

## **ETD 2010 BID PROSPECTUS**

### **University of Texas at Austin**

#### **Rationale**

The University of Texas at Austin is pleased to submit a prospectus for hosting the ETD 2010 annual conference. The University is an ardent proponent of electronic theses and dissertations, having been an early member of the ETD community. Development of the Texas Digital Library over the past few years has extended and amplified the University's commitment to ETDs, creating access to ETDs produced at institutions around the state. We look forward to the opportunity to foster continued exchange and collaboration in this area by hosting the annual conference on the University of Texas at Austin campus.

In light of the ongoing global fiscal challenges facing universities, we hope to offer a dynamic and affordable conference program by focusing on providing a venue for the core activities of this annual exchange, by leveraging the University's significant venue assets, and by offering separate registration lines for optional social activities.

As you will note in the attached budget, we have limited registration fees to recapturing the costs of all-conference expenses such as room rental and audio visual fees, publicity and promotional items. Separate registration fees are included for the ND LTD board meeting, pre-conference workshop, and conference banquet. These events would have minimum registration targets and deadlines, and if registration targets are not reached by the deadline, the event would be cancelled.

We have used this model successfully now for several years with the Texas Conference on Digital Libraries and have been very satisfied with results. Basic costs for the attendees are kept low, and they are free to take advantage of Austin's varied entertainment options at whatever level they find attractive.

#### **Dates**

June 16 – 19, 2010 (Wed – Sat)

Early summer is an attractive season for meetings in Austin. Congestion related to commencement activities, end of semester transitions, and the Memorial Day holiday has eased, the campus is in a relatively quiet summer school mode, and the weather is generally pleasant and conducive the abundant entertainment and recreational opportunities in the Austin area.

#### **Venue**

The San Jacinto Conference Center is centrally located on the University campus, convenient to garage parking and public transportation, and offers excellent meeting facilities - <http://www.utexas.edu/student/housing/index.php?site=20&scode=0&id=2225>

In addition to multi-function meeting space that can seat 350 people and can be optionally configured as three separate spaces, the center also offers 4 breakout rooms, spacious lobby space for registration and social activities, and onsite catering.

### **Conference Organization**

The University of Texas Libraries will serve as the primary conference sponsor, with assistance from other UT Austin entities and from the Texas Digital Library (TDL).

Technical support will be provided by UT Libraries and TDL personnel.

Conference planning support will be provided by UT Libraries Development and TDL.

Conference support personnel will be provided UT Libraries, TDL, and other UT Austin entities.

### Local Organizing Committee

Fred Heath, Vice Provost and Director of University of Texas Libraries, will serve as conference chair and will recruit a co-chair.

Committee members will include:

- Linda Abbey, Constituent Relations Officer, UT Libraries
- Doug Barnett, Chief of Staff, UT Libraries
- Tim Brace, Registrar's Office, UT Austin
- Mark McFarland, Associate Director/Digital Initiatives, UT Libraries
- Eve McQuade, Development Associate, UT Libraries
- Other member to follow

### Program

Potential keynote speakers include:

Georgia Harper (University of Texas, copyright, open access publishing)

Peter Jaszi (Columbia University, copyright law)

Cliff Lynch (Executive Director, CNI)

John Wilbanks (Vice President for Science, Creative Commons)

Papers accepted for the conference will be published as part of the annual ETD proceedings. The University of Texas Libraries will host the collection in the University of Texas Digital Repository.

Opportunities for poster sessions will be available at the conference.

## **Sponsors**

The University of Texas at Austin will recruit sponsors to help defray costs of the meeting.

## **Travel**

### By Air

Austin is located in south central Texas and served by a major, international airport. Recently named one of the world's best airports, Austin Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) offers non-stop flights to 36 destinations around the United States and is served by 10 airlines. International travelers to Austin will arrive via connections through most major U.S. gateway cities. Local bands perform live music during happy hour. Some of Austin's most popular restaurants and stores can also be found at the airport.

### By Car

Once you've arrived in Austin, navigating your way around town is easy and straight forward. ABIA is just 8 miles from downtown Austin and the [name] Hotel. All major car rental agencies are located at ABIA. With the UT campus centrally located downtown, you will find so many places within walking distance that you may not need a car.

### By Bus, Shuttle, or Taxi

Public transportation is provided by Capital Metro. Super Shuttle service is available, with average one-way fare to downtown Austin at about \$12. Cabs are convenient and plentiful, located outside the airport's downstairs baggage claim area. Average cab fare to downtown Austin is about \$30.

View an interactive downtown map of Austin at <http://www.mapnetwork.com>

## **Accommodations**

Campus area housing options include:

AT&T Executive Conference Center: located on the UT campus  
<http://www.meetatexas.com/>

A limited number of dormitory-style rooms are available in the San Jacinto Conference Center. Rates are

currently \$70 per night

<http://www.utexas.edu/student/housing/index.php?site=0&scode=6&id=964&menu=87>

In addition, there are a variety of lodging options in Austin for ETD 2010; the list includes contact information and proximity for the most likely choices.

