

# Internet History Project



**GAINING WORLDWIDE ENGAGEMENT WHILE  
PRESERVING THE PAST**

# Objectives for this meeting



- **Discussion:**
  - Is this directionally interesting?
  - Does it leverage who and what we know well enough?
  - Is the tie-in to ISOC strong enough?
- **Desired next steps**

# Internet History Project Objective



- **Begin to preserve the history of the Internet for future generations**
- **Focus on the “Internet model” – open and enduring concepts based on the principals that made the Internet work as a platform for innovation**
  - Loosely fits with InterNetWorks Initiative, Common and Open Internet Programme
- **Collect important artifacts and information that drive understanding of the Internet model**
  - Involve key players worldwide
  - Preserve topical original artifacts for preservation and display

# Three-point thrust



- **One: Funding worthy internationally-focused projects through a grant program**
- **Two: Leverage existing projects**
- **Three: Collaboration with other regional and international projects**
  - Create a mashup of all history projects as part of the revamping of the ISOC web site (earliest mid-2009)

# More on Thrust One: Internet History Grant Program



- ▶ **Phase 1 – research and development phase would provide small amounts of funding (up to \$30K) to develop business proposals for history archives**
  - Anticipating funding 3-6 unique projects worldwide
  - 6 months for awardees to deliver plan
  - Engage museums, Internet experts, regional geographic historians
- ▶ **Phase 2 provides larger funding (up to \$150K) to worthy Phase 1 projects to develop a prototype**
  - Anticipating funding 1-3 projects from Phase 1
  - 18-24 months for awardees to deliver prototype
- ▶ **Phase 3 will provide transition funding (up to \$100K)**  
**Anticipating funding 1 or 2 projects from Phase 2**
  - 12 months for awardees to transition to financial sustainability

# Thrust One: Grant Program Benefits to ISOC



- **Worldwide engagement and a mix of partners**
  - Specialists in content, preservation, education, new media, distribution and technology
- **Leverage existing projects and history experts**
- **Active engagement with chapters and organizational members to help find and encourage participants**
- **Creates a new opportunity for giving to ISOC**
- **ISOC branding in new communities (museums)**
- **ISOC core principles and Internet model understanding in new communities**

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