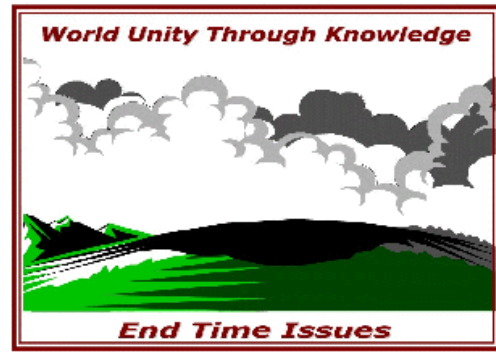


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## **GLOBAL PEACE INFORMATION SYSTEM PROJECT**

### **1. BACKGROUND**

For many years now we have been concerned at the level of strife and aggression in world and community affairs.

Having studied this subject through practical exposure in the South African context in the eighties where the writer was Commander of a Citizen Force Unit that was commended as the best peacekeeping unit to serve in Soweto in 1988, the writer has become increasingly aware of certain vital principles in peace making which are not often visible.

In particular we have identified that by seeking common ground and avoiding areas of difference peace making is facilitated.

We believe that these underlying principles, which were advocated as early as 1982 within the South African Defence Force, thereby laying the foundation for the dramatic change of Government which took place in 1994, are vital to bringing about a situation in which global peace becomes a reality.

Currently the world is faced with massive tensions between East and West and specifically between predominantly Christian and Muslim countries in the so-called "War Against Terrorism" and also in the Middle East. Furthermore, within a significant number of countries serious tensions, sometimes reaching physical violence, exist between major denominations of the same religion.

As the writer has considered these situations and undertaken research in recent years, it has become increasingly apparent that the ONLY way that true peace can be accomplished is by providing a basis for groups who are in conflict to publish that information which they sincerely consider to be truth in an environment which permits study independent of religious, cultural, moral and ethical bias.

This proposal relates to a project to develop such an environment.

## **2. FOCUS**

In light of the background given in the previous section, End Time Issues (ETI) has identified the need for a global database for peace which will be available to content providers and end users worldwide, free of charge.

This database and associated computer applications is to run over the Internet and be available to all people of the world with Internet access. Eventually it is envisaged that the end product will run on twenty five large Internet server farms around the world serving approximately one billion regular users of all religious, cultural, ethical and moral persuasions.

This database will provide a resource for peace makers and all people of goodwill to seek information to develop global mutual common understanding thereby facilitating peace making and peaceful inter-group relations.

This project has been conceived and developed thus far by ETI at our own cost but now requires funding to continue. The next stage of the project is to develop a high level architectural and technical design which can then be used as a basis for fund raising for construction of a prototype application. This prototype will then be scaled up to provide the first server farm prior to replicating the technology to twenty four other centres worldwide.

The project will be based in Johannesburg, South Africa where we draw inspiration from the dramatic peaceful change that has taken place in recent decades. We are firmly persuaded that this uniquely peaceful handover of power provides the appropriate cultural background for the country that should host this development.

## **3. NEED**

In order to reach the present status, where we have researched and prototyped many aspects of the technology required and have undertaken considerable research into technologies, methodologies and the diversity of probable content together with prototype development of documentation and other standards, the writer and his family have invested time and expenses to the approximate commercial value of R1.5 million over the past three years.

The next stage of development will be the production of a high level architectural specification and project plan which in turn will be submitted for funding in order to develop a fully operational prototype capable of accommodating in excess of 200 content providers and servicing 1 million regular end users together with providing initial research support to an expected five teams interested in global peace.

It is currently estimated that full development and commissioning of the prototype will take place over a period of two years to be followed by two years of formal operation while the full scale design and construction takes place based on this experience. The cost of the full prototype is currently estimated at approximately R20 million and the cost of the first full scale server farm is estimated at approximately R50 million.

Before the two year prototype development can commence it is necessary to produce more reliable cost estimates for fund raising purposes. In order to do this it is necessary for detailed high level analysis and design to take place making use of additional manpower and resources and particularly drawing in external professional specialists in the areas of project management, systems engineering and other technical disciplines.

It is estimated that this detailed planning process, which is currently underway, will be completed within nine months and cost approximately a further R2 million.

ETI's objective is to complete this phase, including fund raising for the prototype, by 31 December 2002 and to commence prototype development on 6 January 2003.

This letter is accordingly directed at enlisting your support in raising the requisite R2 million mentioned above in order to complete the detailed high level analysis and design of the project.

These funds could be provided to ETI as endowments, grants or donations in small financial packages according to your organizations financial capability.

#### **4. APPEAL**

This project is a challenge to South African private companies and public institutions that are concerned about promoting the global image of South Africa as a bastion of peace making and will remain a community benefit to the South African nation as an investment which will promote the country globally over the Internet for many years to come.

Full credit will be given on the resulting web site to all funders with provision for funder information and full links to funders web sites.

This project should also challenge international agencies worldwide to participate in producing a resource which is of universal applicability across all national, religious, cultural, moral and ethical divides with a view to facilitating the long term development of a solid and sustainable world peace and common understanding amongst all people.

## **5. ETI TECHNICAL EXPERTISE**

The writer has over many years of secular employment developed world class expertise in the fields of systems architecture, information technology project design and implementation and strategy development and implementation. This expertise has been reflected in numerous projects and in the publication of over fifty technical papers and presentations at conferences at national and international level. As a consequence of this work, the writer was honoured by being listed in "Who's Who in Science and Engineering" in 1998 and by being listed in "Who's Who in the World" since 1999.

This world class expertise and associated methodologies will be at the disposal of ETI in formulating the detailed systems architectural design and project plan. It will be supported by a world wide network of technical specialists developed by the writer over the past two decades. These experts will provide input to the detailed project design in the full spectrum of information technology, legal, human resource and other specialist fields necessary to guarantee a successful project outcome.

## **6. CONCLUSION**

In conclusion we appeal to you for funding to continue the detailed high level systems architecture and project design scheduled for completion by 31 December 2002.

Your funds will be used for disbursements, operating expenses and professional resources for further design and development. This will enable us to complete the current stage which is at a critical point. Additional resources will be contracted as necessary to provide specific input to particular aspects of detailed project design.

Your donation or grant may be deposited in the ETI bank account, details of which appear at the end of this letter. Should you choose endowment funding or to raise funds on our behalf, please contact us so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Referral information will be most welcome.

Should you have questions of a technical or operational nature or suggestions we will be happy to discuss these with you.

We look forward to your financial support for this challenging and exciting project which we truly believe will have a major impact on world peace in the years ahead.

Yours faithfully,

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**BANKING DETAILS**

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