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Dear Samvera Project Steering Committee Members:

At the invitation of Tom Cramer of Stanford University, University of Houston Libraries would like to express our interest in becoming a full Samvera Partner and to contribute code, documentation and expertise in support of the Samvera Project.

The University of Houston Libraries has already been actively involved in the Samvera community activities. We are currently implementing the next generation of a digital asset management system – Hyku. We are working with the Hyku project team to install a Hyku instance and perform beta testing.

The University of Houston Libraries is coordinating a collaborative approach with institutions within Samvera Community on planning to build a toolkit called Bridge2Hyku (B2H). This toolkit intends to offer capacity for libraries and cultural heritage institutions in the adoption of Hyku and to help establish a framework for sustainable data migration to Hyku. The B2H Toolkit will include software, as well as documentation and guidelines, that will serve as crucial components for quicker and wider adoption of Hyku.

The UH Libraries helped initiated the South Central States Fedora Users Group (SCSFUG) with Texas Digital Library (TDL), thus forming a growing multi-state community of library faculty and staff who are actively working on, or interested in, Fedora-based repository projects. TDL and the University of Houston Libraries collaborated to host the second meeting of the SCSFUG at the University of Houston campus on January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The University of Houston Libraries is ready to contribute code to the Samvera community. Our lead repository developer, Sean Watkins, has signed the Hydra Project Contributor License Agreement (see attached) in order to be able to submit code he has developed for Samvera community.

We look forward to joining the Samvera partner institutions in the collaborative effort to contribute to the Samvera Project. We greatly appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



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