

**Author - Site Tester Protocol**  
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Site Testers play a valuable role in the grant effort, specifically in helping the development and refinement of Primary Source Projects (PSPs). Towards that end, PSP authors and site testers have the responsibility to be in contact with each other before, during, and after project implementation in order to discuss ideas, difficulties, and nuances of the project.

In particular, the PSP author should be in contact with the site tester at least 3 times:

- 1) before the course begins, an e-mail from the author to the site tester that:
  - thanks the site tester for interest in PSP;
  - makes sure the site tester has the most recent version of the project;
  - reminds the site tester that the author is available for questions, both before class starts and while it is in progress; and
  - possibly offers some additional ideas about how the project could be used (beyond what's in the "Notes to Instructors" section of the PSP), provides contact information of other instructors who have already taught with the PSP, or other specific things that the author really wants the site tester to know.
- 2) one - two weeks before the project was originally planned for implementation in order to inquire whether the implementation date is still on schedule, and whether the instructor has any new questions concerning the project or its implementation.

If a site tester is using a full-length PSP, the author should also contact the site tester roughly halfway through implementation just to check in; for longer PSPs, this might be more frequently done;
- 3) following the implementation of the project in order to find out how it went, and to remind site tester to submit an [Instructor Implementation Report](#) within two weeks of completion of the PSP

Contact may take many forms, though we hope that at least one contact involves real-time conversation (phone or online chat). The above three contacts should generally be initiated by the author. It is, however, the responsibility of both the site tester and the project author to ensure that these contacts take place.

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