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ABSTRACT

Pursuant to the specifications of a research contract entered into in December, 1983 with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Computer Science Departments of the University of Southwestern Louisiana and Southern University will be working jointly to address a variety of research and educational issues relating to the use, by non-computer professionals, of some of the largest and most sophisticated interactive information storage and retrieval systems currently available at the present time.

Over the projected 6-8 year period of this research contract, it is expected that the following systems will be addressed:

[1] NASA / RECON  
[2] LOCKHEED DIALOG  
This presentation to Mid-South AEDS will overview some of the educational issues to be addressed in the context of developing effective educational programs for training non-computer professionals in the use of very large-scale interactive information systems.
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*** Multiple Systems Orientation
*** Multiple Data Bases Orientation
*** University - Level Orientation
*** Scientific and Engineering Disciplines
*** Non - Computer Professional Audience
*** Fully Transportable Course Materials

*** EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

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*** Pilot Evaluation
*** "Marketing"
*** Implantation / Distribution
*** Continual Enhancement
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PARTICIPATING AGENCIES (PROJECTED)
CURRENT NASA / RECON USERS

*** NASA HEADQUARTERS

*** NASA SPACE CENTERS / RESEARCH CENTERS

* Ames Research Center
* Goddard Space Flight Center
* Jet Propulsion Laboratory
* John F. Kennedy Space Center
* Langly Research Center
* Lewis Research Center
* Lyndon B. Johnson Space Flight Center
* Marshall Space Flight Center
* . . . Others . .

*** NASA USER UNIVERSITIES

* California Institute of Technology
* Cornell University
* Georgia Institute of Technology
* Johns Hopkins University
* Massachusetts Institute of Technology
* Princeton University
* Purdue University
* University of California
* University of Michigan
* University of Southwestern Louisiana
* . . . Many Others . .

*** A FEW OF THE MANY MANY OTHERS

* Executive Office of the President:
  * Library
  * White House Information Center
* Congress of the United States
* All Branches of DoD
* Library of Congress
* National Bureau of Standards
* Smithsonian
* . . . Many Many Others . .
OVERVIEW OF COMPUTING ENVIRONMENTS

*** NASA / RECON - CENTRAL COMPUTING FACILITY
    NASA HQ: WASHINGTON, DC

(Schematic Illustrated on Subsequent Visual)

*** DISTRIBUTED ACCESS WORKSTATIONS / TERMINALS

*** PC-Based Workstations to Provide:

*** Terminal Access to NASA / RECON.
*** Local Standalone Processing.

*** NASA COMPUTER / COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

(Schematic Illustrated on Subsequent Visual)
SCHEMATIC OF NASA / RECON NETWORK

NASA/RECON SYSTEM

- NASA ORGANIZATIONS
- DIAL-IN ORGANIZATIONS
EDUCATIONAL ORIENTED CONTRACT TASKS (Partial List)

*** NEEDS ANALYSIS PHASE
*** Identify Target Institutions
*** Develop Needs Analysis Questionnaire
*** Survey Targeted Institutions
*** Analyze Questionnaire Results
*** Phase Evaluation / Interim Report

*** COURSE DEVELOPMENT PHASE
*** Develop Course Materials:
   *** Syllabi
   *** Lesson Plans
   *** Homework Assignments/Keys
   *** Usage Assignments/Keys
   *** Examinations/Keys
   *** Visuals

*** Phase Evaluation / Interim Report

*** COURSE ADMINISTRATION PHASE
*** Implement Courses:
   *** 1-2 Day Intensive Workshops
   *** 6 Week Mini-Course
   *** 18 Week Full Semester Course

*** Phase Evaluation / Interim Report
EDUCATIONAL ORIENTED CONTRACT TASKS (Partial List)

- **Develop ”Marketing” Plan**
- **Implement ”Marketing” Plan**
- **Conduct Regional Seminars**
- **Conduct On-Site Seminars**
- **Coordinate Request Processing / Dissemination**
- **Perform Course State-of-the-Art Enhancements**
- **Perform Institutional Surveys / Evaluations**
- **Perform Graduated Student Surveys / Evaluations**
- **Perform Additional System-Oriented and Data Base-Oriented Enhancements**
- **Perform Periodic Statistical Summary Reporting**
INFORMATION SYSTEM TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED
(Small but Illustrative Subset of Topics)

*** Feature Analysis of Interactive Information Storage and Retrieval Systems
*** User Categorizations
*** Data Models
*** Logical Data Structures
*** Physical Storage Structures
*** Data Base Definition
*** Data Base Interrogation/Searching
*** Data Base Report Generation
*** Data Base Update
*** Data Base Redefinition
*** Data Base Administrative Functions
*** Data Base Security Considerations
*** Performance Measurement and Evaluation

*** Bibliographic Data Base Design

*** Bibliographic File Structures
*** Linear File Organizations
*** List Structured File Organizations
*** Clustered File Organizations

*** Vocabulary Control
*** Controlled Vocabularies
*** Free Text Approaches
*** Thesaurus Support

*** Bibliographic Data Base Searching
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*** Output Generation Features
*** Instructional/Diagnostic Features

*** Additional IS&R Application Areas

*** IS&R Performance Measurement and Evaluation
*** Phases of the PME Life Cycle
*** Traditional, Obtrusive User Monitoring
*** Advanced, Unobtrusive User Monitoring

*** Future Information Storage and Retrieval Systems
R & D ORIENTED FUTURES

*** PC - Based Information System Simulators &
PC - Based Data Base Simulators

*** PC - Based CAI Training Mechanisms

*** Multi - System Common Command Languages

*** PC - Based Front - End Command Language Translators

*** Specification / Design / Prototyping of a Robust
PC - Based Scientist's / Engineer's R & D Environment:

*** Access to Multiple IS & R Systems
*** Access to Multiple DBMS Systems
*** Access to R & D Support Tools:
  *** Statistical Packages
  *** Graphical Display Packages
  *** Simulation / Modeling Packages

*** Specification of Distributed Workstation Functionality

*** Distributed Workstations / Centralized Mainframes
Intercommunication (Uploading/Downloading) Protocols

*** Migration of All Contract Deliverables:
University - Level ----> High School - Level
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