts

• Other work (a few examples)
  – Social reading, e.g.: www.SophieProject.org
  – Open Knowledge Foundation – annotatelt.org
  – http://www.w3.org/MarkUp/Forms/wiki/Annotations
Action Items for OAC

• Find ways to help:
  – Share tools making it easier to create / share annotations

• Some guidance / best practices
  – for structured bodies
  – for multiple / aggregate / discontinuous target
  – for typing annotations
  – for typing constraints
  – to address architectural issues

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Action Items for OAC (2)

- Priority Issues for OAC (incomplete list):
  - Text segment target issues
  - Inheritance
    - annotations that transfer / propagate across formats
    - resolution and device independence
  - Provenance, Fixity & Target context, e.g.,
    - before and after text
    - what do we need to know about context when annotation was made in order to help
      - confirm we are seeing the annotation
      - interpret the annotation
  - Sharing & interoperability:
    - what's the value added
Action Items for You