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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to certify that the University of Cincinnati intends to participate in the SMARTHEP network should the network be selected for funding by the European Commission. In this commitment letter, on behalf of the University of Cincinnati, I specifically indicate the level of involvement of our university to your program. The University of Cincinnati recognizes the importance of fostering fruitful exchanges between academic research institutions in the strongly rising field of real time data analysis. The University of Cincinnati also acknowledges the importance of offering to early-stage researches a program in which they can learn the skills needed for our sector, from a rigorous academic perspective as well as for connecting fundamental research with industrial applications. The University of Cincinnati will participate in the SMARTHEP network as associated non-beneficiary partner in the following ways:

- University of Cincinnati personnel will participate in the SMARTHEP supervisory board as external experts. The University of Cincinnati, as founding member of the HEP Software Foundation will help the SMARTHEP consortium find suitable senior advisors for the SMARTHEP consortium and to give lectures at network events.
- University of Cincinnati personnel will participate in network events and contribute with lectures and talks to workshops organized by the SMARTHEP network on theoretical particle physics by Profs. Jure Zupan and Stefania Gori.
- The participation of the University of Cincinnati in the research and training program of SMARTHEP aligns well with the research work described in the proposal ("part B").

The University of Cincinnati looks forward to participating to SMARTHEP, and wishes to express a strong interest in furthering the collaboration between academic research by the network participants with industrial applications. It is understood that all costs incurred by the University of Cincinnati related to the implementation of the practical research and/or complementary training will be reimbursed by the relevant beneficiary of the Grant Agreement. The University of Cincinnati shall invoice these research training costs to the appropriate full network partner(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael D. Sokoloff'.

Michael D. Sokoloff  
Professor of Physics