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The Wikimania 2012 Jury
The Wikimedia Foundation
San Francisco

RE: Wikimania 2012 – Wikimedia DC Bid

To the Wikimedia Foundation:

The National Archives and Records Administration is our nation's record keeper. By providing open access to the records of the U.S. government, we keep our government accountable. We are passionate about transparency and Open Government, innovation, and collaboration. We encourage the work of citizen archivists and citizen historians.

This year we began collaborating with Wikimedia DC and are excited about the future possibilities. We were pleased to host the DC celebration of Wikipedia's 10th anniversary with a day of talks by Wikipedians and Archives staff and behind the scenes tours of the archives. Soon we will announce a call for applicants for a National Archives Wikipedian-in-Residence.

We will be happy to collaborate with Wikimedia DC in facilitating Wikimania 2012 in our nation's capital. I would like to express the support of the National Archives for Wikimedia DC's bid to host this event in Washington, DC.

Sincerely,



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