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Dear Dr. Kafura,

The Introduction to Computer Science (CISC-108) course here at the University of Delaware has been using libraries from the CORGIS project for the past two years. CISC-108 is the first course for Computer Science majors as part of their degree sequence, typically taken in their first semester freshman year. Students use the materials during a lab on processing real-world data early in the course. The advantage of these materials is that they provide a contrasting learning context from much of the rest of the course, which has a strong focus on games and animations.

Since the Virginia Tech materials have been useful, we am happy to participate in their further development and evaluation. I understand that you are submitting a proposal to the National Science Foundation for this purpose. We offer our course once per semester to a total of approximately 450 students during the next three years. We agree to provide some targeted assessment (e.g., student surveys) of the CORGIS libraries and datasets developed during the proposal period using the assessment mechanisms that you will provide. We will receive compensation for this work as a Participant Support Cost.

I look forward to future improvements to the CORGIS project and opportunities to collaborate with you and your colleagues.

Sincerely,

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Title/position