

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS): IMLS: Software

I. Mandatory: Intellectual Property Rights and Permissions

What will be the intellectual property status of the digital products (content, resources, assets, software, or datasets) you intend to create? Who will hold the copyright(s)? How will you explain property rights and permissions to potential users (for example, by assigning a non-restrictive license such as BSD, GNU, MIT, or Creative Commons to the products)? Explain and justify your licensing selections.

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What ownership rights will your organization assert over the new digital products and what conditions will you impose on access and use? Explain and justify any terms of access and conditions of use and detail how you will notify potential users about relevant terms or conditions.

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If you will create any products that may involve privacy concerns, require obtaining permissions or rights, or raise any cultural sensitivities, describe the issues and how you plan to address them.

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II. General Information

Describe the software you intend to create, including a summary of the major functions it will perform and the intended primary audience(s) it will serve.

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List other existing software that wholly or partially perform the same functions, and explain how the software you intend to create is different, and justify why those differences are significant and necessary.

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III. Technical Information

List the programming languages, platforms, software, or other applications you will use to create your software and explain why you chose them.

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Describe how the software you intend to create will extend or interoperate with relevant existing software.

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Describe any underlying additional software or system dependencies necessary to run the software you intend to create.

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Describe the processes you will use for development, documentation, and for maintaining and updating documentation for users of the software.

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Provide the name(s) and URL(s) for examples of any previous software your organization has created.

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IV. Access and Use

We expect applicants seeking federal funds for software to develop and release these products under open-source licenses to maximize access and promote reuse. What ownership rights will your organization assert over the software you intend to create, and what conditions will you impose on its access and use? Identify and explain the license under which you will release source code for the software you develop (e.g. BSD, GNU, or MIT software licenses). Explain and justify any prohibitive terms or conditions of use or access and detail how you will notify potential users about relevant terms and conditions.

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Describe how you will make the software and source code available to the public and/or its intended users.

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Identify where you will deposit the source code for the software you intend to develop:

Name of publicly accessible source code repository:

URL:

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