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Dear Samvera Steering Committee Members,

We were delighted to receive an invitation to apply for Samvera Partnership and with this letter we affirm our intent and desire to contribute to Samvera's development. As partners, PALCI and PALNI are already active collaborators and contributors to the Hyku multi-tenant platform through our joint Hyku for Consortia project, putting us in a good position to offer up the code we develop, our expertise, consortial perspectives, and commitment to furthering the goals of this open source community. We submit this letter jointly as partners working toward a single Samvera service offering that spans our two consortia.

PALCI (Partnership for Academic Library Collaboration & Innovation) and PALNI (Private Academic Library Network of Indiana) are two regional academic library consortia whose partnership we call the "PALs" with a focus on developing cost effective, community-driven, sustainable library repository infrastructure. PALCI supports 74 public and private nonprofit academic and research libraries in PA, NY, NJ, and WV, ranging in size from small liberal arts institutions to large research intensive universities. PALNI supports 23 small private academic libraries in Indiana. Our two organizations partnered to leverage the strengths of each in support of further developing the multi-tenant application of the Hyku software. Our use case has the potential to extend Samvera's Hyku adoption well beyond institutions with significant technical resources to also serve those that will benefit from a low-cost, flexible out-of-the-box solution that scales to meet the needs of groups. We intend to leverage the software to offer this shared service and develop an active community of practice that has implemented Hyku as both individual repository solutions, and as a collaborative solution in support of group efforts, such as repositories for regional open educational resources. Our project selected Notch8 as our service provider specifically because of their commitment to contribute code developed back to the community and their mission to educate other developers in open source development efforts.



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The PALs consortia actively commit to the following Samvera values:

- **Contribution.** We have already contributed and plan to continue contributing our project's code, documentation, presentations and other forms of communication, support, funding, participation in working/interest groups, and other resources.
- **Staying Informed.** We are already regular attendees at Hyku Interest Group meetings. We commit to attending meetings, informing our user community of new developments and issues.
- **Meeting.** We plan to participate in Samvera Partner meetings and other conversations that shape the community's future and to engage our user community in those conversations to the extent that is desirable and appropriate.
- **Voting.** As a Partner, we commit to voting on elected positions and on other matters of importance.
- **Leadership.** We agree to help lead the way by participating in the governance of Samvera. We represent a wide range of institutions and are eager to bring their voices and perspectives to the Samvera community.
- **Presence.** We agree to attend Partner meetings and Partner calls.

The PALs consortia look forward to confirming our commitments to Samvera as a Samvera Partner. We are happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

PALs Consortial Partners

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PALNI Executive Director Kirsten Leonard

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PALCI Executive Director Jill Morris