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Dear Hydra Steering Group,

Virginia Tech Libraries are honored to have been nominated to become Hydra partners. This Hydra partnership presents an exciting opportunity for deeper engagement with the Hydra community at a time of great interest and investment in scholarly communications and repository infrastructures.

While we are at the beginning stages of our visioning and implementation process, we are committed to developing a Hydra/Fedora based infrastructure. We will leverage the flexibility offered by Hydra/Fedora as we embark on an initiative to develop a scalable and sustainable infrastructure for our locally generated digital content. We envision using Hydra heads over digital objects managed in a Fedora repository for several of our digital services, including digital collections, data management and institutional repository services.

In addition to our interest in becoming Hydra partners, our investment in Hydra/Fedora is demonstrated by DuraSpace membership and participation in the Fedora Futures project. At this stage of our infrastructure development process, we would best serve the Hydra community through Hydra head development and documentation and sharing of contributions.

Sincerely,

Tyler Walters, Dean and Professor
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Hydra Project
Partner Letter of Agreement

Hydra is an inter-institutional collaboration to build a common, open source framework for multi-function, multi-purpose, repository-powered applications. Hydra's ultimate objective is to produce a community-sourced, sustainable application framework that provides rich and robust repository-powered solutions as an integrated part of an overall digital content management architecture.

The **Collaboration and Partnership Memorandum of Understanding of the Hydra Originating Steering Group Members** (hereinafter "Hydra MOU") which is attached to this letter agreement and incorporated herein by reference describes the project background, intellectual property licensing and ownership, project membership and governance, the responsibilities of the four Hydra Steering Group members (Stanford University, University of Virginia, University of Hull, and MediaShelf LLC) and the responsibilities of Hydra Partners. As provided in the MOU:

Hydra Partners are institutions, corporations, individuals, or other groups that have committed to contributing to the Hydra community and wish to become fully participating Hydra Partners. They not only use the Hydra technical framework, but also add to it in at least one of many ways, including: code, analysis, design, support, funding, or other resources. Hydra Partners collectively advance the project and the community for the benefit of all participants. Partners get to attend Hydra Partner meetings, provide input on the community and technical direction, and represent Hydra to the broader community. Candidates can join Hydra Partners by being nominated by an existing partner to the Steering Group, and being voted in by the Steering Group. Hydra Partners can be voted out by a majority of the Steering Group members. Partner participation is a privilege not a right. New Hydra partners must execute the Partner agreement to be countersigned by a designated representative of the Hydra Steering Group.

By executing this letter agreement, the entity named below indicates its wish to join the Hydra Project as a Hydra Partner and further confirms that it has reviewed, understands and agrees with the terms outlined in the Hydra MOU. The applicant has been nominated by an existing Steering Group Member.

Virginia Tech Libraries	Tyler Walters	6/5/13
Entity	Authorized Signature	Date

Tyler Walters	Dean, University Libraries
Authorized Signer's Printed Name	Title

Nominated by:_____(Steering Group Member)

Application Accepted by the Hydra Steering Group: _____Yes_____No   Date:_____

Hydra Steering Group Authorized Signature:_____
                                                            (Name)