



September 10, 2012

Dear Royalty Research Fund Committee,

On behalf of the UW Center for Commercialization (C4C), I am very pleased to offer my support for Dr. William Stein's proposal "Salvus: Distributed Scalable Online Mathematical Software" being submitted to the Royalty Research Fund. C4C is excited about this project as a new way to sustainably support open source software and make software tools developed at UW available to a broader audience.

We have been working with Dr. Stein for several months to talk about this new project and how it can complement his earlier work. Dr. Stein is working closely with his technology manager, Deborah Alterman, and has had multiple consultations with our copyright and trademark specialists. After the Salvus project advances beyond the initial stages, it may be eligible for C4C's Commercialization Gap Funds but that funding is not appropriate at this stage since Dr. Stein is still doing the early work such as developing system architecture. In addition to CGF money, this project is likely to bring in licensing revenue which can fund further development.

All of our services and support are tangible evidence of C4C's favorable assessment of the Salvus project and Dr. Stein's talent. We wholeheartedly support this RRF proposal, and look forward to helping move the project forward as it develops beyond these initial stages.

Sincerely,

Fiona Wills, Ph.D, M.B.A.
Director, Technology Licensing