Subject: RE: KDI References -- Please give me 3-6 citations
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I am happy to send references.

For the most part I don't see my role to comment on the overall document
so far.  I do think it would be a good idea, nonetheless, to get a good
editor to attack it.  Several reviewers noted the high jargon quotient of
the preliminary proposal and this draft retains that quality.  I suspect,
however, that what they mean is that this reads like a document that is more
intended to "show off" technical expertise than to communicate clearly.
For some readers this style will intimidate them and they will tend to
assume you know what you are doing.  For other, more confident, readers this
style will merely be annoying and they may react harshly.

In the same vein, it reads like a document written by experts more in
love with the technology than with the client.  Somehow the individual with
disabilities needs to come more to the front of the proposal - for example,
providing a clear description or anecdote of the problem being addressed
(not technical but human) and a clear description of the solution
(showing, from the view of the individual, what success would look like).

I have a couple questions.

CAST role: I'm not completely sure of our role, and particularly the
overlap with Do-It.  We can't do real outcome research for 50k, so I assume
that we are mostly providing formative evaluation and providing educational
credibility.  Is our role any different than Do-IT other than the
population addressed?

The population addressed: have the PI's discussed a clear definition of
the intended subjects for the project?  I would like to be responsive to
the wishes of the central PI's.  We should be careful, however, not to
insult individuals with disabilities by being cavalier and inarticulate about
the complexities involved.

I will send a page or so about how we could conduct some formative
evaluation of this - if the population is not better defined I will do my best
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and you can alter as needed.

More later. I'm also mostly on the road and overwhelmed by the crush at
the end of the term. Wish I had more time.

Looks like a great big idea and very exciting!

David

Geoffrey Fox wrote:
>on KDI activities in your area
>I would be grateful if I could get these by midnight tuesday
>These are presumably best if to key outside people but 1 or 2 of your
gems also
>valuable
>Thanks
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