### **Proposed Social Activities**

Conference Banquet, featuring Texas fare and local Austin music (separate registration fee)

### **Tourist Information**

- Cruise Lady Bird Lake, see the bats: <http://www.lonestarriverboat.com/>
- See Austin from a Segway: <http://www.segcity.com/>
- Nestled in a quiet, green corner of the bustling modern capital of the State of Texas, the French Legation was originally built in 1840-41 to be the residence of the charge d' affaires who represented the government of France in the Republic of Texas:  
<http://www.frenchlegationmuseum.org/>
- See the history of Texas, plus IMAX:  
[http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/the\\_museum/about.html](http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/the_museum/about.html)
- A Tour and a Splash in Austin: <http://www.austinducks.com/>
- Austin's premier kids' space: <http://www.austinkids.org/>
- Check out the Texas wine country: <http://www.texaswinetrail.com/index.html>

Austin is a multi-faceted cultural destination and we encourage you to use some of your free time to experience the city at your own pace. To quote the Austin visitor's guide, "It's hip and trendy, yet in a vintage sort of way. It's high-tech and laid-back. It's politically charged and culturally rich. It's eclectic by nature and creative by design. Most of all, it's a place where people like to have a good time..." We've included links to the visitor's center, as well as some restaurant links and music attractions. Most music venues do not accept reservations, but some, for special attractions, will pre-sell tickets. Your best bet is to take some time, look at some of the places we've listed here, and plan ahead.

*But first, a few words about those bats in Austin*

Austin's main attraction isn't always rock stars. The Bats of Congress Avenue Bridge are the star attractions every evening when they fly out from under the bridge by the thousands in search of bugs. You can catch their dramatic exit into the night from March to early November, but the best months are July and August. For more information on the bats, such as flight times, call the Bat Hotline at 512.416.5700, ext. 3636.

## **General Info**

[Austin Convention & Visitor's Center](#)

## **Restaurant ideas**

[Austin Chronicle Restaurant Guide](#)

[Austin Links Restaurant Guide](#)

[Austin 360](#)

[Active Diner](#)

[Chowhound](#)

[Yelp Austin](#)

## **Some music ideas to get you started**

[Austin Chronicle Music Listings](#)

[Continental Club](#)

[Parish Room](#)

[Austin Showlist](#)

[Stubb's](#)

## Austin Sheraton Hotel

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/>

701 East 11th Street

512/478-1111

2.5 miles

## Clarion Inn &amp; Suites

<http://www.clarion-hotel.com/>

2200 South IH 35

512/444-0561

3 miles

## Club Hotel by Doubletree

<http://www.doubletree.com>

1617 North IH 35

512/479-4000

0.9 miles

## Crowne Plaza Austin Hotel

<http://www.crowneplazaastinhotel.com>

500 N IH-35

Austin TX 78701

1.7 Miles

## Courtyard Central

<http://marriott.com/AUSCY>

5660 N IH 35

512/458-2340

2.6 miles

## Days Inn Austin

<http://www.daysinnuniversityaustin.com/>

3105 No. Interstate 35

512/478-1631

0.4 miles

## Doubletree Guest Suites Austin

<http://www.doubletree.com>

303 W. 15th Street

512/478-7000

3 miles

**The Driskill Hotel**<http://www.driskillhotel.com/>

604 Brazos

512/474-5911

2 miles

## Drury Inn &amp; Suites Austin North

<http://www.druryhotels.com/>

6711 North IH 35

512/461-9500

2.5 miles

## Embassy Suites Austin North

<http://www.embassysuites.com/>

5901 North IH 35

512/454-8004

3 miles

## Embassy Suites Downtown

<http://www.embassysuites.com/>

300 S. Congress Ave.

512/469-9000

3 miles

## Fairfield Inn Austin Central

<http://www.fairfieldinn.com/>

959 Reinli Street

512/302-5550

2.6 miles

## Holiday Inn Austin Town Lake

<http://www.holiday-inn.com/>

20 North IH 35

512/472-8211

2.5 miles

## Holiday Inn North

<http://www.holiday-inn.com/>

6911 North IH 35

512/459-4251

3 miles

## Hilton Austin

<http://www.austin.hilton.com/>

500 East 4th Street

512/482-8000

2.3 miles

## Homestead Austin Downtown

<http://www.stayhsd.com/>

507 south 1st St.

512/476-1818

2 miles

Hyatt Regency Austin

<http://www.austin.hyatt.com/>

208 Barton Springs

512/477-1234

2.6 miles

InterContinental Stephen F. Austin

<http://www.austin.interconti.com/>

702 Congress Ave.

512/457-8800

2.5 miles

La Quinta Inn North

<http://www.laquinta.com/>

7100 North IH 35

512/452-9401

3 miles

La Quinta Inn Oltorf

<http://www.laquinta.com/>

IH 35 @ Oltorf Blvd.

512/447-6661

3 miles

Omni Austin Hotel Downtown

<http://www.omnihotels.com/>

700 San Jacinto

512/476-3700

1 mile

Park Plaza Austin

<http://www.parkplaza.com/austintx/>

6000 Middle Fiskville Road

512/451-5757

3.5 miles

Radisson Hotel & Suites

<http://www.radisson.com>

111 Cesar Chavez

512/478-9611

2 miles

Ramada Limited

<http://www.ramada.com>

5526 North IH 35

512/451-7001 or 800/880-0709

3 miles

Rodeway Inn University

<http://www.choicehotels.com/>

2900 North IH 35

512/477-6395

0.25 mile

Sheraton Austin

<http://www.sheraton.com>

500 North IH 35

512/480-8181

1.2 miles

Sumner Suites Austin

<http://www.amerisuites.com/>

7522 North IH 35

512/323-2121

3 miles

Super 8 Central

<http://www.super8.com/>

1201 N. IH 35

512/472-8331

1 mile

Super 8 Motel, Austin South

<http://www.super8.com/>

2525 IH 35 South

512/441-0143

3 miles

Wellesley Inn & Suites

<http://www.wellesleyinnandsuites.com>

1001 South IH 35

512/326-0100

2 miles