CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Library Assessment Conference 2008
Building Effective, Sustainable, Practical Assessment
August 4–6, 2008
Seattle, WA

ALL PROPOSALS DUE BY FEBRUARY 1, 2008

October 1, 2007, Washington, DC—The Association of Research Libraries, the University of Virginia Library, the University of Washington Libraries and the Conference Planning Committee are pleased to issue this Call for Proposals for the second Library Assessment Conference: Building Effective, Sustainable, Practical Assessment. The conference goal is to support and nurture the library assessment community through a mix of invited speakers, contributed papers and posters, workshops, and engaging discussion.

AUDIENCE
Library and information professionals and researchers with responsibility for or an interest in the broad field of library assessment with an emphasis on (but not limited) to North American academic libraries.

CONFERENCE TOPICS
Conference presentations are sought in *ALL areas of library assessment*, including the following:

-Digital libraries	-Return on investment (ROI)
-Information resources and collections	-Services
-Learning and teaching	-Space planning and utilization
-Management information	-Usability
-Methods and tools	-Usage and e-metrics
-Organizational issues	-User needs
-Performance measurement and measures	-Value and impact

We are especially interested in contributions that show how assessment results have been used to improve library services and add value to the user community.

PRESENTATION FORMATS
Proposals are invited for presentations in a variety of formats including papers, posters and panel discussions. Presentation time for papers should be no more than 25 minutes; panels will be given 50 minutes or less, including time for questions from the audience. Poster sessions are particularly welcome from attendees and specific time will be set aside for attendees to discuss posters with the presenters. The language of the Conference is English (bilingual French/English or Spanish/English posters will also be accepted). Accepted proposals will be published in the

conference proceedings, and all *PowerPoint* presentations will be posted on the conference Web site.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
The Conference Web site **http://www.libraryassessment.org** will provide complete information about the conference including plenary and keynote speakers, workshops, registration and accommodations.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES
1. All proposals will be submitted via the Conference Web site:
http://www.libraryassessment.org/

2. Proposals will include a title, author(s), format, and an abstract (maximum 500 words) describing the proposal.

3. Authors will provide a separate biographical statement (50 words).

4. The Conference Planning Committee will evaluate all proposals based on:
- Their relevance to effective, sustainable and practical library assessment
- The significance of their contribution to the body of work associated with library assessment
- Clarity of expression.

5. Proposals must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

6. Those submitting proposals will be notified of their status by March 15, 2008.

7. Presenters will be guaranteed a registration place and expected to pay registration fees.

8. For any further information, please contact:
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